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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Thatcher coal, 114 Main street.

Spring goods, Reiter, tailor, 310 B'way.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl

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

Members of Fidelity council, Royal Arcanum, are discussing the advisability of organizing a uniform of the order.

Building permits were issued yesterday morning to Dr. J. M. Harstow for two $1,000 dwellings in Riddle's sub-division.

Ovid Vien and L. Evans have purchased the grocery stock at the corner of Fifth avenue and Tenth street. The new firm will be known as L. Evans & Co.

The lecture of Mrs. Kate Crary at the Congregational church this evening will follow the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

John Cherritt, who was arrested for larceny, was discharged by Justice Harrott. He proved that he purchased the clothing from the prosecuting witness, who failed to show that the property was stolen.

Annie Bergman died at 5:30 yesterday afternoon after a short illness, of pneumonia, at the Creston house. She was twenty years of age. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

The new machines for the knitting factory have arrived and will be used for the manufacture of cotton hosiery. Each machine makes four socks at once and will effect a great saving in the way of power and space.

At a meeting of encampment No. 8, Union Veteran legion, held Monday evening, a resolution was passed to the effect that the members would attend divine service in a body on the last Sunday evening of each month during the remainder of the year.

W. A. Woods, the real estate dealer, desires it distinctly understood that he is not the party who was fined in police court Monday morning for drunkenness. Mrs. John Dunn is also incensed because an intoxicated female who was rounded up about the same time gave the name of Kate Dunn.

Recently Edward Martha of Omaha, an employe of the Union Pacific at the transfer in this city, was stricken down, and after a long illness passed away. His widow was left almost penniless. The boys with whom Martha worked raised by subscription $100 and turned it over to the widow yesterday.

Sixteen contempt cases are booked for a hearing in the district court next Saturday. Several of the interested parties held a quiet consolation meeting in a secluded corner last evening and discussed the situation. They do not relish the idea of having to pay fines of from $500 to $1,000, and if there is any way out of it they want to know what it is.

J. F. Hanson, one of the directors of the Christian Park and Assembly association of Fremont, Neb., was in town yesterday with friends and went to the Chautauqua grounds to examine the amphitheater, with a view of planning a structure for the camp meeting grounds at Fremont. They have very pleasant grounds at Fremont, where are held the yearly camp meetings of the district tributary.

Abe Lincoln Post, No. 29, Grand Army of the Republic, intends to erect a handsome $5,000 monument in Fairview cemetery, and yesterday morning several representatives of the post and members of the city council, with the mayor, visited the proposed site. The county has donated $400 and a like amount is asked from the city. It is proposed to mount the cannon donated by the government and to prepare a fine driveway through the cemetery to the site.

Dr. H. S. West, porcelain crown and bridge work, No. 12 Pearl.

W. C. Dickey, successor to C. M. Fulton, groceries, 741 B'way. Call and see us.

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

Personal Paragraphs.

Fred Danielson of Minnesota was in the city yesterday.

W. H. Anderson of Glenwood was in the city yesterday.

Dr. C. W. McCormick of Denver was a guest of the Jameson yesterday.

Thomas Burchill is quite ill with influenza at his home on Washington avenue.

Marshal Nellis of Chicago is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. L. Gray, on Benton street.

W. H. Ohlemacher has gone to Aberdeen, Miss., to start an ax handle factory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawthorn have taken an eastern trip in the hope of benefitting his health.

Colonel J. J. Steadman left yesterday for Grand Island to attend the soldiers' encampment.

W. M. Drew of Duluth arrived in the city yesterday morning on a visit to his mother, on Mynster street.

Ferdinand Plumer of Sioux City is in the city on a visit to his brother, County Treasurer John Plumer.

E. A. Wickham left yesterday morning for Denver to look after his sewer work. He will return Saturday.

David E. Kallison of Moville, Ia., spent yesterday in the Bluffs. He was en route to his former home in Mills county.

Miss Sarah Durgan is visiting her parents at Tama City. She will visit a sister, Mrs. J. D. Curtin, at Chillicothe, Mo., before her return.

Revs. E. W. Farnsworth and L. T. Nicoly of Des Moines were in the city yesterday. They are prominent members of the Seven Day Adventist society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Inden arrived in the city yesterday from Silver Springs, Col., on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, on Harrison street.

