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Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block.

Wanted, good girl for general housework. Mrs. H. W. Tilton, 527 Fifth avenue.

Schuyler Harris and Miss Maggie Orr, both of this city, were married Saturday night by Justice Patton.

The jury in the case of the Lake Manawa railway company came in last night, at 8 o'clock, with a verdict for the defendant.

City Treasurer Kinnehan redeemed $9,853 worth of bonds yesterday, which were held by the Park National bank of New York city.

The city treasury was replenished yesterday by an addition of $8,742, which was transferred from the county treasury, as the city's share of the fall taxes.

The regular meeting of Encampment No. 8, Union Veteran Legion, will be held at the hall on Pearl street this evening at which a full attendance is desired.

Large gangs of men are kept constantly at work cutting ice on the river, at Lake Manawa and on the reservoir. The ice men seem to realize that now is the chance of a lifetime.

The Dodge light guards gave one of their always popular dancing parties last evening in their armory. A large number of the leading young people of society was present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Officers Ed Martin and Beswick and Deputy Marshal White leave today for Fremont to testify against the four alleged burglars who were taken there from the Bluffs, and are now on trial in the Fremont courts.

O. E. Beswick received notice yesterday of the death of his uncle, Henry Curtis, which took place last Saturday at the home of the deceased in Avoca. He was the father-in-law of Congressman Bob Hart of Avoca.

Nicholas, familiarly known as "Little Nick" son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherlock, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, aged two and a half years. The funeral will be had this forenoon at 10 o'clock from the residence, 520 Ninth avenue.

Messrs. Stout, Abney & Co. have sold the Ogden house property to Mr. H. L. Parmelee of Valley Creek, Tex. It is stated that the new owner will close the hotel for a time, and will thoroughly renovate the building, inside and out.

The question for discussion at the meeting of the Council Bluffs medical society, to be held at Dr. Macrae's office tomorrow evening is, "What are the indications and contra-indications for the use of alcohol in the treatment of disease?"

The Catholic Mutual Benefit association gave a very pleasant entertainment at Hughes' hall last night. A programme was rendered in which some of the local amateur talent took part. The latter part of the evening was given up to dancing.

The plan of celebrating the anniversary of the Young Men's Christian association by a double meeting next Sunday evening has been abandoned so far as the meeting which was advertised for the Masonic Temple is concerned. The meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian church and will be addressed by the pastors of the city and others.

Deputy Sheriff Campbell of Glenwood was in the city yesterday, with the other member of the oat-thieving gang, whom he failed to get the last time he was here. The name of the culprit is W. H. Hansen. He is an Omaha man, and was arrested across the river at Campbell's request. He was taken to Glenwood last evening.

A masquerade ball will be given this evening by the Maennerchor society in the Masonic temple. The committees which have in charge the evening's festivities are as follows: Arrangements, E. Duerr, L. A. Bergman, B. Grahl, F. Sperling, F. Hermann, A. Rink, F. Geise, R. Marx. Floor, R. Marx, T. D. King, L. A. Webber, Harry Schmidt, J. B. McDermitt.

John Lahey, a sympathetic soul whose tender-heartedness will some day be the death of him, was found passing a large flask of whiskey through the bars of the city jail yesterday to a crowd of prisoners who had flocked to the window to see which should be the one to get the first pull at the tempting looking object. Unfortunately Captain Martin happened along just before he accomplished his purpose, and the thirsty ones were compelled to remain thirsty. Lahey stated that he had just come up from St. Joseph, Mo., where he had done a great deal of missionary work of that sort. He will tell Judge McGee more about himself in the morning.

It is reported that the school board has reconsidered its determination never to have another meeting and will get together some time during the present week. The president has not yet issued a call for a meeting but it is understood that the other members will ask that a call be made in a very short time. Mr. Stewart not being a candidate for re-election, does not care particularly whether the board meets any more or not, but the members who hold over for another year feel some slight interest in the matter. The work that will come before the board when it meets will be principally connected with the coming school election, such as the appointing of clerks and judges and the selection of polling places. Some of the committees will also probably make their annual reports.

