THE OMAHA BEE.

COUNCIL BLUFFS OFFICE, NO. 12 PEARL STREET B.W. TILTON MANAGER

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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co.

Giesson coal.
Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.
Thutcher coal, 114 Main street.
Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl
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A. W. Askwith, esq., has been appointed executor of the estate of the istat of M. Phillips in place of N. P. Dodge, resigned.

L. Hunter of Carben, la., is the latest candidate for the statention of the federal grand Jury, navige been bound over in the sum of £700 for bootlegging.

Special communication of Excelsion long of £700 for bootlegging.

Special communication of Excelsion long, No. 250, A. F. & A. M., Monday evening, January 20, for work on the first degree. Visiting brethren cortially invited. By order of the W. M.

The feneral of Robert N. Martin, who died of beart silesaes Thursday morning, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon under the anapices of Council Buffs lodge, No. 40, Independent. Order of Fovesters, to which the deceased was a member in good standing. Hunfs division, No. 27, Uniform Rank, Raignts of Pythias, gives a grand masquerade bail next Tuesday evening at Peterson's hall, to which everybody is invited. The division is trying to raise the necessary funds to attend the conclave of the supreme lodges of the world at Milwaukse, at which the Uniform Rank will be inragly represented.

The Nonpariel gave a back handed slap to several members of the board of trade, yeaterform Rank will be inragly represented.

The charges were made by members of the board of trade, and this Time His stated as a matter of news. The Nonpariel virtually admitted that they were true, but excused them on the ground that many members of the board of trade, and this Time His stated as a matter of news. The Nonpariel virtually admitted that they were true, but excused them on the ground that many members of the board of trade, and this Time His stated as a matter of news. The Nonpariel virtually admitted that they were true, but excused them on the ground that many members of the board of trade, which any against certain incalled for insinuation against a number of the board of trade, wh

Drs. Woodbury have removed their dental office to 101 Pearl street, up stairs. S. M. Williamson sells the Standard and Domestic sewing machines. 106 Main street.

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

Bush & Gert's planes, 538 Breadway. Relter, tailor, 310 Broadway.

Personal Paragraphs.
W. H. Monteith is slowly recovering from a three week's siege of pneumonia.
Agent J. M. Lane of the C., M. & St. P. has returned from a business trip to New York.

The Leaders

of fine watches and jewelry in the city, and the place to buy the best goods at the lowest prices is the establishment without rivals, the most reliable firm of C. B. Jacquemin & Co.

Dr. C. H. Hower, 526 First ave. Tel. 229 Buy your child a cleak at half price this week at Eiseman's.

The Ross Investment and Trust company.

The Eastern Star,
On Thursday evening, the lette, Harmony
chapter, O. E. S., installed their officers for
1890: W. M., Miss Emma G. Potter; W. P., Mr. E. R. Fonda; A. M., Mrs. Charles Brin ton; Con., Mrs. George Rudid; A. Con., Mrs John Keiler; treasurer, Sarah Harris; sec-retary, Mrs. W. L. Martin; Adah, Miss Mary McMilles; Ruth, Miss Blauch, Arkwright; Eather, Miss Lottic Pile; Martha, Miss Jennic Pile; Electa, Miss Hattic Duquette; chaplain, Mr. E. Huntington; organist, Mr. M. Bouricous; warner, Mrs. L. M. Shu-bert; sentinel, Mr. S. Nash.

Notice of Dissolution.

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The firm of Schluter & Boley has this day dissolved partnership by mutual agreement, Isaac Boley retiring, and August Schluter continuing the business. He will collect all bills due the firm and pay all indebtedness against and firm.

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The New City Building.