Treasurer J. T. Granger of the Denver, Ft. Worth & Texas road arrived in the city yesterday morning in General Dodge's private car. He was joined here by Captain H. L. Henry for a trip to Denver and Salt Lake.

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

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

The water runs when Bixby plumbs.

The Republican Primaries.

The republicans of Council Bluffs will meet in delegate convention in the south court room of the county court house in Council Bluffs on Friday, February 28, at 2 p. m., to place in nomination candidates for the various city offices to be voted for at the ensuing election, March 3, 1890, and two members of the school board.

The primaries for the selection of delegates to said convention will be held on Thursday evening, February 20, at 7:30 o'clock, at the following named places:

First Ward—At John Hammer's office, and select seven delegates and nominate a candidate for ward alderman.

Second Ward—At the city building, and select six delegates and nominate a candidate for ward alderman.

Third Ward—At the office of E. S. Barnett, esq., and select eight delegates.

Fourth Ward—At the county court house and select seven delegates.

Fifth Ward—At Shield's store on Fifth avenue and select six delegates and nominate a candidate for ward alderman.

Sixth Ward—At No. 422 North Twenty-third street, corner Twenty-third street and Avenue E, and select five delegates and a candidate for ward alderman.

WILLIAM AREND,
Chairman Republican City Central Com.

C. H. steamdye works, 1013 Broadway

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

Reduced Freight Rates.

The agents of the various eastern roads centering in the Bluffs were busy yesterday notifying shippers of the great reduction in freight rates that is to take effect next Saturday. Under the revised list rates from Chicago to the Bluffs are as follows: First-class, 60 cents per 100; second class, 50 cents; third-class, 35 cents; fourth class, 25 cents; fifth class, 18 cents; class A, 25 cents; B, 23 cents; C, 15 cents; D, 14 cents; E, 13 cents. Corresponding reductions will be made from Mississippi river points. The reduction is just 20 per cent, and the officials of some of the roads predict a still more sweeping cut before very long. Of the twenty-eight roads in the association seventeen voted in favor of the reduction, and eleven against it.

The Ross Investment and Trust company.

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.

Lenten Services.

Today is the beginning of the Lenten season and is known as Ash Wednesday. Divine services will be held at St. Paul's church at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A three hours' service will be held this afternoon, commencing at [illegible] o'clock, for ladies only.

During the Lenten season services will be held by the Episcopalians as follows:

Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p. m.
Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p. m.
Confirmation Sunday, March 20.
Confirmation lectures, Thursday, 5 p. m.
Holy communion every Sunday, 9 a. m.

During holy week services will be held as follows:

Morning service every day, 10:30 p. m.
Wednesday and Good Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Saturday, Easter even, baptismal service.

Rev. T. J. Mackay has issued the following to his flock:

Dear Reader: Have you ever tried the experiment of a faithful attendance on the services of God's house? Perhaps you have never yet realized the necessity for such attendance. "Are you aware that you have an immortal soul which must be fed with the meat that cometh down from heaven, or it will surely die? Are you content to starve your soul in the midst of plenty? What will it profit you if you gain the whole world, and lose your own soul?" In the name of God I offer you increased opportunities for soul nurture. I implore you in Christ's name to try the experiment during this Lenten season, of a faithful attendance on the services of God's house. These services will be held during every week in Lent, and on Sundays. You will be cordially welcomed to each and all, and may God dispose you to make a proper use of them.

Confirmation will be administered the last Sunday in Lent—Passion Sunday, March 30th. Will you still hesitate, and refuse to come out on the Lord's side, or will you resolve that ere this Lent shall pass away, you will claim your right to be known as God's child and a member of Christ's dear family on earth. May God dispose you to act fearlessly. Your friend and rector,
T. J. MACKAY.

Removal.

George Metcalf has removed his real estate office from No. 10 Pearl street to room 240 Merriam block.

City Steam Laundry, 34 Main. Tel. 134.

Full line of homeopathic medicines at Ellis'.

Still They Come.

New candidates for city offices continue to bob up serenely as the days roll by. August H. Paris has publicly announced that he is an aspirant for the office of weighmaster and J. C. Lang has a kind of hankering to step into City Assessor Patton's shoes. City Clerk D. A. Farrell has concluded that his friends were not so very foolish after all, when they spoke of him several weeks ago as a candidate for marshal, and although he then denied that he had any aspirations for the office and stated that he was going west in the balmy spring time to become a mining millionaire, he has reconsidered the matter and is now willing to serve the city for a couple of years for what glory attaches to the office and the attendant salary of about $5,500 a year.