The state convention of the Young Men's Christian association will be held at Burlington from the 18th to the 22d of the present month. A number of the most prominent association workers in the country will be present and address the convention, among others Hon. J. V. Farwell of Chicago, F. L. Johnston of St. Louis, State Secretary Gordon of Ohio, John R. Mott of New York, and Hon. T. E. Clark of this state. Prof. Towner of Northfield, Mass., one of the most successful conductors of gospel singing in the country, will have charge of the music. Reduced rates have been secured on all roads in the state and delegates will be entertained free during the convention, provided their names are sent to E. A. Barrett, Burlington, Ia., not later than the 15th.

Pure fresh drugs at Davis', opposite Ogden.

Do not forget the "Culinary Mystery" at the Masonic temple on Wednesday evening, an entertainment under the auspices of the young ladies of the Broadway Methodist church. The programme will be charming and the supper well worth the 25 cents admission which is all the whole entertainment costs.

Boys Wanted
at American district telegraph office.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Congressman J. R. Reed has returned from Washington.

John Shickentanz, sr., has gone to Colfax Springs for a visit of several weeks.

Miss Kate Geiser of New York city is the guest of her brother, Frank Geiser, yardmaster at the Northwestern yards.

L. E. Robbins, formerly a clerk of the Council Bluffs savings bank, but at present a resident of Kansas City, spent Sunday in the Bluffs. He is about to locate in Texas.

Mr. Thomas Matthews, who lived in Valley township, this county, fifteen years ago, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Sheriff O'Neill. He is now located at Pullman, Wash.

Orders for tables and chairs for paries formerly sent to C. A. Beboe & Co., will be filled by Lund & Nelson at their new furniture store, 211 Main street.

Pomona Brand Hoarhound tablets will relieve your cough. Pomona stamped on each tablet. Ask your druggist or candy dealer for them.

Recollect that the only installment house in Council Bluffs and the largest installment house in the west is Mandel & Klein's. We sell at eastern prices every article of household furniture you use, and instead of requiring you to pay cash we let you have it on easy payments. There is no necessity of denying yourself the use of any article when you can get everything you want on such easy terms. The largest stock of carpets, stoves and furniture in the city to select from. 320 Broadway.

THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS.

The Bankrupt Eiseman Stock of Dry Goods is Sold to an Omaha Firm.

A MERRY HORSETHIEF IN THE LAND.

A Serious Accident to a Hardin Township Lady—The Dodge Light Guards After a Band—Minor Mention.

A sudden movement was made in the Eiseman store yesterday afternoon that occasioned a sensation, All departments of the building were crowded with shoppers and the clerks were on the jump. A conference was being held in the private office, attended by Mr. Holden and several other gentlemen, among whom were some prominent Omaha merchants. The nature of the conference was indicated moment later, when an order was given to close the doors and admit no more customers. The people in the store were allowed to complete their purchases, but after half an hour had elapsed orders were given to the clerks to cease selling goods. The announcement was then made that the entire stock had been sold to Omaha parties and that no more goods would be sold from the stock in Council Bluffs.

The announcement created a sensation and there were many disappointed people who had put off their shopping until Monday afternoon.

Mr. Holder was interrogated by a reporter for THE BEE as to the nature of the deal.

"The entire stock had been sold in a lump to Omaha parties, and the goods will be taken across the river and sold at Hayden Brothers'. The sale was a purely business transaction, but it was not made because we feared that we would be unable to dispose of the immense amount of goods in the short time necessary to a profitable business. We bought the stock for the purpose of making money, and it made no difference to us if we sold it at wholesale or retail. Our retail sales were unprecedented. We have been in this business for the past eighteen years and have sold out such stocks in cities and towns in all parts of the country, but our business here was a record-breaker. It has quadrupled our expectations. The success attracted attention all over the country, and was of such magnitude as to attract the attention of the commercial papers, where the first three days' sales are referred to as unprecedented in retail business. This remarkable record attracted the attention of wholesale buyers, and the consequence was that many offers were made to us, and negotiations have been pending with various parties for several days. Several propositions came from Chicago. The final proposition was made today, and the deal was closed up within five minutes.

