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MINOR MENTION.

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Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Thatcher coal, 114 Main street.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl

Has taken five premiums—Angelina flour. Try a sack.

Anthony Welsh secured his naturalization papers in the superior court yesterday.

The waterworks company is painting the fire hydrants throughout the city an anarchistic hue.

The Citizens' State bank will close at 1 o'clock today, out of respect to Mrs. J. D. Edmundson.

A committee of the school board went to Nebraska City yesterday to inspect a system of ventilation.

Corinne and the Kimball burlesque company will appear at Dohany's Sunday evening in "Arcadia."

Jacob Martine and Mattie Martine, both of Kearney, Neb., were married yesterday by Justice Hendricks.

Building permits were issued yesterday to S. Goldstein for two cottages in Beers' subdivision. The cost will be $1,900.

J. C. Lewis has leased his large dairy farm near the deaf and dumb institute to J. C. Hardy, who will continue the business.

The equity case of Sayles & Monroe vs Charles Baugham was tried before Judge Aylesworth in the superior court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnd entertained a high-five party last evening at their home on Tenth avenue. The evening passed most pleasantly.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to G. W. Landersmith and Caroline G. Garneau, both of Omaha. The knot was tied by 'Squire Schurz.

Information was filed before Justice Barnett yesterday afternoon, charging Ed Bethers with assault and battery. The case will be heard tomorrow.

The council committee on new headquarters for city officials will consult the board of supervisors on their return trip from a visit to the Iowa institutions for the blind.

The registration books in the various wards will be open to the voters next week. Voters in the new wards will have to secure transfers from their former wards before registering.

Lectures by David Little on "The Tabernacle of the Wilderness," accompanied by illustrated charts, will be given tonight and Sunday evening in room No. 2, Everett block, upstairs. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The case of State vs Hattie Arthur, the colored woman charged with keeping a house of illfame, was set for trial in Justice Barrett's court yesterday afternoon. The prosecuting witness, Emma Woodward, failed to appear, and the defendant was discharged.

This evening at the Congregational church will be given the first of Mrs. Crary's wonderful art lectures. Each lecture is illustrated by a large number of dissolving views, actual photographs of places and people described, enlarged by powerful calcium light apparatus to twenty feet square.

The Veteran Firemens' association is disposing of a large number of tickets for the first annual ball, which will be given at Masonic temple Tuesday evening, the 21st inst. The association was organized "to care for the living and bury the dead," and has already done much good work for the families of departed volunteer firemen.

Notwithstanding the statement that the hose wagon sent here by the Michigan Fire Lander & Truck company had been taken farther west because the council refused to purchase it at the last session, the apparatus still remains here, and the representative of the company will tackle the council again next Monday night. At present the fire committee has the matter under consideration.

Frank Smith, who was run in by Officer Doyle for vagrancy, was released yesterday morning by Judge Aylesworth. He resides at Woodbine, but came to the Bluffs in search of work. When he arrived here he had $65 in his possession, but he fell in with boon companions and was soon relieved of his roll. As soon as he was released from custody he started up the Northwestern track for home.

Manager Atkins of the telephone exchange states that the annoyance caused subscribers for the past few days by wrong connections, bells ringing, etc., is caused by the linemen, who are transfearing the wires so as to place all the instruments on the McClure or return wire system. Over one hundred and fifty subscribers are now working on this plan, which is giving entire satisfaction. The work is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and the temporary crossing of wires and leaving lines open is unavoidable. The improvement in the service will more than pay for the annoyance experienced while the work is in progress.

C. B. steamdye works, 1013 Broadway

S. B. Wadsworth & Co., 207 Pearl street, loan money for Lombard Inv. Co.

The handsomest and cleanest market, best meats and lowest prices at J. M. Scanlan's.

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.

Personal Paragraphs.

E. C. Squires left Wednesday for Colorado points of interest.

J. H. Purcell of the Dunlap Reporter was in the city yesterday.

Charles Whitmore is quite sick at his home, No. 806 Avenue G.

Mrs. W. P. Johnson of Griswold is in the city, the guest of Z. W. Cole and family.

Oscar Harlan, a member of the Odell Brothers baseball team of last season, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. Murray and daughters of Cheyenne are guests of the family of Conductor Parks of the Union Pacific, on Benton street.

W. C. Estep has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be out again, although he has not yet entirely regained his strength.

Dell G. Morgan is attending the convention of pharmacists in session at Des Moines, where the druggists of the state are making a united effort for the repeal of the pharmacy law.

