THE OMAHA BEE.

COUNCIL BLUFFS OFFICE, NO. 12 PEAUL STREET

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MINOR MENITON.

N. Y. P. Ce.
Glessen coal.
Council Hinfis Lamber Ce., ceal.
Thatcher coal, see advertisement.
The diston store for holiday goods.
Best coal and wrost at C. B. Fuel Co.
Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 101/earl.
Dr. Green reports a case that has developed all the symptoms of the Russian influence.

anger. Eight drunks and two disturbers of the eace were fined in police court yesterday forning, as the relies of the Christmas cele-

The Young Weman's Christian Temperares union meets tonight in their room, No. 23 Merriam block, at 7:30. All young needs conductly invited.

ple cordially invited.

A delegation of Fidelity council No. 155
Royal Arcanum, visited Omaha last night
for the purpose of conferring the degree on
a new conneil at Pioneer ball.

a new council at Pioneer half.

A large audience witnessed.

A large audience witnessed. Held By the Enemy! at Bohany's last evening. The majority of the parts were well taken, and the appliance bestowed was liberal and enthusiastic.

thus instead.

A Shetland pony belonging to the children of William Siedentop! ran away yesterday morning, and succeeded in smashing up the little on gart to waite, he was attached, but beyond this no damage was done.

A Gamer township farmer named W. M. Topping, paid 87-69 rosterday in soltiement with the volice authorities for his Christmas drunk, John Berguill contributed the same amount for the same purpose.

There is a new horse, biguiet awaiting an

aroun. John Berryniii contributed the same amount for the same purpose.

There is a new borse blanket awaiting an owner at the central solies station. It was taken from John Hennessey when arrested on Monday night. The officers are of the opinion that it was stolen in Sloux City.

Fred Geise is making his friends some valuable personns. He recently made a visit to the battlethied of Cleickamanga, and while there call a large number of atticks suitable for canes which he presented to his friends.

The case of Ed. Martin, charged with the larceny of a wagon bolster from Frank Gum, who lives in the northwest nortion of the city, was heard, vestordey by Septile of the defendant.

It is removed that the Northwestern con-

defendant.

It is rumored that the Northwestern contemplates some important changes on the
first of the year. It will be nothing less
than another fast train between Council
Bluffa and Chicago, making four daily passenger trains each way, and two of them
Byers.

Hyers.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail-road company announces a reduction of cat-tle rates from the Missouri river to Chicago. The rate will be reduced to 18 cents and whit tane effect December 31. A further reduc-tion to 10 or 12 cents is promised in the near future.

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"The Two Johns" will be the attraction at Dohany's this evening. This funny three-net comedy is a drawing a card in the Huffs and the rideleulous predictaments in which the two consins are frequently blased on account of the similarity in their looks keeps the andience in a roar.

When Join Webster is at home and at-tending to his humers he is a fireman at Atlantic. On Christmas he came to the Binfis and viewed the city from a comforta-ble scat inside a hack. When he had seen ensuch he discharged the hackman but re-fused to pay him. He was arrested and yes-terday morning pand \$9.90.

The real estate exchange will hold its first

funed to pay him. He was arrested and yesterday morning paid \$0.00.

The real estate exchange will hold its first auction sale of lots tomerrow morning. Much of the properly listed yesterday found ready buyers, Mr. Welsof Mannosaka boliar one of the investors. Also daily sessions of the board are becoming very libraries and the board are becoming very libraries and the board are becoming very libraries and the board are becoming very libraries. It was very quiet about the court house yesterday, and will be continue until the generally manifest considerable interests.

It was very quiet about the court house yesterday, and will be devoted to the arcuments for motions and demarrors before Judge Carson, and the disposition of such matters as can be attended to after the term proper has come to an end.

At a late hour Wednesday night an unknown Bane was knocked down and robbed of \$25 on South Ninth street, between Tweatleth and Tweatleth and Tweatleth and Eventy-first avenues. He claimed that there were two of his assuilants, and that one of them was his cousin, but would give no names, but all that could be discovered that was at all definite was the discovered that there are the highwaymen.

Struck him.

Judge Aviesworth has granted a new trial of the case of Hrownell vs. Chapman. This is the steambost case, in which the planntiff sucs to collect \$1.800 for new machinery, and the defendant files a counter claim for several hundred deliars damages, because the boat was not ready to rue at the specified time. The jury awarded the defendant \$500 after a trial of several days. The case will come up again at the January term of the superior court.