"We have only the kindliest feelings for Council Bluffs, and we dislike to see the stock leave the city. Considering the immense business done and the number of people engaged it is remarkable that there was so little friction. Our clerks were faithful and efficient, and Mr. Eiseman's old employes have earned a splendid reputation for themselves in our estimation."

The Manhattan, sporting headquarters. N. O'Brien.

To Clergymen.

By returning your half fare permits, good in one state only, you will then receive permits good over the entire Burlington system.

CAPTAIN O. M. BROWN.

Bell & Son's new grocery takes the lead on Upper Broadway. No old stock.

The new dental rooms of Drs. Woodbury are the finest and most complete in the west. Next to the new Grand. "Telephone, 145."

Disturbers of the Peace.

Judge McGee had before him several offenders for a change yesterday morning in police court. Frank Pike and J. H. Young, two men who got into a fight on Broadway Sunday evening and blackened each other's eyes, were fined $14.60. The same amount was taxed against William Lewis, the proprietor of the hack line, for getting thrashed in a Broadway saloon at an early hour Sunday morning. Walter Hines, a very young man who had a fight with another young man named Frank Bell, was fined $10.20. His companion failed to be on hand for trial and his case was continued until this morning, William Frixel, a saloonkeeper, who had been arrested on the charge of keeping his place open on Sunday, was discharged. When arraigned he told a story, very much like the one that forms the stock in trade of the average saloonkeeper who occasionally gets pulled up short for committing the same offense. A man had come to him and besought him by all he held dear to give just one drop of whisky, as his wife and child were very ill and he was very thirsty. The tender-hearted saloonist at last consented, and afterwards found that the thirsty stranger was a spy, who testified against him. In spite of this touching tale, he was found guilty and fined $15.70. Upon examination, however, it was found that no information had been issued against him, and he was discharged.

Best heavy goods, 25 per cent off, cash. Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway.

Choul Moo Gra—at DeHaven's.

J. C. Bixby, steam heating, sanitary engineer, 202 Merriam block, Council Bluffs

The best French cook in western Iowa is at the Hotel Gordon, Council Bluffs.

Horse Thieves at Work.

The authorities received a telephone message yesterday from the authorities at Weston asking them to be on the lookout for a couple of horse thieves that had just been playing their trade in that village. They were described as Swedes or Danes, wearing broad brimmed hats, and driving a team of horses, one brown and the other roan, hitched to a bob-sled. When last seen they were headed directly for the Bluffs.

A horse thief also got in his work at Portsmouth, a station on the Milwaukee. The only thing that is known about his looks is that he has a light complexion and a sandy mustache. The horse which he has made way with is a bay, with one fore and one hind foot white. It is said that the Glenwood police think he is the one who stole the horse at Glenwood, of which mention was made in these columns about two weeks ago. It is thought that he went in a northerly direction from Glenwood with the booty he got there and is now on his return from another similar expedition in Portsmouth. He is now headed for Plattsmouth, Neb., it is learned from a letter which he mailed from Portsmouth yesterday, and a guard will be placed there to take charge of him when he arrives.

Evans Laundry Co., 520 Pearl street. Telephone 290. Goods called for and delivered.

Call on Schurz-Smith Co. for chattel loans and real estate. 26 Pearl st.

Colorado Cough and Catarrh Root at DeHaven's Drug Store.

The Fifth Regiment Band.

The members of the Dodge light guard have just received notice from Colonel Castle of Shenandoah that they might expect to see the Fifth regimental band of the Iowa National guard stationed in this city at no distant day. This is what the boys have been working for for a long time past. It will be no small feather in their caps, they think to go to encampment during the summer accompanied by a band that is all their own. No less than half a dozen military officers are now stationed here beside the members of the company, and it would make the city still more of a military headquarters to have the regimental band here also. At present the band is at Bedford, but it is said they have grown tired of the honor and have asked to be mustered out. Their request has been granted, so that the place is now open for applications. Col. Castle has always had a warm place in his heart for the

crack military organization of the state and he has accordingly done all he could to help them win the coveted honor. Mr. Dalbey has been asked to undertake the organization of a band which would be worthy of the position, and while he has not yet given a definite answer, the members of the company are in hopes he will not compel the honor to go begging.