John L. Templeton of this city, corresponding secretary of the Iowa State Firemen's association, has been appointed superintendent of hose companies for the tournament of 1890, which will be held at Marshalltown in June.

Save 50 per cent on tombstones and monuments. Design sheet and price list free. L. Kelley, 203 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Desirable dwellings for rent at reduced prices by E. H. Sheafe & Co., rental agents, Broadway and Main st., up stairs.

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

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

A Disgusting State of Affairs.

The placards posted up in the alley south of Broadway between Pearl and Main streets have thus far failed to produce the desired effect, as it still remains in its normal condition so far as fifth and audible odor are concerned. The committee on streets and alleys has neglected to take any action on the ground that it is a private alley, as is also the alley between Main and Fourth streets. They maintain that it is the duty of the marshal to notify the property owners to have the alley cleaned up, and that official states that he has no business interfering with private property unless a complaint is filed and he is ordered to do so by the board of health. In the meantime, the alley continues to give offense to the olfactories of every passerby. The disgusting deposit is spreading to the adjacent sidewalks, and pedestrians on the east side of Pearl street were yesterday compelled to pass out of their way to get around a pile of ashes, barrels and boards that had rolled out of the crowded alley. It is certainly the duty of the marshal to order obstructions removed from the sidewalks, whatever may be his duties with reference to a crowded alley. No move has been made to call a meeting of the board of health, and it is hardly probable that any meeting will be held until the council meets Monday evening.

The popular wall paper and decorative establishment of P. C. Miller has been reopened with Mr. Miller as manager. The entire stock has been purchased by Jacob L. Jensen, and largely increased by the addition of all the latest styles and designs by the best manufacturers. The old establishment is ready for business again, a fact the public will note with interest.

A good girl can secure a good situation to do general housework by calling on Mrs. P. M. Pryor, 616 Bluff st.

A Temporary Arrangement.

"There will be some fun at the regular meeting of the board of trade next Tuesday evening," said a member of that organization yesterday afternoon. "Several of the younger members are rather sore over the manner in which the new organization was effected, and there will be some wind on the subject when the minutes are read. You see there was a committee appointed to draw up some by-laws, and the first thing they did was to report a list of officers for this year. They had no business to do that, but they did it just the same, and when the matter came before the board Mr. Wright moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote of the board for the officers thus nominated. It went through with only three dissenting votes, and that is how it stands. It don't suit the younger members of the board by a good deal."

"What will be done about it?"

"Can't tell. Perhaps nothing."

"How about the secretary?"

"That is an appointive office. The secretary is chosen by the executive committee, which is composed of the president, the finance committee, and the chairmen of the other committees. Mr. Wadsworth is the temporary secretary, and he is drawing $50 a month for a stenographer. C. M. Ross was a candidate before he understood that the salary was to be reduced, and so was J. E. F. McGee, but they don't want it without any compensation. I don't know of any candidate for the place under the existing state of affairs. Perhaps the president could tell something about that."

President Wies was seen and interrogated regarding the situation. "The secretaryship is something," said he, "that has not been settled yet. The board can't pay $1,500 for that office as it did last year, for there are only fifty members at $30 each. That gives us only $1,500 to go on, and out of it must come the amount set apart for the building fund and the current expenses. If we get a man who can devote his whole time to it and who is qualified to fill the office, he will not work for less than $100 a month. It is not merely a clerical office and it needs a man who is fitted for it. At present all we are doing is to furnish an amanuensis for the secretary and all that the latter gets out of it is the work performed for him by the former. We can't do much until we find out what we can pay. Mr. Wadsworth will continue to act as secretary until we can make different arrangements."

Go to Dempsey Bros. for fine confectionery, Boston chips, butter cups, etc., 105 Main.

Dr. H. S. West, dental surgery, No. 12 Pearl street, over THE BEE office.

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

Travelers, Hotel Jameson is first-class.

Full line of imported and domestic cigars. Kelley & Younkerman.

At Rest in Peace.

Yesterday was the first day of perfect rest that Mrs. J. D. Edmundson has known since 1865. On the night previous the angel of death touched the weary eyelids and closed them in the unconsciousness of dreamless slumber. Years of patient suffering, dating from her early girlhood, when a playful schoolmate was the innocent means of inflicting serious spinal injuries by pulling a chair from beneath her, have endeared her to her friends, and hundreds received the intelligence that death had relieved her with a sigh that had hope in it and something more than simple sympathy. They will be still further rejoiced to learn that death came painlessly, like a holy benediction.