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To the Editor of Tine Bing: Permit me to address a few words to the public with regard to the proposed submission to the voters at the spring election of the question of issuing \$150,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting a new city hall in this city. I have been asking the opinion of quite a number of prominent citizens and taxpayers on this subject, and in almost every case they were opposed to the measure but expressed themselves as of the opinion that there is hardly any use to fight it, as an objector would only be set down as an "old fogy." Now this is all wrong, and I for one thing every one should express himself freely on all questions of such high importance as this one to our citizens, for there are chough voters anyway who pay no taxes and who do not consider such questions in any other light than that the spending of money for public improvements is a good thing, whether needed or not, and they will vote for it is the medical or not, and they will vote for it is challed the health of the present time would be the height of fine, for it would considerably increase our taxition, which is already burdensome beyond the abilities of our citizens to bear. Our racular taxes for the hast two years have been about 71g per cent and will be for the coming year only about 1½ per cent less, the bridge tax having been paid. Now, who does not thing that is not the first hard the present time star, when parties who were looking for a location, after ascentially since nobody deutes that business is dtill, times hard and money scarce, and why pile on hursens more and more! I do not think this is the way to baild up our city. On the contrary, it will only discourage business men and prevent enterprises from locating here, of which I had present quinters would put them not on the present quinters would put them not on the present quinters would put them and on the present quinters would put them not a better ondition to erect a comfortable city building would be a good advertisement for our c

a new building for them, I. with a good many others, think the amount of \$100,000 asked for this purpose is exorbitant, and for less than half this amount we should be shirted to provide a creditable and anitable building to do this city for several generations to come; and, also remember the expenses to the city, for the care taking will increase in the same ratio as the cost of the building. In there words, expensive buildings, expensive keeping.

Finally, should these bonds be voted, how can they be usued legally! If I am not missurformed our indebtedness has already reached the constitutional limit. The only way would probably be to increase our valuation, which is only another way of increasing taxation.

I do hope that every voter having the welfare of the city at heart will vote No, and will induce every one of his friends to vote no on this proposition, which should never have been submitted to vote.

ONE OF THE TAXPATERS.

Cash for household goods, Mandel, 325 Broadway. Iowa lump coal, anot cash, \$3.50 per ton. Council Bluffs Fuel Co.

The water runs when Bixby plumbs.

The acknowledged leading photographer in Council Bluffs is Schmidt, 220 Main street Dr. H. S. West, guaranteed dentistry. No.

Among the Churches.

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To the regular church-goer of the Biuffs, as well as to the stranger within our gates, invitations to attend puolic worship are extended. All beliefs and creeds are represented and at any of the churches attendiants will be cordinally welcomed. The services amounced for today are as follows:

Berean Bautist—The pastor will preach morning and evening. Sunday school will meet at 11:45 a. m. Meeting every night this week excepting Monday evening.

Saint Paul's—Divino service today at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday senool, 12:15. The rector will efficiate and proach. The evening lecture will be addressed specially to the young men of Council Biuffs. Young men and strangers aiways cordially welcomed to these services. T. J. Mackay, rector.

First Haptist—Preaching by the pastor at at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sanday school, 12 m. Christian endeaver, 6:30 n. m. Straft.

teenth street. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

First Presbyterian—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 10:30 p. m. The morning sermon will be of special interest, as it will be an address on Syria by a native of that land, an educated young man who comes very highly commended by the ablest pasters in this country. The evening sermon will be by the pastor. Sabbath school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Strangers and others cortially invited.

Rev. G. W. Snyder, Davenport, Ia., will preach in the Young Mon's Christian association hall and at 3 p. m. M. Snyder as the school at 12 m. Young some control hall and at 3 p. m. M. Snyder as the school and the school at 12 m. Young catton hall and at 3 p. m. M. Snyder as the school and the school at 12 m. M. Snyder as the school at 12 m. The synder as the school at 12 m. M. Snyder as the s

loader.
Pilgrim Sunday school, corner of Ninth street and Avenue A at 3 p. m.
Trinity Methodist, South Main street, opposite Eighth avenue—Preaching at 8:30 p. m. by the presiding elder, Rev. W. T. Smith, D.D.; young people's meeting 7 p. m.; Sunday school ar 2:30 p. m.; social meeting at 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

D. m. The pastor will conduct the services of the Second Presbyterian church, corner Logan and Harmony streets at 3 p. m. Presbyterian service at 2634 Avenue B at 11 a. m. by the pastor; Sunday school at 10

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Broadway M. E.—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject, "Be Not Confirmed to this World;" ovening, "Ninth of Pillgrim Progress Series;" Sunday school at 12 m.; Epworth leagme and class meeting at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

Christian Science—Service today at 3:30 p. m. in Press club room. Entrance No. 19 Pearl street.

n. n. in Press club room. Entrance No. 11 Pearl street. There will be preaching at Overton Ma-sion and People's church, corner Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street at 7:38 o'clock this evening by Rev. A. Overton. Everybody cordially invited.