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.

District Court Doings.

The jury in the case of Flickinger vs Siedentopf returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of $4,064. The suit was brought to recover $5,000 on a realty deal, the plaintiff alleging that the tax title under which he made the purchase was defective. The case will be appealed. The case of Foreschheimer vs J. T. Stewart is now on trial. This is the fourth time this case has gone before a jury. On the last time the jury disagreed. The plaintiff sues to recover for a lot of hams purchased of the defendant, which he claims were spoiled. Several thousand dollars are involved in the suit. The case will occupy several days.

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

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

Save 80 per cent on tombstones and monuments. Design sheet and price list free. L. Kelley, 203 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

A New Benevolent Order.

A local branch of the Fraternal Mystic Circle was organized in the city Monday evening with nineteen charter members. The officers elected are: Ruler, George M. Gould; vice ruler, S. M. Beesly; chaplain, C. H. Richmond; recorder, C. M. Maynard; collector, J. B. Yeager; treasurer, L. C. Brackett; marshal, J. A. Gorham; warden, H. C. Oliver; guard, James McCleilan; sentry, Charles Bock; examiner, J. C. Waterman; trustees, T. E. Cavin, James Patterson and George H. Richmond.

The Council Bluffs insurance companies' 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. B. 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 Berry Good Deal.

Conductor R. K. Berry of the "Q" was receiving the congratulations of his friends yesterday upon the safe investment of a few of his surplus thousands. In conjunction with H. S. Storrs and S. N. Wilkinson he bought the property known as South Park in Creston, the handsomest and most valuable tract of property in the brightest little city in Iowa. The cash consideration was $3,500. The new owners have platted it and will sell it off in residence lots, and will make enough to build and equip a branch railroad.

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.

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

For Soldiers' Widows.

Messrs. J. C. DeHaven, John Lindt, J. J. Steadman and F. A. Sackett of Abe Lincoln post, with Mayor Rohrer and Aldermen Waterman, Lacy and Everett, yesterday morning visited several city lots with a view to allowing the ground to be used by Abe Lincoln post on which to erect a number of small but neat cottages to be occupied by widows of soldiers. The committee has selected lots 1 and 2, block 21, Beers' subdivision.

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

A DAY ON COLUMBIA RIVER.

Beautiful Scenery Around the Dalles and the Cascades.

MOUNT HOOD IN ALL ITS GLORY.

The Magnificent Peak Which Towers Three Miles Above the Surrounding Country—Hundreds of Tiny Cascades—Nature's Pictures.

On the Columbia.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(Special to THE BEE.)—I shall devote the present letter to the picturesque aspects of the Columbia river, from Ninetettah, where the railroad strikes the stream, to the mouth of the Willamette, some 180 miles.

When first seen the Columbia is a clear stream running over a gravelly bed between earthen banks, the ground above sandy and covered with sage-brush. A dull, leaden sky overhangs the scene; the snow has disappeared, and only the large masses of ice in the river suggest the season. The appearance of the stream is muddy, like that of the Ohio below Pittsburg. Further down, the banks grow higher, and the rock begins to outcrop above the track. At Arlington the river broadens out, the hills rise two or three hundred feet, and the bed of the stream is filled with rocky mosses and broken stone. Bunches of black rock rise here and there above the surface of the water. The aspect of the scene is sufficiently forbidding to satisfy the most romantic. The fog fills the crevices of the hills, and overhangs the stream. The big, black stones along the river bed look through the mist like huge animals reposing on the river bottom. Rocky masses stand between the railroad and the river, as though piled up by human hands, so regular are they, and the spaces between are covered with a thick sward of greenest moss, while here and there a few evergreens remind one that all is not desolation and death. At one spot a rocky island fifteen feet in height extends for some distance in the river, as regular as though the hand of man had fashioned it, while above at the foot of the heighth a solid wall is seen level enough to be used for a railroad bed. Here and there a tiny frozen water fall hangs suspended from the height above, held in the white arms of the frost king.