Secretary Zavely of the board of trade here

iry Zovely of the board of trade has Secretary Zevely of the board of trade has completed his annual report and it is now in the hands of the perinter. It will be ready for distribution by January I. Owing to the fact that newspaper men have been excluded from the meetings of the board during the year he general public has not known, except from results, lust what the board was doing. The remort will show that the board has in an uncestuations way necomplished a great doal of work during the last year. Interesting statistics relative to the banking business, building improvements, etc., of Conneil Blurs during the year 1890 will be included in the report.

Bush & Gert's piacos, 535 Broadway. The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

istmas with his parents at Lincoln

Mrs. II. Newman and son of Greaton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Eiseman. F. C. Clauson, who attends college at Atchison, is spending the holidays with his rangel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Loowie and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sapp, ir., will roccive on New Year's day.

Fred Guise returned to Chattaneoga yesterday after an enjoyable Christmas visit in the Bluffs.

Peter Korth, a lumber and implement dealer of Portamouth, was a Bluffs visitor yesterday.

Jerry Meyer coes to Chattaneoga lo accept a position in in the large brewery of Conrad Gene, formerly of this city.

Hobert Gerter of the Pearl Melville company is in the city. This company will hold the boards at Dohany's all of next week with an excellent reportoir of plays. Popular prices will prevail.

J. C. Regan, a well known Omaha contractor, was in the city The new Contractor, was in the city yesterlay examining the plans and specifications of the new hotel will a view to submitting a bid for furnishing the foundation material and other stone that will be required.

W. M. Ausbury returned to Bloomington, Ill., yeaterday, after spending Christmas with his nephew, Ton Cavin. Mr. Amshury is special deouty supreme ruler of the Fraternal Mastic Circle and will return to Council Buffs in a few weeks for the purpose of organizing a branch of that order lever.

B. A. Hrosdwell, who was liberated from

here.

S. A. Broadwell, who was liberated from the penteatiary on the 25d inst., on a pardon, was in the city yesterday visiting friends. He is staying with friends in Omaha and is yet undecided what course he will jursue. The history of his case is familiar to the readers of Tux Buz, and the smillines is general that his pardon was no more than was deserved after the compiracy that kept him in a folon's cell for over two years.

Pinost line confectionery, fruits, nuts and holiday groceries in the city. S. T. Mo-Atteos.

C. B. steam dye works, 1913 tirondway.

TWO SMOOTH CONFIDENCE MEN

They Work General Business Firms By an Advertising Scheme.

A SERIOUS RUNAWAY DASH

It Nearly Costs James Rainham His Idfe-General Happenings of the Day After Christmas in the Bluffs.

A Successful Confidence Game.

The inducements that are thrown out by traveling swindlers and the prospect of getting something for nothing are so alturing to the average human being that if frequently happens that the reputable and upright are caught in the tools, and even the enterprising and ordinarily far accept merchant is some and ordinarily far accept merchant is so. ing and ordinarily far-sceing merchant is ap proached by these sharks during the hurr, and bustle of his daily business, and is suc

inc and ordinarily far-seeing merchant is approved by these sharks during the hurry and bustle of his daily business, and is successfully worked by some scheme which, under other circumstances, would be utterly transparent, but at the moment appears to be the grand, cool thing that the smooth rascal represents. The mere fact that the feilow who offers the "pulcedid baryon" is moverably a stranger should instruct of the cooling to the cooling of the cooling attractions at the open houses of the cooling attractions at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling attractions at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling attractions at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling attraction at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling attraction at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling of the cooling attraction at the open houses of this city and Cooling to the cooling attraction at the open houses of the cooling attraction at the cooling of the cooling of the cooling at the cooling of the cooling attraction at the open houses of the cooling of the coo

It was represented to the advertisers that the frame would be hurs, up in the office of the Hotel Jameson, but, even this requirement has not been fulfilled. The sharks went to the hotel and accured nermission to display their frame on the outside of the building, offering to give to the proprietors a nass for four tickets per month per year at the Boyd. The frame was taken there Tresday afternoon and left in the office, leaning against the wall, the owner saying that he would send a man over from Omaha the next morning to put it up. The man failed to put in an appearance, and the frame still remains where he left it. It is a very cheanly rotten up affair and on the cardboard in the center appears the numes of the Boyd and Grand opera houses and Eden Musec, Omaha, and Dohany's, Council Blinffs, with "The Phomis," "McCarthy's Mishaps," varioties and 'Heid by the Bueny's announced as the coming attractions at each. It is hended 'Omaha and Council Blinffs, with "The Phomis, and Council Blinffs, with "The Phomis, and Council Blinffs, C. Gloason, H. A. Baird, Steinhopf & Schoffeld and Sargent & Evans." The indications are that it will soon be retired to the obscurity of the collar and there eemain as a monument to the work of the con't men and their victims. It transpires that the twe "theatrical advertisers" are not only forgers, but they are also very bully wanted in Omaha for beating their hotel bill at the Merchants. They have skipped and the landlord valuily whistles for the cosh that does not come.