She died at the residence of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Hart, where she and her husband have lived for many years, at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening. She was the only daughter and elder child, and was born October 24, 1848, in Rock county, Wisconsin. She has been a resident of Council Bluffs for nearly twenty-two years. In 1872 she was married to Mr. Edmundson, but was then suffering from the effects of her unfortunate accident. Everything that the best medical skill and the tenderest care could accomplish was done to relieve her, but every moment of her life was passed in distressing pain. Three years ago she received a great deal of benefit from metaphysical treatment, and was able to walk and drive about the streets. Her friends were very much rejoiced, and in the hope of effecting a still greater improvement Mr. Edmundson took her on an extensive European trip, visiting all the principal points of interest and famous health resorts on the continent. On the return she was stricken shortly after leaving Paris, and was entirely unconscious during the remainder of the trip home. As keenly as she enjoyed the first part of the tour, and as much as a brilliant, educated woman like her could observe, it was all lost and forgotten in the complete paralysis that followed. From that attack she never rallied, but was stricken to complete helplessness.

Through all her sufferings she was sustained by a Christian fortitude that was as sublime as it was touching. She was refined by her suffering, and her life was something more than simply beautiful.

Mr. Edmundson was out of town when she died, having started for Des Moines the day previous. It was his first absence from the city for months. She did not appear to be any worse than usual, but on the contrary was remarked to be brighter and more cheerful than ever up to within a moment before her death. She had been receiving her friends during the early part of the evening, had eaten her supper and been put to bed. Her mother had accompanied the departing guests a short distance and only her father was in the room. She felt the approach of death and called to him. She put her arms about his neck and murmured, "I can't stand this. Good-by, father, I am going," with the last breath she drew. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Edmundson was communicated with by wire, but could not reach home until morning, too late to more than kiss the lips that had never syllabled a harsh word.

The funeral will take place from the residence, No. 246 Willow avenue, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Crofts will officiate, and the interment will take place in Walnut Hill.

The water runs when Bixby plumbs.

The Ross Investment and Trust company.

Iowa lump coal, spot cash, $3.50 per ton. Council Bluffs Fuel Co.

We want you to list your rental property with us and we will secure you good, reliable tenants. Rents collected and special attention given to care of property. E. H. Sheafe & Co., Broadway and Main st., up stairs.

A Five Cent Fare.

Alderman Waterman appeared before the real estate exchange yesterday morning and introduced the resolution presented by him at a recent meeting of the council, providing that the Union Pacific railroad company must run four dummy trains morning and evening, and sell thirty round trip tickets for $3 in order to hold their right of way on Union avenue and have their taxes remitted as provided by a resolution passed by the council several weeks ago, otherwise the earlier resolution is to be rescinded. The resolution was tabled by the council when introduced there. It was received by the members of the exchange with approval, many of them expressing the opinion that the Union Pacific ought to furnish transportation across the river morning and evening for 5 cents in return for the concessions granted. It was referred to a committee.

City Steam Laundry, 34 Main. Tel. 194.

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

Full line of homeopathic medicines at Ellis'.

The Demand Increases.

A. C. Harding yesterday went to the Chautauqua grounds and selected a fine lot for a cottage and is preparing to build in the spring. Dr. E. S. Woodbury has taken a lot. S. B. Cochran, J. W. Squires and Dr. A. P. Hanchett have also made purchases of lots and will probably each build a cosy cottage. The united action of the best men of Council Bluffs makes the Chautauqua as assurred success. The main feature of the programme will soon be announced and the most attractive season for the west awaits those attending the Council Bluffs and Omaha Chautauqua assembly in July, 1890.

The Council Bluffs insurance companys' average annual income since organization has been $120,000.00. Disbursements since organization for losses and other expenditures now exceeds $1,000,000.00. Risks written since organization, $42,770,545.00 Every property owner should patronize this home institution, and in that way encourage and build up our city. J. H. Allen is the city agent of this company, and a more honorable, reliable and trustworthy man can not be found. The directors of the company are Hon. W. F. Sapp, E. L. Shugart, F. M. Gault, John Renners, M. C. Brainerd and J. Q. Anderson.

A BLOOD-SUCKING PLANT.

Strange Vegetable Growth Found in Central American Swamps.