At the Dalles, we take a boat to run down some twenty miles to the cascades. The scenery grows more impressive. All around are seen the snow-capped heights, covered with firs. The rocks along the river are frequently columns. The river, half a mile in width, constantly curves; there are frequent gorges; large rocks stand in the streams completely moss-covered. On the head of a rocky island known as Mamaloose, signifying in the Chinook language the "Isle of the Dead," is an ancient Indian burial place, in which stands a marble monument to Victor Irwet, Oregon's famous pioneer, and a firm friend of the Indians, among whom he lies buried here.

The entrance to the cascades is a beautiful and romantic place. The gorge widens out into a valley for a mile; numerous little islands dot the stream, and the course of the river where it suddenly narrows and enters the gorge cannot be seen from the boat. In the center of one of the little islands stands a lofty moss covered rock, as regular in form and as picturesque in site as though placed there by the skillful landscape gardener. Beyond the railroad bridge over which the narrow gauge—the first piece of railroad built in Washington territory—finds its way, a hundred feet above the river stands a singular and somber structure. Built of hewn logs, it consists of a central projection with a wing on either side; it is two stories in height, and is pierced with two small windows on either side high up towards the roof, and with a row of loopholes lower down, through which a gun could be fired. Coming closer, the structure is seen to stand a hundred feet above, on the crest of a narrow ridge, from which the ground slopes away precipitously on three sides, with the river all around, except on one side where there is a deep and narrow gorge. On this hill and in this rude forte Phil Sheridan with a few men held at bay a large boly of Indians, having with his small arms one cannon, which he used with terrible effect. As fast as the red man clambered up the steep ascent, they were mown down by shot, and finally were defeated. The scenery along the narrow gauge railroad for two or three miles is very grand. The road winds about and crosses lofty bridges and pierces the spurs of the mountains two or three hundred feet above the raging stream.

I came up from Portland to the cascades and saw the beautiful scenery through the mountains by daylight. From Portland the boat goes down the Willamette some six miles and then turns eastward on the Columbia and runs twenty-five miles before entering the gorges of the Cascade mountains. We make a brief stop at Fort Vancouver, a rambling, picturesque old town, with a fort along the stream, where both Grant and Sheridan served long before the civil war.

Just beyond, a view wholly unexpected is had of two famous mountain heights—Mount Hood, the highest peak in the United States, Mount St. Helens, which is nearly as high and equally as impressive. The latter is seen in the north, and presents a form of singular beauty. The vast mass completely covered with show, has the regularity of a snow mound made by children at play. Turning east into the Columbia, which is here two or three miles in width, and is filled with low, wooded islands, a perfect view of Mount Hood is obtained. Only twenty-five miles away every outline of the majestic form and every beauty of the sky is faithfully reflected in the placid waters of the Columbia, which "hold a mirror up to nature." The sun is about to rise behind the mountain, and the reddening sky and fleecy clouds catching the height far above, form a setting for the Noleh mountain-farm which the artist might long to behold. The snow which lies on the height of Mount Hood perpetually, now covers the entire mountain. The peak appears sharp and regular, rising two and a half miles above the intervening densely-wooded foot hills, which seem placed there as a foil to set off to the best advantage the snowy peak. The lofty pure white outlines of the mountain are finely contrasted with the dark green moss of the hills below, and with the reddening sky and the amber clouds above. One stands spell-bound in the presence of the aerial peak, as if fearing that it might fade away and vanish—"the unsubstantial fabric of a vision"—if once the attention is withdrawn from it.

The romantic interest of the ride awakened by such a scene continues unabated, ever-changing and ever-new for more than sixty miles. The Columbia, where the sight of Mount Hood was obtained, is only thirty feet above the sea. The ocean tides, which rise two and a half feet at Portland, reach up to this point. Incessantly as one passes up the river beyond, he sees on either hand cascady falling from the dizzy heights a thousand feet above. They look a quarter of a mile away like moving silver snakes slowly uncoiling and wending their course down from midway up the mountain. The rocks everywhere, from base to summit, are green with a growth of thickest moss and the firs on their tops seem like the bursting forth of their massive foundations into leafy bloom. Standing mid-stream, there rises a rocky mass a hundred feet across, thickly covered with pines, from among which there runs up a long, slender rocky tower a few feet in diameter, thickly coated to the top with densest moss, with which the entire body of the rocks is clothed.