The denoughest came yesterday evening when Mr. Fotheringham of the Boston store and Mr. Jameson of the Boston store on their first banch of theater seats. They presented the wall be printed contract, which read as follows: "Mohler & Roberts, Theatrical Advertisement in theatrical frame Boston store, O. K. This entitles the holder to two c

attend the thenhre last night, and was getting on the motor when The Hige man gently brok: the news to him. He vowed he would place the "pass" in his safe and always keep it on top where his eyes would frequently rost mon it and prevent him from biting at another such balt.

As nearly as can be accertained one of the swindlers is a very clover sighn writer and his partner, who transacts all the business and does all the taiking, is a smooth confidence man and an unsually cheeky scoundrel as well. Hoth were well dressed, wearing silk hats and fur trimmed overcoats, and of very preposessing appearance. It is believed that they are now in Kunsas City, where they are probably reaping a harvest at the same business.

The victims take their loss goodnaturedly, and will unloabsteally profit by their experience. The attention of every business man is called to the case and they are warned to fight say of these catchpenny advertising schemes and especiately oily strangers.

To Stone Contractors,

Proposits will be received at the office of Messrs Kimball & Champ, Councit Huffs, Ia, until 4p 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 necept such proposal as may be deemed for their best interest, or reject all.

P. C. Miller, best paper hanging and decorating. The best is the cheapest.

Blank books, all kinds, ledgers and jour-nals, I to 12 quires, at less than cost. Send for prices. Museum book store, Council Blutts.

Heroafter the during room of the New Pa-cific will be run on semi-European plan. All meals served at 25 conts each.

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

A Serious Runaway Accident.
Yesternay afternoon James Rainhow, a resident of Silver Creek, was driving a spirited team of horses attached to a light wagon. When passing the new hotel site on Pearl street they became frightened at the pile driver and ran away. At the juncture

of Pourl and Main streets they struck a tele-phone pole that supports the wires at that junction. The terrific shock completely de-moished the vehicle and threw Rainbow upon the paving. He struck on his head and received severe injuries. He was bicked up in an insensible condition and medical attention given him. His injuries consisted of a severe scale wound and numerous bad bruises. He was cared for during the night and will be taken to fis home today 17 it is considered safe to move him.

Have you tried McClurg's Pastry Wafer Sodast They are deficate, crisp and delicion

A. D. Telegraph Co.

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

Holiday goods and books us low as the lowest at Deli G. Morgan's, 742 Brandway. Neumwyer hotel, first class, reasonable rates

The Ross Investment and Trust company

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

Minney loaned at L. B. Craft & Co.'s loan office on furniture, planes, bornes, warons, personal property of all kinds, and all other articles of value, without removal. All bus-iness strictly confidential.

Fine stock of watches and jeweiry for the bolidays at Wollman's, 533 Brosauvay.

Until 5 o'clock last evening William Welch, the hack line man and coal dealer, drove a somewhat timorous and very spirited bronche pony to his private carriage. He will not do so again until the bronche can be recaptured by a skillful lariat thrower, and the pieces of the bargy are gathered up and put together again. The bronche made his dish for liberty on Pearl street and left the greater part of the vehicle and nearly all of the driver on the corner of Pearl street and left the greater part of the vehicle and nearly all of the driver on the corner of Pearl street and left the unit owards his native plains in the far west, Mr. Welch escaped without serious injury, but there was but little of the buggy left.

All the toys left at the Boston store have been put on the counters down stairs and will be soid at less than half their value. Big bargains for today and Saturday in all departments.

Saddie Rock restaurant, 432 Broadway, open day and night. First class. J. E. Yancy, prop.

Reiter, tailor, 310 Broadway.