The Famous Cash Grocery.

Dull season prices:
Granulated suger, 13% [bs., \$1.
Choice rousted Rio carlos per lb., 23c.
Good Japan tea per lb., 30c.
Good Japan tea per lb., 30c.
Good rice per lb., 75.
Hominy per lb., 3c.
Best rolled outs per lb., 4c.
Huckwheat flour per lb., 4c.
Full cream cheese per lb., 4c.
Full cream cheese per lb., 4c.
California hams per lb., 6c.
Good saundry soap, 11 bars, 25c.
Star tobacco per plug, 4c.
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Good smoking tobacco per lb., 25c.
Best country outler per lb., 25c.
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Best cider vanegar per railen, 20c.
Good family flour per sack, 55c.
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Good family flour per sack, 55c.
Best Minnesota flour (guaranteed) per sack, 41.5d.
200 Broadway, opposite Ogden huuse, Scofield & Cavin's old stand. The Famous Cash Grocery.

Pure buckwheat flour and pure maple syrup at Kelley & Younkerman's, 103 Broad way.

Sacrifice Sale of Hair Goods. Sacrifice Sale of Hair Goods.

Mrs. C. L. Gillette will reopen her hair goods emporum in Mrs. Pleifor's down town millinery store, 14 Main street, Tuesday, January 31, and for thirty days will offer all her entire stock at one-half less than former prices. The stock consists of frizzos, switches, waves, hair ornaments, curring irons, etc., all of the highest grade and latest style. Ladies will find this the best opportunity of their lives to obtain these goods at little cost.

The Veteran Firemen. The Veteran Firemen.

The Veteran Firemen's association, at their annual meeting, elected the following officers: President, John Bohn; vice president, O. A. Asign: second vice president, Joses Walters; recording and financial secretary, James Bradley; treasurer, C. M. Maynard; directors. P. Lacy and Charles Nichol son of Buff City company No. 1. C. W. Mitchell and Joseph Spaulding of No. 2, John Tempisten and Charles Walters of Roscuo No. 3.

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Pire Insurance—A Good Showing. The following abstract from the sworn statement of the Council Bind's Insurance Co., makes a splendid showing of the financial condition of our home company: The total assets, not including stock notes, 854,856,77; all actual inshitties, 85,490.39; surplus to policy holders a 76,300.38.

This company starts on the tenth year of its existence with every honest ions settled and paid and with prosects for the future brighter than ever. It merits the patronage of every mosperly owner in Council Bind's and the state of lowes, for it is a lergitimate enterprise that has come here to stay.

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The Bus desires to call the attention of all who desire to save money during these open times to the great sales of the process the winter goods of every department and that means something for svery want created by cold weather. This sale follows the first invoice in the new building, and as for the purpose of clearing out all that remains on hand of the great stock of winter goods ordered for this season trade. The assurance is given that these goods will be alsughtered, and people who have much or little money to spend will receive a indiviniter benefit.

A SLAUGHTER SALE. Eiseman's Offering to the Public-Al

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Their Winter Goods at a

Rig Discount.

There is money to be made by all people who have even a dollar to spend during the commy week. The array of cherks employed at Eiseman's have been engaged since the first of the year in the work of invoking. Although an unprecedent of the working of the comment of the comme

of winter goods will commence Toesday morning. Goods will be slnughtered right and left. Save your dollars and bring then to us and we will surprise you with bargains.

All kinds of winter goods will be slaughtered at Eiseman's this week. The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way

C. B. steamdye works, 1013 Broadway. F. Janssen teaches sither music. Terms reasonable, 927 3d ave.

Gigantic Sale.

Finest line confectionery, fruits, nuts and heliday groceries in the city, S. T. Me

One hundred bales of blankets and com-forts to be slaughtered at Eiseman's the

TWO PRACTICAL WIVES.

Exemplifications of the Ruling Pas-

A story is a story, whether it is true or not, says the Boston Courier, and if one were obliged to vouch for the truth omall that one relates the art of stery-telling would fade away and disappear from the face of the earth. The editor does not in the least youch for the truth of the following bit of anecdote. He can simply say that it was told him as true by a very charming and canny old lady who professed to know it "of her own knowledge." The phrase is some-what ambiguous, but it is the one she used, and the reader may take to mean

what ambiguous, but it is the one she used, and the reader may take to mean anything he pleases.