Multnomah falls look a mile away like a slender curving mass of ice suspended from the rocks. They have a width of several feet and fall in a sheer descent of 640 feet, and run into the river below over a foaming cascade. A hundred feet away, is the Bridal fall, which is wider but so thin as to look like a film of the most exquisite lace. There are a half dozen other falls on either side, in which the water comes from 1,500 feet above in a series of the most exquisite curves. There is one which drops from a perpendicular ledge of rocks several hundred feet in height and becomes spray and then turns to water again on the rocks below. Another is spread out like a vast filmy web hanging over the precipice. The snow-covered heights rise on either hand in every variety of form, a mile into the air. At a turn in the river stands a perpendicular moss-covered rocky mass, 500 feet in height, which is divided into regular columns, all smoothly worn, down which descend half a dozen tiny cascades, which look like molten silver, and dissolve into rainbows just before they reach the river. Again is seen a row of wigwam-like rocks, standing sentinel-like along below the cliffs.

Taken all in all, this trip seems like a journey in fairyland, all is so romantic, so attractive and yet so regular. The lower Columbia may not surpass the Rhine in picturesqueness—the Rhine does not equal the Columbia in scenic variety and grandeur.
D. C. B.

Change of life, backache, monthly irregularities, hot flashes, are cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Free samples at Kuhn & Co., 15th and Douglas.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Taken Away From the Sheriff.

The stock of goods in the hands of R. E. Kuhn at his store near the B. & M. depot was replevined from Sheriff Boyd Monday afternoon by Coroner Harrigan. The property has been the cause of several attachments and actions in replevin for the last ten days at the instance of Sioux City firms. Kuhn purchased the goods from a man named Ryan at Emerson, Neb., but the latter had not paid the Sioux City jobbers for them. Coroner Harrigan played the part of sheriff for the first time with the grace of an old sheriff.

Stole Van Dusen's Coat.

Attorney Van Dusen suffered a sore affliction Monday evening. The case of Allstadt, the motor conductor, and Hingman, the South Omaha jeweler, who were arrested for fighting and disturbing the peace on a motor train Saturday night, was on trial before Judge King. Mr. Van Dusen was looking after the interests of his client, Hingman, and was detained in the court until about 5:30 in the evening. When he returned to his office he discovered that some thief had stolen his best winter overcoat. The garment was valued at $25.

Both Allstadt and Hingman were fined $5 and costs. Allstadt paid his fine but Van Dusen filed notice of appeal from the decision of the court on his client's part. He purposes to sue the street railway company for damages for ejecting Hingman from a moving car.

Knights Will Enjoy Themselves.

The members of Enterprise lodge, No. 79, Knights of Pythias, have arranged for a musical and literary social at their hall on Twenty-five and N streets, for Friday evening. The lodge has sent out neat invitation cards to its friends, inviting them to be present. During the evening a collation will be served. Following are the committees having the entertainment in charge:

Arrangements—J. F. Ritchhart, Alfred A. Gary, T. C. Marsh.

Programme—Alfred A. Gary, J. H. Bullis, A. W. Saxe.

Refreshments—J. D. Robinson, E. K. Wells, A. N. Shriver.

Reception—A. J. Baldwin, A. Carpenter, W. A. Schrei.

Master of Ceremonies—Major W. G. Sloane.

Foresters Make Merry.

Rowley's hall presented a merry scene Monday night, the occasion being the ball given by Court Magic City, Independent Order of Foresters. The Foresters' band furnished excellent music. The success of the very enjoyable affair is due to the excellent work of the arrangements committee, consisting of Messrs. James H. Fleming, Bernard J. Flood, Captain John J. Sexton, A. M. Gallagher, Judge Patrick, J. King, William Brennan, Charles Gallagher and Charles Singer. A handsome sum was realized.

The Comique's Regular Row.

The daily fight at the Theater Comique ocurred late Monday afternoon. Three young men named Patrick Fahey, Frank Jamison and Patrick Murray played football with McGovern, the proprietor. They were out for a fight and previous to going to the alleged theater are said to have had trouble in another saloon. Yesterday Fahey and Murray were fined $3 and costs, while Jamison was dismissed.

A $300 Blaze.

A small fire in Maloney & Mahoney's block, corner Twenty-fifth and N streets, last night scorched the fixtures in Walker & Co.'s grocery, Gus Watterman's saloon and Sam Lee's laundry to a total of about $300.