Free List Suspended.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb. 9, 1891.—To the Citizens of Council Bluffs and to the Stockholders of the Council Bluffs Theater Company: All the officers of the Council Bluffs theater company take this public method to inform the citizens of Council Bluffs, as well as all stockholders of said company, that they will not, under any circumstance whatever, take, receive, accept or retain any complimentaries, passes or free tickets which will entitle them to any of the benefits of any entertainment that may be presented by said theater company. All the officers of this company have assumed the responsibilities of their offices and will discharge the duties thereof without any pay or compensation of any kind or character. Their services are to be rendered gratuitously and simply for the purpose of helping along the best interests of Council Bluffs, and to not only have an opera house which will be a pride to the city, but also entertainments which every patron thereof can enjoy. .

The officers of the company want it distinctly understood that no passes, free tickets or complimentaries of any kind or character are to be issued to any one, persons or corporations, except to the press, and that no manager, agent, servant or employe of the company shall have any right or privilege whatsoever to issue any complimentary, free ticket or pass. John N. Baldwin,

President Council Bluffs Theater Co.

J. F. Kimball,
E. W. Hart,
F. H. Evans,

Executive Committee Council Bluffs Theater Company.

Don't Want to Hold the Bag.

The creditors of the ex-firm of H. Eiseman & Co., who tried to put a quietus on the sale of the stock by levying attachments upon it just before the time at which the sale was advertised to begin, came to the surface again yesterday. A petition was filed in district court in which they were the plaintiffs, and Henry Eiseman & Co., Henry Eiseman, Simon Eiseman, Officer & Pusey, Ries, Stix & Co., Stix, Krause & Co., Simon Bamberger and S. P. MacConnell are made defendants. Sims & Saunders are the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

In their petition the plaintiffs cite that on January 28 they began suit by attachment against the Eisemans because they had been left out in the cold by the firm when it made its Christmas day assignment. The whole stock and all the fixtures, they claim, were covered by mortgages which had been executed the day before the assignment was made for the purpose of favoring these creditors at the expense of the plaintiffs. The upshot of all of which is that they want the mortgages which were executed in favor of Officer & Pusey, Rice, Stix & Co., Stix, Krausa & Co. and Simon Bamberger cancelled and declared null and void. They also want a judgment against the defendants for costs of the present action and for such other claims as may seem just.

Buy your coal and wood of C. B. Fuel Co., 539 Broadway. Telephone 136.

A Strange Accident.

News was received in this city yesterday of a serious accident, the victim of which was Mrs. R. C. Smith, of Hardin township. Last Friday she was making preparations to start for town on a shopping expedition. She was getting into the wagon, when suddenly the horses became frightened and started to run. Mrs. Smith was thrown to the ground, one of the rear wheels of the vehicle passing over her. Mr. Smith who was in the wagon, had dropped one of the lines, but he pulled the other frantically. In the meantime his daughter ran out to help her mother up, but before she could do so, the frightened horses, guided by the single rein in the hands of their master, had circled around and were directly upon the prostrate woman again. Mr. Smith's tugging and pulling were of no avail and both Mrs. Smith and the daughter passed under the wheels, the former for the second time. The daughter escaped with no injuries beyond a few bruises, but Mrs. Smith was not so fortunate. An examination by a physician showed that several ribs and the collar bone were broken, and she also received severe internal injuries. She is still in a very critical condition and her physician is far from sure that the outcome will be favorable.

No. 104 Broadway contains the best stock of groceries in the city. J. W. Kelley.

Our Remarkable Success

Enables us to present for your consideration prices without a precedent in the history of Council Bluffs. All goods are warranted new and clean, equal to the best any market affords. Only one price and terms strictly cash. Call and see and be satisfied that we are right.