Mrs. W. was a thrifty and practical soul, and she came of a family which through all the country side was renowned as being "near." In other words she came of a race of people who were the reverse of generous, and in herself she was, it may be added, the flower of their qualities. She had an excellent husband, but he was stricken down with typhold meumonia, and one roraing the physician in charge announced to the weeping wife that he could live only a few hours at most. In her way Mrs. W. was fond of her husband, and she was greatly affected by the verdict which announced her approaching separation from him. The scene between her and her husband was affecting in the extreme, and the nurse, who was present in the background, was moved to tears by the agonized fervor of Mrs. W.'s grief.

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"Then you wen't mind, dearest," she said between her sobs, "if we put on your old pants? The new ones haven't been worn but once, and we can send them back to the tailor, and no one will notice v hat sort of pants you have on in the cof—cof—cofin."

Dear George was too far gone either to care what trousers were used for the arraying of his remains for the tomb or to appreciate the perfection of his wife's economy; he simply meaned and gave up the ghost. leaving his wife free to practice any economial device which should occur to her frugai mind in the arrangements which followed in doleful sequence.

The story, such as that is, to the effect that the husband of a frugal wife was dying, and she was sobbing by his bedside, when suddenly she checked the flow of her tears to say:

"Will you please excuse me just a moment, dearest Tom? I smell something burning in the kitchen."

Which, in its turn, may not be true, but which, being told in company on one occasion, provoked the apparently sincere comment from one of the ladies present:

"Well, what was she to do? Stay there and left them?"

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there and let it burn?"

Henry Elseman & Co. are now taking in-ventory of their stock, and a great forced sale will follow. This sale will be the most gleantic slaughter sale of goods that ever book place in Council finits. We are bound to reduce our stock before going cast for spring goods. If lew prices will do it we mean to rulating business for the next thirty days.

GUBERNATORIAL EXCURSION.

Scenes and Incidents of the First Week in Mexico.

TO THE CITY OF THE TRUE CROSS

The Many Beauties of Country and Climate-Visits to the Picturesque Old Cities-The Fing Honored.

To the Editor of THE BEE: Your in-elligent compositor dropped two names from the copy giving the names of the Mexican tourists which appeared in last Sunday's BEE, viz.: William M. Leonard and wife of Lincoln, two highly respected and prominent members of our party. Early Monday morning, De-cember 23, found our entire party enroute to Guadaloupe, three miles north-east of the Palace pinza, City of Mexico. This is supposed to be the exact location of the visitation of the Lady Guadaloupe, who stepped from the clouds and introduced horsell to an astonished In-dian sheep herder. Every town and village has a church

Every town and village has a church dedicated to "Our Good Lady" Guadaloupe. At the foot of Guadaloupe hill are three churches, one a little above the other, the largest one on a level with the plaza. These three churches betoken the three places where the virgin appeared to the sheep herder. Thrice she appeared to this poor ladian and ordered him to build her a temple. Not having a penny the fellow hesitated to obey, but reported the visitation Not having a penny the fellow hesitated to obey, but reperted the visitation to his priest. Following his advice he again invited a visit by repairing to the cryating place, and when the virgin came, demanded a sign. She ordered him to throw his serape-blanket on the ground and filled it with flowers gathered from the barren rocks, where flowers had never grown. As he opened his blanket, to snow her gift to the priest, lol his flowers had urned to a most beautiful picture of Madonna Sweetness, with a boy cherub in her arms. The greasy scrape, with its portrait, apparently woven in the blanket we saw just over the altar of the larger temple. A frame of solid silver encasesit. This miracle appeared in the second year of the Spanish reign, and Guadaloupe became an Indian to Indians, that they might accept Romanism and the plunderers be safe in their possessions.

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We went out on a street car, just enough of us to fill a first-class car. The driver ran the mules all the way; this is the style in Mexico.

By the br, the street car system in Mexico is as perfect as can be found anywhere in America, except that the motive power is by mules. The cable and electric motors are nuknown. I was reliably informed that the entire railway system of Mexico belongs to three minor children, and that it was the best paying investment of the kind in America.