S. M. Williamson sells the Standard and Demestic sewing machines. 105 Main st.

Solid gold watches cheap at Wollman's. Drs. Woodbury nave removed their dental

Smokers' presents at Moore & Bowman's Shors. Perry. Shors.
Will sell gents' fine shors at less than cost until January 1. Corner Broadway and Main, under the bank.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.
Fine perfumes, suchet powders and tollet bottles for the holidays at Dell C. Morgan & Co.'s, 742 Broadway.

Always on Time.

If you wish to purchase a good and reliable watch 23 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.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Yule Mementoes. The commission firm of George Burke & Frazier with commendable forethought and liberal hearts remembered employes and friends with presents Christmas as follows: liberal hearts remembered employes and friends with presents Christmas as follows: Pred W. Gasmonn, Goorge A. Beam, Nels Puringten, Patrick J. McGreth, William Wallwork, John H. Wallwork, Captain William B. Bell, Michael B. Murphy, C. E. Bogart, Leroy Hough, each, a sike umbrelle, John Moss a silk umbrella and a box of cigars, Jacob Obman a silk umbrella and a box of cigars, George S. Brown a silk umbrellation of the silvent of the silve

The Emanon Christmas Dance.

One of the best attended and pleasantest dances ever given by the Emanon was the Christmas party Wednesday evening. Careful preparations had been made and all who were fortunate enough to be present were accorded the pleasures of one of the most enjoyable socials ever had in the city. Among the visitors were: Misses Mary and Carrie Ginomini, Claud Lucas and Georgia Ruto of Omaha, Mary A. Doud of Chicago, Carrie Wolf of Crete, Carrie Austin of Grand Island, Tina Dunbar of Kalamazso, Mich., and Mr. D. A. Smeaton of Omaha.

How the Commission Men Sec. A prominent commission man hands in the following for publication in The Bern:

"It would seem from certain developments that have taken blace around the yards in the last twenty-four hours that a certain commission from and Lieutenaut Greeney, the weather prophet, said the untrella manufacturers, have gone into or formed an unbrella treat. As this commission from have been distributing the aforesaid unbredias to the castle and hop buyers of the yards. A generous act of course, for if we are to have rainly season buyers can not sit on their horses and buy cattle in such weather without a protection of some kind without greatly endangering their health. A capital ideal Just think of it." A Commission Max.

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A Terrible Accilient.

Thursday afternoon Arthur Ruhi met with a terrible accident and miraculously escaped instant death. Working at the bottom of a weil on his lot on Twenty-first street, between P and Q streets, the bail of a bucket full of sand broke, letting the bucket, weighing nearly three hundred pounds, fall some twenty feet, striking him on top of the head and crushing him to the ground. The chain cut must be bone on top of the head and crushing him to the grount. The chain cut must the bone near the center of the top of the head and tore the scale from the bone and down to the sade. The follow workmen thought of course that he was instantly killed. After recovering consciousness Mr. Ruhl was taken out and a surgeon summoned, who dressed his wounds. The skull was not fractured, and the injury is not considered serious, but the escape was miraculous.

Notes About the City.
Charles Swartons is sick.
Harry Carpenter is on the invalid list.
Mrs. John Irwin is sick with lung fever.
stiss Matel L. Saiver is again very sick.
A son berg to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kobert.
Mrs. George H. Kiser has been sick several days.

John, the roungest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rafferty, is sick.

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While wrestling Thursday evening Andrew Mahoeny sprained his left ackie.

Mrs. John P. Evers has found her gold which and chain which was lost a ween ago.

The fourth of the series of progressive high five games at the Emonou will be payed Friday steming.

Julius Stance mistock a valuable meer-

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The venerable Airs. Tower, mother of Patrick H. and John Tower and the late Mrs. Edward Corrigan, is dangerously iii.

Mrs. John Respect attempted to build a free with kenesen e.g. Thursday. An explosion followed and she is new aursing a burned hand.

Several members of the Bee Hive lodge, No. 282. A. F. and A. M., will go to Omana this evening to spend the evening with Masonic brothern.

The sensational charges against H. D. Pitch made against Charles Lindstrom were dismissed by Judge King and the costs assessed to Lindstrom.

The North Star Scandinavian society held a special meeting Truesiay ovening to complete prrangements for the dance Saturday evening in National hall.

John O'Gorman, who wanted to carve his wife with a butener kinfa for a. Christians fit because she would not give him Id cents to buy waisky with, was found gally by Judge King and fined 410 and costs.

Mrs. Edward Corrigan, nee Mary Toner, after a ween's illness died at 7 o'clock Friday evening at the home of her husband, on Thirty sixth and T streets, loaving a becaused husband to mourn her said death and a little child one week old. The funcational will be held Saturday and the interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

About People.