Leroy Dunstan, the well-known naturalist of this city who has recently returned from Central America, where he had spent nearly two years in the study of the flora and fauna of the country, relates the finding of a singular growth in one of the swamps which surround the great lake of Nicaragua, writes a New Orleans correspondent of the Richmond (Va.) State. He was engaged in hunting for botanical and entomological specimens in this swamp, which is known as San Sebastian's, when he heard his dog cry out as if in agony from a distance. Running to the spot from which the animal's cries came, Mr. Dunstan found him envelopd in a perfect network of what seemed to be a finee rope-like tissue of roots or fibers, the nature of which was unknown to him.

The plant or vine seemed composed entirely of bare, interlacing stems, resembling more than any thing else the branches of the weeping willow denuded of all foliage, but of a dark, nearly black hue, and covered with a thick viscid gum that exuded from the pores. Drawing his knife, Mr. Dunstan endeavored to the animal free, but it was only with the greatest difficulty that he succeeded in severing the fleshy, muscular fiber. To his horror and amazement the naturalist then saw that the dog's body was covered with blood, while his hairless skin appeared to have been actually sucked or plucked in spots, and the animal staggered as if from weakness and exhaustion.

In cutting the vine the twigs curled like living sinuous fingers about Mr. Dunstan's hand, and it required no slight force to free the member from its clinging clasp, which left the flesh red and blistered. The gum exuding from the vine was of a dark grayish tinge, remarkably adhesive and of a disagreeable animal odor, very powerful and nauseating to inhale.

The native servants who accompanied M. Dunstan manifested the greatest horror of the vine, which they call la sagenas de diable, the devil's sein, or snare, and were full of stories of its death-dealing powers. One of these stories was of an Englishman residing in Managua, who, while hunting in the swamps a few years before, lay down beneath a tree where a large and powerful specimen of this singular plant was growing, and inadvertently falling asleep, awoke to find himself enveloped in its web, and in spite of every effort made to extricate him, perished in its deadly embrace.

Another story was of an escaped convict who had hidden in the swamp, and whose bones had been found in the folds of the sagenas only a short time before Mr. Dunstan's visit. These stories, remarkable as they may seem, are firmly believed in by the people, but the only three specimens which Mr. Dunstan was able to find were all small ones, though the meshes of the largest would probably, if extended in a straight line, measure nearly of not quite 100 feet. He was able to discover very little about the nature of the plant, owing to the difficulty of handling it, for its grasp can only be torn away with loss of skin and even of flesh, but, as near as Mr. Dunstan could ascertain, its power of suction is contained in a number of infinitesmal mouths or little suckers, which, ordinarily closed, open for the reception of food.

The gum exuded seems to serve the two-fold purpose of increasing its tenacity and of overcoming a victim by its sickening odor. The plant is found only in low, wet places, and usually beneath a large tree, and, while dormant, seems only a network of dry, dead vines, covering the black earth for several feet, but, coming in contact with anything, will instantly begin to twist and twine upward in a horrible, life-like manner, breaking out with the gum-like substance spoken of before, and enwrap the object with a celerity that is almost incredible.

If the substance is animal the blood is drawn off and the carcass or refuse then dropped. A lump of raw meat being thrown it in the short time of five minutes the blood will be thoroughly drunk off and the mass thrown aside. Its voracity is almost beyond belief, it devouring at one time ten pounds of meat, though it may be deprived of all food for weeks without any apparent loss of vitality. Mr. Dunstan attempted to bring away a root of the sagenas, but it died during his return voyage, growing so foul with a strong odor of real animal corruption that he was obliged to get rid of it.

HE BIT OFF ITS HEAD.

How a Mexican Indian Battled With a Boa Constrictor.

One day last week an Indian made an excursion to a mountain near Chevantzieurm, state of Michocan, in Mexico, look after some fuel for his hut. While cutting up a dry oak he suddenly felt a bite on the calf of his leg, given in the fraction of a second. A moment later he felt, coiling round his body, the terrible folds of a boa constrictor. Instinctively he leaned his head over toward his wounded leg and was almost fascinated by the glare of two bright basilisk eyes, that gleamed like fiery coals in the head of the serpent.

Quicker than a flash the Indian ducked his head and caught the neck of the reptile between his jaws, sinking his teeth in the quivering flesh and clinging to it with the desperation of the dying. The huge serpent lashed its tail and tried to twist its head in order to bury its fangs in the Indian, but the latter clung on and began to chew away at the neck of the boa, which is the thinnest and most delicate part of the snake's anatomy. After chewing for a long time the Indian succeeded in beheading his antagonist, the folds dropped from around his body and the Indian was free.