Everybody in Moxico patronizes the street car lines, high and low, rich and poor, all ride. A beggar will stand for hours calling for claques in order to get money enough to ride a few blocks on the street cars.

Every line has its first and second class ca.s. The first-class charge is soon 61 to 12‡ cents fare, according to the time of day, and, second-class 6‡ cents or one medic.

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After stepping from the street cars at Guadaloupe we first took in the sights of the plaza which, like all Mexican plazas at this time of the year. Christmas week, was filled with hucksters country people and traders of overy class and description. The main restaurants of the town were to be found on the sidewalks women and children were sitting in the streets and on the sidewalks making tortillos and baking them on hot stones. Several Mexican dishes were being prepared, which might have been appetizing to the natives, but which were nauscating to the members of our party.

We saw and tasted the water of the wonderful sods springs which gush from the rocks at the exact point where Guadaloupe stood when she conversed with the herder. The spring is enclosed in a soild stone basis, surrounded by and covered with an iron railing. I presume it is so covered to prevent devotees from drowning themselves in this holy water, which to me tasted exactly like the soda springs of Maritou, Colorado.

Near the door of the springs we saw one of the most frightful looking beggars that we had seen in Mexico a redhaired specimen of humanity, crippled freekled and blind, his bushy hair stood out like porcupine quills; a hideous looking sight. Our artist took his photograph.

All climbed to the upper church fully 300 feet above the valley. The view was a grand one and repaid us for our effort.

We entered the sanctuary of the Guadaloupe and bought pictures and other trinkets, which can be found in every church in Mexico. These little stores and huckster shops in the sanctuaries of the principal churches, within a few feet of the kueeling devotees, tend to remind one of the story of Christ scourging the money changers from the temple.

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After our return to the City of Mexico the party took carriages and under the guidance of Colonel Cerrella of the Mexican army visited Chapultepec.

The drive over the broad boulevard from the city to Chapultepec, three miles southwest from the plaza, and thence around the mountain through the wonderful forests of cedar and eucalyptus trees—some of the former twenty feet in diameter—and many other beautiful great by a winding, paved and stone walled carriage way to the main courtyard of the Chapultepec palnee, was one that can never be forgotten.

We were conducted through the palace and private apartments of President Diaz, who makes this has summer residence, and who lives in the city during the winter season, and were shown the silver plate and wonderful silver candelabra; the five vases and other solid silver vessels originally belonging to Maximillian, now by confiscation the property of the Mexican government. Our party was seated at the solid mahegrany table in the president's summer dhing room, and served with refreshments.

The walls of the room were hung with silk, except in the dining room, which had leather hangings. The carving on the coiling, matels and walnesoting, in oak, was very rich and expensive. Every room in the palace was a marvel of beauty, and there was not one in our party who would not have been willing to make it as all the-year-around residence.

Connected with the palace is a large military school—the West Foint of Mexico. It occupies the main fortrees, which, until a few years ago, was gar-

risoned by Mexican troops. Our guide Colonel Correlia, is a professor in school, and took us through the sev-departments.

The cadets are a fine lot of yo

school, and took us through the several departments.

The endets are a fine lot of young men, ranging in age from sixteen to twenty-four years, but like all young Mexicans are under-sized, compared with our American boys. They are delicate little fellows, weighing from ninety to 140 pounds; not one in the 300 was over 5 feet 8 inches in height. Our visit there was a pleasant one, and long to be remembered.

Our treatment was as courtoous and hospitable as we could wish.

Looking from the terrace of Chapultepee we see first before us on what was once an island in the center of the great lake, the grand old City of Mexico, the capital of Anahune, said to contain fully 300,000 people. Steeples of numerous churches, the palace, squares of houses—all white and beautiful in the distance—three miles of broad codar-lined avenues leading from Chapultepee to the city—the great stone aqueduct to the left, three miles beyond the city, northeast the bold premontory and hull of Guadaloupe, with its churches and monument to the sallor east, but in the form of a mast with sall spread. East and southeast fifty to seventy miles appear as only a dozen miles away, the snowy scalps of Iztacchuall—the white woman—and the famous volcano of Popocatepett rising more than 17,000 feet above sea level. To the west and north are mountains and valleys as beautiful as a picture. Just south Moline Dei Rey, where the Americans started on their charge to scale the walls of the famous fortress. Colonet Corella showed us where the Yankees scaled the ramparts, and he showed no feeling as he told of Santa Anna's defeat. Were I a Mexican I would never forget or forgive the Americans of The the showed to the Americans of this unholy war of conquest—the big man's fight for a little boy's apple.