City Notes and Personals.

Isaac Young is in Minden for a short visit.

J. A. Hake is entertaining his brother, B. F. Hake of San Francisco.

Mrs. Lena Rabonovitz of Omaha is visiting at the home of Justice Levy.

The Bible class will meet at the home of Miss Ella McDonald on Thursday evening.

Dr. Albert Von Egeert and wife of Moore, Ia., are visiting at the home of Rudolph Houtz.

Charles Still, a drunk, was fined $5 and costs yesterday. In default he went to the county jail.

The Theater Comique has produced a police court case on an arrest every day since Friday last.

George W. Peck, South Omaha's pioneer caterer, has gone to Salt Lake City to try his fortunes with the Mormons.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season. The customary service of blessing and distributing ashes will occur in the morning at St. Agnes' and St. Bridget's Catholic churches.

South Omaha's letter carriers and their friends who accompanied them to the carriers' ball in Omaha Monday night, report an enjoyable time. Quite a number from South Omaha were in attendance.

At the meeting of the Pennsylvania society at Omaha Monday it was decided to hold a series of socials at the homes of members. The first one will be held at the home of S. P. Brigham in South Omaha on Thursday evening.

The Only One.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway is the only line running solid vestibuled, electric lighted and steam heated trains between Chicago, Council Bluffs and Omaha.

The berth reading lamp feature in the Pullman sleeping cars run on these lines is patented and cannot be used by any other railway company. It is the great improvement of the age. Try it and be convinced.

Sleeping cars leave the Union Pacific depot, Omaha, at 6 p. m. daily, arriving at Chicago at 9:30 a. m. Passengers taking this train are not compelled to get out of the cars at Council Bluffs and wait for the train to be cleaned. Get tickets and sleeping car berths at Union ticket office, 1501 Farnam st.
F. A. NASH, Gen. Agt.
J. E. PRESTON, Pass. Agt.

A DRAMA OF DESPAIR.

Edgar Fawcett's Greatest Work, "The Evil that Men Do."

Edgar Fawcett has sounded a new and resonant chord on his many-stringed intellectual lyre in "The Evil that Men Do," his latest and greatest work.

His tinkling tunes that accompanied boudoir babble and colorless intrigues in social life have given place to melancholy measures in minor keys, full of weird echoes and heart sobs, the wail of lost souls from wanderers in the cities at night.

"The Evil that Men Do" is not a cheerful book; it is terrible with the reality of truth, a sermon preached by the stones of a cruel city; the story of blind endeavor to struggle towards the light, vain wanderings in the hopeless labyrinth of sin, broken hearts and hopes, and confirmation of the old despair.

The trials of the working girl have enlisted the sympathy of American authors before this, but they generally make her happy in the end, and crown her life's sorrow with a rich marriage. A floral bell and a father's blessing are not the reward of every working girl in real life, but the exception, and yet, to please a certain class of readers who "want a story to end right," these interesting adjuncts are usually dragged into stories that deal with the lower million.

Mr. Fawcett's realistic picture is not the story of one woman's struggles against sin in this city; it is the story of many. We have but to study the faces in police courts and on the streets, when shadows lengthen, for confirmation of its terrible and impressive truthfulness. No false sentiment has deterred him from the task of depicting the tearful tragedies that are enacted before unfeeling audiences within our gates.

The unweaned intellect will probably pronounce "The Evil That Men Do" as highly improper because the scene is laid in sordid and unsavory surroundings and the leading characters are very humble persons. If there was only a high-life atmosphere to the tale, if the heart cries were smothered behind damask curtains and the tragic air was sweet with the scent of roses, these readers would find such stories as "The Evil That Men Do" simply delightful.

For, as in real life, there are veneered aristocrats who don't want to meet poor people even in books; don't want to know how they live, love and suffer, and don't care. Perhaps because it gives them bad dreams and indigestion.

The sympathetic and humane reader will find in "The Evil That Men Do" a great moral lesson, the first intelligent attempt made by an American novelist to paint the working girl in truthful colors without any of the glamour of romance or the fripperies of silly sentiment. The plot is simple, its development tragic.

Low life with all its horrors is depicted in relentless colors by no uncertain hand. It is the story of a woman's martyrdom who has loved not wisely but too well, and who vainly struggles to free herself from the tentacles of sin that press her hard. At last, broken hearted and dragged down with despair, death is merciful, and her weary soul drifts out into the golden mysteries of night, "whither no man knoweth since the world began."