IN ANNEXATION'S INTEREST.

Last Night's Meeting in South Omaha and the Speeches Made.

NEARLY A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Omaha's Visitors Few in Number But Well Provided With Orators—Interviews With Business Men.

First Gun for Consolidation.

South Omaha was out last night in full force. Rowley's hall was filled to its full seating capacity with representative men who wanted to hear the merits and demerits of annexation discussed.

They were disappointed when the Omaha visitors arrived to learn that nothing in the line of extended or statistical addresses would be made touching the absorbing subject of annexation. About 8 o'clock Messrs. Christian Hartman, G. M. Hitchcock, M. A. Upton, W. W. Crary, D. D. Sweaton and Morris Morrison of Omaha came into the hall, and a programme for the evening was hastily prepared.

David Anderson called the meeting to order and named Mayor Sloane for chairman. E. C. Lane was deputized to act as secretary.

Christian Hartman, president of the Omaha real estate exchange, was the first speaker introduced. He apologized to the meeting for the lack of a larger attendance from the committees appointed in Omaha to agitate the question of annexation, but explained their absence by reason of the fact that it required time to work up tangible and reliable statistics on the subject and the Omaha people were not prepared to do justice to the points involved last night. At a future meeting they would visit South Omaha better prepared to present their case.

G. M. Hitchcock was presented to Mayor Sloane. He said he would endeavor to show some of the advantages of annexation. The reasons given by some of the opponents of annexation in South Omaha were so vague they were hard to answer. The postoffice question was explained and the assertion that South Omaha would be deprived of her present postal facilities disposed of. New York's system of postoffices was illustrated and the same system under annexation would apply in South Omaha, giving her even better postal facilities than she now enjoys. Taxation was a question uppermost in the minds of South Omaha's property owners. If they honestly could show that taxation would be increased by annexation then he could not blame them for opposing it, for excessive taxation is one of the greatest burdens imposed on the American people. But taxation would not be increased in South Omaha by annexation; in the matter of municipal indebtedness South Omaha has everything to gain by consolidation. Omaha's bonds sell at a premium while South Omaha's go begging for purchasers in the financial marts of the world. Even now, the speaker asserted, South Omaha is bonded $100,000 more than the law allows it to be. Nothing need be feared from annexation in the pushing of public improvements. The interests of both cities are common and the interest of one is the interest of all. Consolidated there would be a unity of feeling that would promote the advancement of both. He had heard it said that the politicans and officeseekers and officeholders were opposed to annexation, fearing that the public flesh puts would slip from their grasp, but he did not believe it.

Mr. Hitchcock then took up the advantages to be derived this year, and only this year, from a good showing in the national census report. The record of 1890 stands for the next ten years, and the population credited Omaha, no matter what her growth during the intervening years, is official and uncheckangeable in all statistical publications until 1890. Whatever Omaha suffers from a lower count than is expected, so must South Omaha suffer. Omaha and South Omaha should emulate the example of Chicago and her suburbs and take hold of the advantage given them to make a great name for themselves throughout the land. Chicago is now the second city in the land in population and will enjoy a remarkable growth and boom as the result of annexation.

J. H. Van Dusen, esq., of South Omaha followed Mr. Hitchcock. He contended that the money lenders of the east would look with suspicion on an application for a loan on property located four miles from the business center of Omaha, and that would be the case with South Omaha applications for loans if annexation occurs. South Omaha is known throughout the commercial world as a great industrial center; annually and semi-annually the great dailies of Omaha devote pages to reviews of South Omaha's growth and prosperity, and surely those who read them in the east are convinced of the greatness of the separate suburb Omaha is so anxious to annex just to swell her population in the next census report. Mr. Van Dusen took issue with the statements made in regard to Omaha's bonded indebtedness as compared with South Omaha's. South Omaha's bonded indebtedness, he asserts, was less per capita than Omaha's. That of the former is over $3,000,000, while South Omaha's is $357,000. Mistakes had been made by the city council of South Omaha, but some of the acts of Omaha's city council would not stand the investigation of an immaculate political economist. Mr. Van Dusen closed his speech by comparing South Omaha under annexation to Walnut Hill, Cut-off Lake or Duncee Place additions to Omaha.