John Toner is down from Sioux City.
T. C. Marsh has returned from Creighton.
John H. Hartman has returned to Beemer.
C. W. Tillman has gone to Syracuse, Ia.,
to live.

Fox McGuire has gone to Lincoln on a short visit. James McCune and Thomas Foley have

Dr. Breed of Seward is the guest of Mr and Mrs. S. D. Ryssearson

and Mrs. S. D. Rynearson
William Berger has been called to Colorado to attend his sick father.
Walter Morphy of Atlantic, In., is the guest of Mr. and and Mrs. C. E. Morris.
D. J. McFarland, of the firm of McFarland & Hollcraft, has returned from Topeka, Kan.

tion, and Mrs. John McMillan, who spent Christmas with their daughter is Ashland, baye returned.

bave returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McColl and children of Sheridan Lako, Colo, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Northan E. Acker.

B. J. Coy, formerly of this city, new a successful building contractor of Shoux City, made a Christmas visit here.

Harry Fisher has gone to visit friends in Minneapole, and from there will got of Chadron, Ill., to visit his mother.

Airs. C. D. Smith, teacher in the Sioux City training school, came down to spend the holidays with her husband, who is at the Exchange.

James McDermett of Lincoln formerly.

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James McDermott of Lincain, formerly boss in the Armour-Cudahy packing house cooper shops, spent Christmas with friends in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Kirspatrick will start on a holiday visit going to visit the dector's mother at Atlantic, in., then to visit Mrs. Krapatrick's parents at Waterloo, and then other relatives and friends in Tama City.

Theodore Schumacher of Ansley and Misses Emma and titelen Schumacher of De Witt are visiting their sister and brother-law, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Grantham, and Mrs. W. P. Grantham of York is visiting her son, James M.

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

A PRE-ARGONAUT.

Reminiscences of Life in California Before the Days of '49.

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The argonauts of California were here rather early after gold, but there was a band of men here before them, after nothing less than hides and tallow, and but few of that generation are left, says the San Francisco Examiner.

Affred Robinson, living in this city, is one of them. He is a hearty octogenarian, with a mind clear and bright and a remarkable memory, and, excepting for his blindness, leading a very active mental life. He was one of the first citizens of the republic to set foot on what has since become California. What he does not know about the early history of the state is hardly worth knowing. He has published one book, 'On Life in California,' and now has two others in press, one a further history of the state and the other entitled "California, an Historical Focm," Published by Doxey, It is dedicated to the pioneers of California.

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formin.

Mr. Robinson has been frequently consulted by Bancroft and Hittell, in regard to important points in the presurgement days, and a remarkable feature of his own work is its absolute fidelity

In speaking of days which are even ancient history to the argonauts of '40, Mr. Robinson said: "I left Boston July 28, 1828, in the ship Brookline, and ar-rived here after a passage of over six months.

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"I was the assistant supercarge under William A. Gale, who had been here ou the business before. We had a cargo of assorted merchandise which we traded to the missions along the coast for the hides and tallow which they had accumulated. There were half a dozen vessels from the cast engaged in the traffic.

"Their methods were similar. On arriving on the coast we entered ship and paid duties at Monterey and then sailed for San Diego. There we built a storehouse with lumber we had brought one fixed it up for preparing the hides we should collect until such time as we had enough for a cargo east. After doing that we sailed direct for the bay of San Francisco.

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doing that we sailed direct for the bay of San Francisco.

"That was in 1829. We anchored just off Montgomery and Washington streets. There was not a house between us and the Mission Bolores. There was a little shanty at Washerwoman's bay, where North beach is now, and a small cluster of adobe houses at the Presidio, occupied by some thirty Mexican solidiers. The country was under Mexico then. On the other side of the bay were two great ranchos, the Castro and the Beraita. There was no location to the north. Although Mexico claimed up 40 the Columbia river the Russians were at Fort Ross, however.

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"There were small settlements at San Jose, probably twenty or thirty houses, and at Santa Clara. The missions at these two places on the coast, having between 2,000 and 3,000 Indians each, while their ranges ded in the naughborhood of two hundred thousand head of cattle. The mission Dolores here did not have over six hundred Indians. There were no foreigners about the bay then.

There were no foregivers about the pay them.