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state and a state we visited that be better that the control of the partment, among the stone goils, eacilicial stones, etc. The Artec calendar stone, eight feet in diameter and four feet thick; a hard, flinty rock handsomely carved more than a thousand years ago, is the best monument extant of Artec learning and civilization. We saw the jewels worm by Monteaum and the armour worn by Cortez, old Spanish arms and flags. The entire collection of this museum is very interesting and well displayed.

Fart of this day, Toesday, was spont and the control of the country.

Wednesday, being Christmas, nearly all the stores were closed except the sidewalk and plaza shops. Our party spent most of the day in and about the cathedrals and in Maxico, containing about forty acres. This park has every attraction in the way of trees, fountains and fine walks.

The plaza in front of the paiace and cathedral we found full of people selling their wares. Smally is the best day for the country of the coun

value of six American cents; bananas,

whole bunches, for 25 cents. One could write a book of the sights of a day's ride from early more in Mexico to Vera Cruz by 7 p. m.

Vera Cruz, the city of the true cross, founded by Cortes on the hot sands berdering the Gulf of Campenely. Eighty miles Inland to the west, the sightly cone of Orizaba—the handsomest voicano on earth—life lits hit with snow clad pyramid glowing like a cloud smitten by the sun, yet fixed and solid and as bright as no cloud can ever be. One thousand seven hundred feet to the to to a frigid sone while at Vera Cruz only eighty fulles away is a torrid clinis with tropical fruits and tropical plants. You see at a glance the change in climate in trees, plants and shrubbery, fruits and flowers—a mist wonderful view.

As soon as the train stopped we followed our guide to the Plaza, an are lot in the center of the city, a most beautiful garden full of tropical trees and flowers, the pavod streets and open verandahs, surrounding tracks as smooth as glass. A band plays Mexican airs here every evening. The garden is full of youth, beauty and the beastly beggar.

The wide promenade surrounding the garden was taken up by a continuous moving line of promenaders. The open verandahs adjoining the Plaza were full of people sipping wine and coffee or enting a refreshing meal. The best families of the city were here; Indies unattended, young lads playing leap frog and hideand-goscok, girls tripping a rope; all out-doors in midwinter enjoying a balany, delightful atmosphere.

Flowers were on every hand and for sale for a few pennies, bouquets some of them half a yard across, the borders usually made of violets, crowded and solid, a dark background for the more brilliant colors forming the crown, the castisde than being of escalloped paper.

About 10 a. m. December 27 we all embarked in two large row boats for the world-famed fortress (now only a prisen) of San Juan del Ullow. As we crossed the beautiful bay our two boat loads vied with each other in singing patriotic songs. We passed just under the bow

fort until we had seen all there was worth seeing. We saw the feeding of the prisoners, and what they had to eat, the dungeons and every other point of interest.

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We decided we must have our picture by our ever faithful photographer. There were soldiers to the right and left of us. The commander made his men swallow their dinner and change dress from fatigue to full uniform in just affices minutes. They marched and counter-marched their men as directed by our artist until he was ready for the picture, which proved to be a good one. The officers of the fort accompanied us to the landing as we departed, and waved their adieu until we were half across the bay. arted, and waves the bay.
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PALMER.

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Elseman will save you money this week,
on will find the biggest bargains you ever

Great Britain's is Estimated at Fifty \$50,000,000,000.000!—or in words, fifty billions of dollars—is the wealth of Great Britain, estimated by Robert Giffen, the English statistician and writer on economic topics. This estimate gives England \$1,540 a head, Scotland, \$1,215, and Ireland \$645.

England 34.53.
Comparing the three richest nations of the world, he gives the wealth perhead as foliows:
Great Britain, \$1,450; France, \$5.50, and the United States, \$5.60.
If this shows anything it shows the uter fallacy and supreme folly of averages as applied to matters of this sort. By Giffen's computation there ought to be nearly three times as much abject poverty in the United States as in Great Britain, for if the average wealth perensita is not a measure of the comparative wealth of the people, and consequently of their poverty, it is not a measure of anything; and yet every schoolboy knows that the poverty of the United States is not comparable with that of Great Britain.