Davis' Royal No. 10 flour, $1.50; Davis' Blue D flour, $1.35; Gold Medal flour, $1.45; Minnesota Superlative flour, $1; Snowflake flour, $1; 15 lbs granulated sugar for $1; 17 lbs extra C granulated sugar for $1; 20 lbs New Orleans sugar for $1; Arbuckle coffee, per pkge, 25c; German coffee, per pkge, 25c; King's buckwheat, per pkge, 10c; crackers, per lb, 5c; 3 lbs ginger snaps for 25c; 2 loaves bread for 5c; 3 lbs mince meat, 25c; 3 cans tomatoes, 25c; 3 cans corn, 25c; Page, Norton & Co flour, $1.25 a sack; 3-lb pail lard for 23c; 5-lb pail lard for 38c; oil sardines, per can, 5c; 2 cans mustard sardines for 25c; California hams, per lb, 6c; good broom for 10c; 50 good cigars for 75c; 20-lb pail jelly for 75c; 2½-gal pail syrup for 85c; 5-gal keg syrup for $1.40; pail white fish for 60c.

Brown's C. O. D. Grocery,
Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Getting Down to Business.

Mr. Lew Smith, the new manager of the opera house, has arrived in the city and taken hold of his new labors with a will. The first thing he did was to get the newly formed orchestra together and have a rehearsal under its leader, C. W. Dalbey. The rehearsal lasted three hours and was calculated to impress the musicians with the fact that no half-way work would be tolerated. The orchestra consists of twelve pieces and is to be thoroughly drilled before it is allowed to appear in public.

The members of the executive committee have greatly shocked the lay members of the association by issuing a communication in which they state they will not consent to receive any passes or any other pay for their work. They have decided to issue no passes whatever excepting to the representatives of the press. The proclamation is signed by the president and executive committee in full, and is to be preserved as a lasting monument of the self-denial of these gentlemen.

District Court.

The case of the Lake Manawa railway company vs J. W. Squire was completed in district court yesterday afternoon and given to the jury. The next case to be taken up was that of Henry L. Haworth vs the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. The suit is one for damages which the plaintiff claims to have suffered from a fire which was caused by a spark from a passing engine during April, 1889, at his farm near Yorkshire, Harrison county. He claims that corn in the crib, orchards, and barns, to the value of $1,700, were destroyed, and asks damages in that amount. N. M. Pusey is the attorney for the plaintiffs, and Wright & Baldwin for the railroad. The case was tried in the district court a year ago and resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

The Capital Was Mostly Wind.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Brooklyn branch of the Merchants Co-operative bank, the operations of which were made public last summer, is closed and no one can be found who knows anything of its affairs. The last financial statement showed receipts of $5,242, of which the directors contributed $2,352 from the expense fund, and the assets amounted to $2,039. The ostensible capital was $200,000,000.

Trains Blockaded at Denver.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 9.—No Rock Island nor Burlington trains have entered Denver for twenty-four hours. The outgoing Union Pacific train is held here.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Attempted Suicide of an Aged Citizen of Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Henry Messerschmidt, eighty-six years old, attempted suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. Since his arrival here about six months ago he has lived with his son. The old gentleman has been ailing for some time past which is supposed to have caused his mind to wander and while in this state attempted to take his life. A severe gash was inflicted, from which he bled quite freely. He was taken to St. Francis hospital for treatment and has fair prospects of recovery.

Business Changes at Valparaiso.

Valparaiso, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Today R. K. Johnson, who has been doing a banking business in Valparaiso for nearly a score of years, sold his bank and good will to an Ashland banking firm, of which E. A. Wiggenhorn is president, H. A. Wiggenhorn vice president and A. B. Chamberlain cashier. These gentlemen are favorably known to every old citizen of this vicinity, and will have the full confidence of every business man in Valparaiso. Mr. Chamberlain has charge of the business here and will be assisted in the office by his daughter. Mr. Johnson will continue in the grain and coal business.

An important change also takes place in the general merchandise business of Valparaiso March 1, B. R. B. Weber, having purchased the pioneer stock of L. M. Butler, will take possession on that day and will probably soon move the goods to the rooms formerly occupied by J. L. Magee & Son on the south side. Mr. Weber having plenty of means and enjoying the confidence of the community will do much toward bringing back to Valparaiso a great deal of trade which has been of late years given to neighboring towns.