"After bartering our rough cloths for what hides and tallow the missions here had, we sailed for San Diego, stouping at Montorey, Santa Barbara and San Pedro, where hides were brought from the interior and very weatthy missions of San Gabriel and San Fernando. We shored our cargo and then went over the same grounds again to gather more, and kept it up until there was enough to ship east.

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"Gale wort cast with the cargo and I remained here to barter off what goods were left and gather more hides. The great bulk of the trade was with the missions, and they all hay within a hundred miles of the coast. Those in the interior were reached by horseback. I'd start from San Diego and go north, buying on the way.

"The San Gabriol was by far the richest of the interior missions and richest of the interior missions and sand proved chasta of consell things property

and 1,500 Indians and at least 100,000 cattle.

"I shipped about forty thousand hides east every year. Money was never used in trade. Perhaps there was not more than \$3,00 in coin on the ceast and the Mexican soldiers used most of that in their gambling games.

"Id sell the mission \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth of goods and not have a ine to show for it. As the hides came in they'd pay me. A man traveled without paying a cent. The missions generally looked after all wayfarers and provided horses, food and lodging without cost.

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"When I wont home in 1840 I took with me \$1,000 in dust; that was the first gold carried east from here. I had it assayed in the Philadelphia mint. The certificate of assay is now in possession of the California Pioneers.

"In 1849 William H. Aspinwall, who had the contract for running steamers from here to Panama, employed me as agent. That was the beginning of the Pacific Mail steamship line. I left New York with twonty-five passengers on a sailing vessel for Chagres. We were to cross the inthmus and meet the steamer California at Panama, coming up from around the Horn.

"The night before we sailed from New York the news of the great discovery of gold in California reached the city. We left the city without the slightest realization of the effect it would have. Our ship reached Chagres at dusk and found the steamer Falcon there, loaded with 1,000 passengers wildly eager to reach the new El Dorado.

"We crossed the isthmus and waited."

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"We crossed the isthmus and waited for the Califarnia. Time passed and still she did not come. In the meanwhile the steamer Falcen went to New Orleans and returned till there were nearly five thousand excited men waiting for the long-delayed California. When she did other pert she was packed with passengers, for the news of the discovery of gold had reached South America, and Lima and Valparaiso had sent north a great delegation of gold-seckers. The passengers who left New York with me were given first chance, and after great ingenuity and hard worlf to satisfy the others we steamed north with 400 men tucked and jammed about the vessel. The California was calculated to carry seventy-five passengers. Fortunately we got into port with no accident or sickness. "After that time there were about thirty-five houses in San Francisco; all stores and very few families. Gradually the steamers brought families and building material and laid the foundation of San Francisco." "We crossed the isthmus and waited

The American Lion.

The mountain lion of North America is one of the most dangerous of the wild animals which are found in the mountains of the far west. Although called a lion, yet this animal boars no resemblance to the African lion except so far as its fierceness is concerned, says a witer in Chambers Journal. It really belongs to the same family as the wild-cat or catamount, but is of much greater size, generally being about as large in body and limb as a full-grown sheep dog. It is rarely seen in the vicinity of settlements, except driven thilter by hunger, when it will attack cattle, sheep, horses or poultry, and at times human beings. But, as a general thing, if not molested, it will not attack human beings, though, if wounded, there is no animal which will make a more desperate fight, regardless of consequences.

It cannot be driven off from an attack as tong as life lasts; it must be killed to be beaten. Its chief peculiarity is its cry, which the most experienced hunter has at times mistaken for the wail of a child in distress. This feature makes the beast more dangerous, especially if he should establish his lair in the vicinity of a settlement, because, unless a person is an old-timer, he will be decived by that cry whenever he hears it, It is the most perfect than the cleverest mimic could utter.

Hogs Klited by a Rattler. The American Lion.

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Several days age when John 1. Walker, a farmer living in the northeastern part of Lowndes county, Ga., was in his field picking cotton, his attention was attracted by a fuss mace by his hogs in a swamp near the field. They made a noise they much like they do when they come on a unfriendly animal, or perhaps a strange drove of swine, and every now and then one would squeal. He thought little of it, supposing they were having a tilt with a neighbor's hogs. But he soon went to the house, when his sows came up. One tumbled ever dead, then another, and another, the fourth became very sick, but recovered. Upon examination he discovered that they had been bitten by a snake on the nose and one of them on the tengue. A man working for Mr. Walker wentinto the swamp, found the snake and killed it. It was a five-foot rattler.

In Williamsport, Pa., a bulletin board contains the information that "Maginty died in New York this morning from an overdose of chestnuts."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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