In the city of London alone, so say English writers, there are nearly 2,000,000 people who are all the time on the verge of starvation. In the same ety lies the enormous landed property of the Duke of Wesminister, who counts his wealth by the millions; and yet Mr. Giffen talks about the per capita wealth of Great Britain as though it meant something. If one man had it all, the figures of per capita wealth would be the same, for they are arrived at by dividing the sum total of the wealth by the number of people.

Again, Mr. Giffen falls not a serious error in estimating the mass of the wealth of Great Britain, and this, of course, is carried all the way through his calculations. He includes all the investments of British capital abroad, as though they were a substantial part of the wealth of the kingdom. It is obvious that all such investments should be carried on a suspense account, for they are extremely uncertain. A revolution or two in South America, an attack by Russia on Turkey, a revolt in Egypt, in fact almost any event of that sort would wipe out a great portion of what Mr. Giffen considers a part of the national wealth of the United States as \$12,000,000,000,000,000,000 in round numbers, or nearly one-half more than that of Great Britain, as Mr. Giffen estimates it.

After all, though, the real wealth of a nation does not co

ual—the best man is not the man with simply the most muscle, but the one with nerve and endurance and indom-

with norve and endurance and indomitable courage.

The best test of the comparative
weath of Great Britain and the United
States says the San Francisco Chronicle,
is to conceive of them as menaced by a
common dauger, say a European coalition directed against them.

In such as ovent the wealth of Great
Britain, not being under her immediate
control, would melt away like snow beneath the neonday sun, while the United
States, being a world in herself and having her wealth in the hands of her own
people, would meet the shock and softer
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linancial standing and condition.

MISTAKEN INDENTITY.

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An Engagement Nearly "Busted" by Taking the Father for the Son.

A young lady of this city who is engaged to a well-known society young gentleman, says the Detroit Free Press, recently made an experiment to try the temper and habits of her fiance, which nearly resulted in disastrous consequences. Reading her morning paper sho saw an advertisement for a domestic. The number of the house was that of her-lover's, where he kept a sort of a bachelor's hall with his father, who is a widower. It occurred thea and there to Miss II — to supply the demand. Not in person but by proxy. She knew of a tidy little German who was bright and engaging and who wanted a place. She sent for her and gave her instructions as to what she was to see and hear and particularly charged her to observe how Mr. F— conducted himself, what he ate, and if he was good-tempered and easy to please. Christine promised to watch overything and repot at the end of the week.

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to please. Christine promised to watch overything and repot at the end of the week.

But before the week was up the girl reported with all her belongings and her eyes overflowing with tears. She had ordered her about as if she were a dog, and he week was up the were to had been asked to black Mr. F. 's boots, he had ordered her about as if she were a dog, and he wouldn'teat asything but gruel and toast, and he swore at her because she forgot to wash off the frent steps. Then Miss H. sat down and wrote to her lover:

"You are a brute. No man who was not a brute would sisk a woman to black his boots and swear at her for a moment's forgetfulness. I consider that I have had a narrow escape."

There was a frantic man went tearing up the avenue that evening and rushed into the presence of Miss H.—, but it was some time before he could make her understand the truth of the matter or that he was not that munner of man. The girl had not seen him at all, but had been employed by his dyspeptic old father—whom she knew solely as Mr. F. It was simply a case of mistaken identity.

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New H-room house, let 57x120, with all modern improvements, on Sixth avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, one block from deletric motor line and one block from Manawa

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Headost the above I have houses and lots in all parts of the city. The above property is all my own and will sell on terms to suit for less than you can buy as good property and impaove it yourself for eash. C. B. Judd, 606 Broadway, Council Bluds, in,

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WANTED Competent girl, family of two, nighest wages paid. Mrs. J. F. Kimball, WANTED-A first-class cook; also chamber maid; wages is per week. None but con-petent need apply. In Broadway, Council fluits.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Stock of stationery, Invoice about \$1,900, one-third cash. J. H. Lamb, Masonic temple, Council Bings. WANTED-A good giri for general house-work in small family; 222 South Sixth st. NOTICE-If you have real estate or cnattels you want to dispose of quick, list them with Kerr & Gray, Council Bluffs, la.

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