LARVÆ AS FOOD.

Roasted in Ashes, They Taste Better than an Omelet.

Here is an appetizing extract from "Among Cannibals": One night we spent in a cave near the brook * * * The cave was not large, and was low, cold and damp, and thus not very inviting. We had but its naked stones for a couch, for there was of course no grass to be found in the scrub. A big fire was kindled; outside it was pitch dark. My blacks had found in a large fallen tree some larvæ of beetles (Coleoptera) on which we feasted. There are several varieties of these edible larvæ, and all have a different taste. The best one is glittering white, of the thickness of a finger and is found in the acacia trees. The others live in the scrubs and are smaller and not equal to the former in flavor. The blacks are so fond of them that they even eat them alive, while they pick them out of the decayed trunk of a tree—a not very attractive spectacle. The larvæ were usually collected in baskets and so taken to the camp. The Australian does not as a rule eat raw animal food; the only exception I know of being these coleoptera larvæ. The large fire crackled lustily in the cave while we sat around it preparing the larvæ. We simply placed them in the red-hot ashes, where they at once became brown and crisp, and the fat fairly bubbled in them while they were being thus prepared. After being turned once or twice they were thrown out from the ashes with a stick and were ready to be eaten. Strange to say, these larvæ were the best food the natives were able to offer me, and the only kind which I really enjoyed. If such a larva is broken in two it will be found to consist of a yellow and tolerably compact mass, rather like an omelet. In taste it resembles an egg, but it seemed to me that the best kind, namely, the acacia larvæ, which has the flavor of nuts, tasted even better than a European omelet. The natives always consumed the entire larva, while I usually bit off the head and threw aside the skin, but my men always consumed my leavings with great gusto. They also ate the beetles as greedily as the larva, simply removing the hard wings before roasting them.

Baboon's Fondness for Goat Milk.

The baboons, always troublesome to the crops, have of late developed a new propensity, says Public Opinion. Mr. H. A. Bryden, author of "Kloof and Karroo" (Longmans), says: "Some years back some one baboon having come across the dead body of a milch goat, discovered and extracted the milk-bag, and, like Eve, 'saw that it was good.' His discovery must have been quickly imparted to his fellows, for the Karroo farmers began to find their milch goats ripped up by these brutes solely for the sweet and luscious milk. The baboons, too, becoming accustomed to butchering, presently turned their attention to the flesh, and will now destroy kids—and if they can manage it, goats—for their flesh alone." As the author remarks, this modern development of a carnivorous habit coincident with the increase of flocks is analogous to that observed in the sheep-killing parrot of New Zealand.

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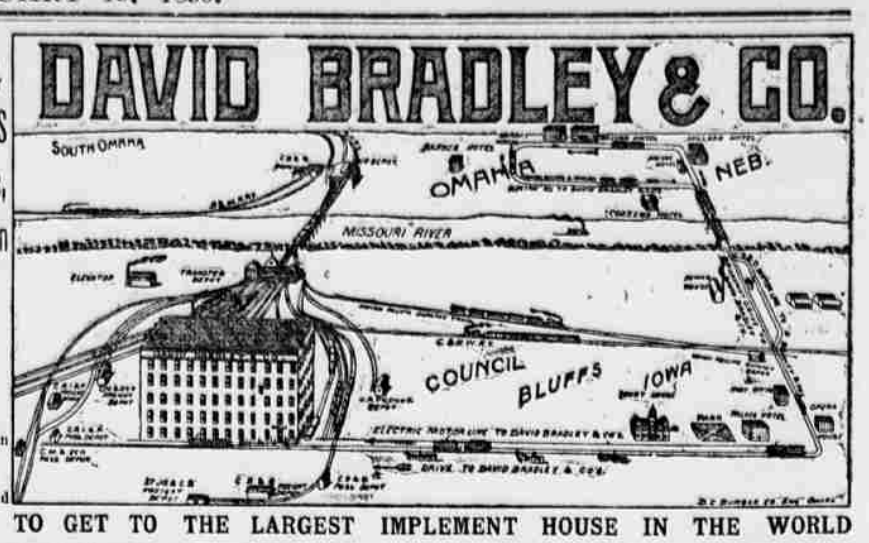

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