M. A. Upton of Omaha advanced twelve reasons in favor of annexation. First, and the most important, he explained that South Omaha would gain an advantage in lower taxation. This point Mr. Upton illustrated by figures and statistics. The certainty of the paving of Twenty-fourth street, the saving in expenses through one city government, increased and better school facilities, improved suburban service over the belt line, and other points of advantage under annexation were explained by the speaker loudly and effectively.

I. S. Hascall of Omaha was called for. His speech pleased the audience immensely. He was opposed to annexation; it wasn't to the interest of South Omaha. He advised remaining a separate city and the spending of at least a quarter of a million dollars more in public improvements and the people will bless them in after years. When the business houses of the two cities meet and press close together, then it is time to consider the question of a municipal wedding.

W. A. L. Gibbon declined to commit himself. Before adjournment Mr. Hartman spoke of the interest in the city hall contest in Omaha a year ago. Then a canvass was made of the strength of the northern and southern sections, and it was found that 62 per cent of the voting population of Omaha resided south of Farnam street. The southern end of the city already held the balance of power, and South Omaha would only increase its strength. This would ensure justice to the south in all matters pertaining to public improvements. He asked the citizens of South Omaha to attend a meeting at the real estate rooms Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, when annexation would be further discussed.

More Talks on Annexation.

A BEE representative made a canvass of N street Wednesday morning from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-sixth streets on both sides, asking each business man to express himself for annexation. Both sides of the street are well lined with business houses and the men are representative of the business interests of South Omaha. Commencing at Twenty-sixth and N, east to Twenty-fifth on the south side, and then back to Twenty-sixth on the north side the following answers were given:

Millspaugh & Cuddington, coal and lime—Will vote against it.

John Evans, real estate and insurance—I am in favor of annexation.

John Doe, president electric light works—Out of the city but known to be opposed to annexation.

W. F. Scott, hardware—Only in business in South Omaha three months and has not reached a decision on the question.

A. W. Saxe, druggist—Against it; if it comes in six months everybody who votes for it will regret it.

BLACK PEERLESS COAL.

The following testimonials from large consumers of fuel, who have given all kinds of coal practical and crucial tests, are the best possible recommendations that our celebrated Black Peerless is the best coal for all purposes on the market:

I have given the Black Peerless Coal a thorough test, and am satisfied it is the best coal for all purposes in the western market, and I have burned thousands of tons of all kinds of coal. W. W. BIRDSEE, City Steam Laundry.

We have heated our mammoth dry goods house with Black Peerless Coal and are thoroughly satisfied with it in point of heat, economy and cleanliness. It gives off little smoke, leaves little ashes and few cinders. HENRY ESKENAS & Co.

We have used several hundred tons of Black Peerless Coal during the winter for boiler and kitchen use, and would have no other. It makes the least smoke, ashes and cinders and gives the greatest degree of heat of any coal we have ever used, and is by far the cheapest and cleanest fuel in the market. HOLST & SPETMAN, Kiel Hotel.

Sold Exclusively by SAPP & KNOTTS, 33 Main St., Council Bluffs.

Dr. J. M. Glasgow—A year ago I was for it but now I shall oppose it.

Gratiot & Co., Grocers—We are against it.

C. F. Van Aken, Boots and Shoes—Won't vote for it.

Akofer & Casey, Butchers—Undecided; it's a question whether to remain separated and be robbed in taxes or to annex and get the same medicine.

H. E. Hogle, Boots and Shoes—Opposed to it.

C. Kuppe, Tailor—Against it.

Thomas Ruck, Liquors—No annexation in mine.

T. J. O'Neil & Co., Flour and Feed—Will vote against annexation.

W. H. Kyne & Co., Dry Goods—Against consolidation.

J. S. Rich, Groceries—Not long enough in South Omaha to know what is best.

F. Broadwell, of L. T. Sunderland & Co., Coal—Not prepared to say how he would vote.

L. C. Gibson, Real Estate—In favor of it; thinks it would be a saving in taxes and of advantage to South Omaha.

J. Magnall, Liquors—Don't want annexation at all.

E. Diamond, Clothing—I want the cities to remain as they are.

Makepeace Meets With an Accident.

Attorneys Makepeace and Elliott were playfully scuffling in Henry Martin's saloon last night when the former slipped on the floor and fell, breaking the ankle of his right limb. He was removed to his home at once. He will be confined to his home for some time.

A Double Anniversary.

"This is February 12, and the eighty-first anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln," said a South Omaha citizen Wednesday. "I'll venture that not half a dozen people in South Omaha gave it a moment's thought, when it is a day that should be celebrated in a fitting way in every city in the world."

"There is something sublime in calling to mind such anniversaries as you have just spoken of," said another South Omaha citizen who comprised the group of men who were exchanging stories. "You'll pardon me if I go from the sublime to the ridiculous, for your reference to the Lincoln anniversary recalls the anniversary of another event which occurred just one year ago tonight, the interest in which was confined to South Omaha alone. That was the meeting which occurred on February 12, 1889, ostensibly of republicans, to express the preference of the South Omaha faithful for the position of postmaster. Harrison hadn't been inaugurated by nearly a month, but there were so many aspirants for the place that each one was trying to get in ahead of the other. A meeting was held in Lawyer Elliott's office which ended in a row, and there were grave doubts who had the best of it among the candidates. Dave Anderson wanted it, and Dr. Glasgow wanted it, and Stanley wanted it, and Burress wanted it, and I don't know how many more wanted it. Anyway that meeting and that row started bitterness among the republicans over the postmastership that has never been healed. There are half a dozen of them who are willing so take the job but I notice that Cockrell still holds the fort. Excuse my reference to a ridiculous anniversary in connection with your reference to one that is sublime."

Misery in Married Life.

A very short honeymoon was that enjoyed by Peter M. Donahoe and the young lady who is now known as his wife. Both parties live in the Third ward. They were married less than two months ago. Mrs. Donahoe has filed an information in Justice Levy's court against her husband in which she alleges all sorts of brutality on his part. On February 8, she says he abused her by striking and maltreating her. They have separated and she desires the court to punish him for the crime of assault and battery which she charges.

A Broncho on the Run.

Dr. Taggert's broncho started from in front of Saxe's drug store yesterday and monopolized N street up to Twenty-fifth. Then he turned around and started down the street again. At the South Omaha national bank the broncho took the sidewalk and was brought to a halt by the iron railing in front of Magnall's saloon. One of the iron bars was wrenched from its fastenings. J. M. Waugh's buggy suffered some damage from coming in contact with the runaway.

City Notes and Personals.

The Emanon club will enjoy another of its delightful high-five parties tonight.

C. M. Hunt is in Columbus, O., attending the wedding anniversary of his parents.

Harry Carpenter has accepted the position with the stockyards company vacated by Frank Erwin.

Sheriff Williams of Boone county was in South Omaha yesterday on business connected with his office.

South Omaha was represented by about twenty couples at the switchmen's dance in Omaha Wednesday night.

A. W. Saxe has fitted up and furnished the basement of his store building on N street for the use of the Grand Army boys.

The Women's Christian temperance union will meet with Mrs. O. P. Fenner, Twenty-second and J streets Saturday afternoon.

Miss Dora Squires has accepted a position in the Omaha schools. Miss Agnes Hoffman will take her place as principal of the Albright schools.

Failing to have his request for damages to his N street property, caused by the change of grade, considered by the city council, Frank Pivonka has instituted suit for the amount in the county court.

Commencing Sunday night the Worden dramatic company will open a four night's engagement in Hunt's opera house. Popular prices will be charged and a well selected repertoire of plays will be presented.

South Omaha lodge No. 66 will go to Omaha in a body Sunday night to listen to Dean Gardner's sermon in Trinity cathedral on "True Charity." The members will meet at the Union Pacific depot and take the 5:55 dummy.

The South Omaha office of THE BEE is located in the Nebraska Savings bank building, ground floor, on Twenty-sixth street just south of N street. Orders for delivery of papers, advertisements, notices of society meeting, personals or other news notes of local interest left at the office will receive prompt attention. The office is in charge of Dan C. Shelley, lessee of the South Omaha circulation.

There is joy in the household of A. L. Biebinger, the genial driver for George Oberne, residing at Eighteenth and P streets. Mixed with the joy are the pleasing squalls of a pair of twins, one boy and one girl, presented Mr. Bierberger by his wife Wednesday night. "If every man would do as well as I have," said Mr. Bierberger, "there would be no need of annexation to Omaha to increase the population. At the rate I have increased South Omaha's we will have 100,000 in 1890."

Serpa Pinto, the Explorer.

Serpa Pinto is the youngest of all the noted explorers of the present day. Hardly twenty-six, with a small, well-knit frame, strongly marked features, not without some tokens of distinction in his bearing, this young Portuguese major has traversed Africa from sea to sea, from east to west, reversing, it may be said, the routes followed by Cameron, Stanley and others. He is an intense patriot, and his ardor in this respect has led him more than once into compromising attitudes.

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TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.

How Big Turtles are Captured by the South Sea Islanders.

The South sea islands are the place for turtles, and the islanders are experts at capturing the clumsy creatures.

There are several curious ways of capturing them. When lying asleep on the water in the sun, a canoe will silently approach, its crew seize the animal and tumble him aboard "before he knows where he is." He is turned on his back, for otherwise he would climb out and swamp the boat in short order.

A native will also swim up quietly behind the sleeping creature, spring on the back of his shell and hold on in such a way that he cannot dive. Having no idea of escaping in any other way, he can be steered whithersoever his captor chooses. Considerable agility and nerve are necessary in accomplishing this feat, for if the man should miss his leap and fall back into the water he is liable to be dangerously cut by the animal's flippers.

An inexpert person, or one who wished to have some fun with the turtle might grasp him by the tail. The turtle has his idea of a joke, too, which is instantly to shut his tail close up to his body, whereby the man's hand is held fast as in a vice, and then dive with him to the bottom of the sea.

Most of the turtles are captured on the beaches, whither the females land to lay their eggs, and the males accompany them out of gallantry or to keep guard.

The eggs are laid in a perpendicular cavity about a yard deep, at the bottom of a great circular excavation, which the female scrapes by whirling round like a fly with its wings singed, and violently plying its flippers.

When surprised the turtle offers no resistance, but makes off at a pace surprisingly rapid in so clumsy an animal and which a good runner can hardly keep up with in the sand.

To turn a turtle weighing 400 pounds on its back and thus capture it while it is scuttling through deep sand requires more knack than strength. A turtle's progress on land is by a series of wriggling jerks from side to side, and the fisher, taking advantage of the moment when it rants away from him, overturns it with ease.

The young are hatched in a month, making their appearance when about the size of an American silver dollar, and are prepared to begin life on their own hook at once, which they do by rushing into the sea as rapidly as possible. Many of them never reach it, however, being caught by birds it is be day and by land crabs at night.

HUNG ON TO THE CUB.

A Lumberman of Munchausen Tells of His Son's Prowess.

A lumberman tells the New York Tribune this story: "My boy Jake is only sixteen years old, but he killed a big she bear last summer over on Laurel Run, Jake had started for home with a nice string of trout, when he ran across a pair of cub bears. Jake thinks more of a young cub than he does of a dog, and nothing to do but he must pick up one of them cubs and try to get home with it. He had three miles to come, but he hadn't paced off more'n a quarter of a mile when he found that the cub's mother was after him.

"Jake held on to the cub, though, and every little ways he pulled a trout off'n the switch and tossed it to the bellerin' old bear. He couldn't coax her to stop her noise and go off about her business in that way for she kept taggin' Jake right up, and bimeby she made it so hot for the boy that he ups and slaps her square in the mouth with his whole string of trout and let's them stay there. Wal, the old bear didn't tag Jake any more, and he got home all right with the cub, but no trout.

"Jake told me'n and the hired man about the bear, and toward night we hitched up and drove to the spot. There lay the old bear as dead as a hammer. Jake's string of trout had got clogged in her throat and choked her to death, and you never seen a tickleder boy than Jake was."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

FOR SALE AND RENT.

WANTED—A housekeeper to go out on farm. Address T. A. Pilling.

I HAVE several houses and lots to trade for Council Bluffs or Omaha unimproved property. C. B. Judd, 606 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

BOYS wanted at once to learn gilding trade. Good wages. 211 Broadway.

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WANTED—A cook at 711 Broadway.

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A BARGAIN—Complete roller mill and sawmill for sale. Capacity of roller mill, forty barrels daily. Will sell farm in connection with mill if desired. Good reasons for selling. All inquiries in regard to said property sent to the following address will receive prompt attention: C. B. Reel, Reels, Ia.

FOR SALE—My residence, 553 Willow avenue, on south side of Bayliss park. Heated by steam, lighted by electricity and containing all modern improvements. Lot 100 by 200 feet. Also will sell or exchange for improved city property, my farm of 550 acres, ten miles east of Council Bluffs. N. M. Pusey, Council Bluffs.

STORE—For rent, No. 138 Broadway, Peterson block; splendid location for dry goods, boots and shoes. Inquire of J. F. Peterson.

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