Representative Dunn's Escape.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Hon. Francis Dunn, member of the legislature from Colfax county, met with a very painful accident at the Union Pacific depot shortly after noon today. He was en route to Lincoln and had a ticket from Columbus to the capital via Valley. When the 2:28 train, upon which Mr. Dunn was a passenger, arrived here, he stepped off to see whether he could not change his ticket or have it redeemed by the Union Pacific folks here, so that he might go down over the Elkhorn at 4 o'clock. This could not be done. Before Mr. Dunn had finished talking with the agent the train had started and he ran to get on board. In doing so he slipped and fell between the cars and the platform and was dragged in that perilous position for at least two car lengths, when he threw himself upon the platform, being greatly aided in this by the snow that had piled up under him as the train pushed him along. The injured man was quickly conveyed to the New York hotel and Dr. Devries called. The gentleman is badly injured in the side where he struck when he fell from the car steps. Mr. Dunn had two ribs broken and his arm and shoulder badly bruised.

Nebraska City Gets Its Bridge.

Nebraska City, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special to The Bee.]—It begins to look very much as if the Nebraska City precinct bridge bonds will be legal after all, and that the city will have an independent wagon bridge in spite of the B. & M. The passage of the bill, introduced in the legislature for the purpose of legalizing the bonds, is necessary to protect innocent purchasers of the bonds voted for the Misouri Pacific railroad, and the same bill will legalize those also voted for the bridge. Hon. John C. Watson is confident that the bill will pass, and the citizens are equally determined to have the bridge, and accept no favors from the B. & M., which has been grinding them for years. The interference of the B. & M. has resulted in a systematic boycott on the part of the merchants against that road, and the result is apparent in the fact that the Missouri Pacific has been compelled to enlarge its yard and track facilities here and put in a permanent switch engine and yard crew.

Fire at Cambridge.

Cambridge, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Another disastrous conflagration visited this place last night. About 2 o'clock Rankin Bros.' ice house was discovered in flames, and it was only a few minutes in communicating to their meat shop and Hanning & Stevens general merchandise store, quickly reducing them to ashes with their contents. A terrific blizzard was raging all day and night, and but for the heroic efforts of our citizens the whole business portion of town would have been entirely destroyed. The meat shop and tools were insured for $500. There was no insurance on the ice house, but most of the ice was saved and the general merchandise stock was insured for $3,500. The building was the property of Mr. Armstrong of Culbertson. It will be rebuilt at once. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the frequency of fires here of late and all occurring on Sunday night, too, is making the people do a good deal of hard thinking as to the cause.

They Were Too Lenient.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—City Marshal Glick and Patrolman Bishop were officially decapitated by Mayor Ebright Saturday night. The cause of their deposition is attributed to alleged leniency in pulling houses of vague virtue. The friends of the officers claim that their removal is caused through the machinations of some influential citizens whom they have arrested on several occasions for violation of municipal ordinances. Ex-City Marshal John Ashenfelter and Sam Hardwick have been appointed to the vacancies. Officer Ed Wilson will probably succeed Glick as city marshal. The removal of the officers is liable to create a lively commotion in the council meeting tomorrow evening, as both of the deposed policemen have influential friends on the board.

Lida and Bob Experimented.

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Lida Pickering and "Bob" Mott, a pair of giddy girls, came near losing their lives yesterday by taking an overdose of arsenic for their complexions. Prompt medical attention saved their lives and taught them that a knowledge of materia medica was most essential in administering drugs.

Failure at Bancroft.

Bancroft, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special to The Bee.]—A. P. Watson, who has been running a general store here for the past year, has been closed by some Omaha parties. Considerable litigation is expected over the goods, as different parties hold mortgages on the stock.

An Alliance Organ Wound Up.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Daily Arbor State, the alliance organ started here shortly after the election, discontinued publication with Saturday's issue. Its suspension is attributed to a lack of sufficient financial support.

An Ex-County Judge Dead.

Niobrara, Neb., (via Running Water, S. D.,) Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Thomas Paxton, the oldest continuous resident of Knox county, died tonight. He was county judge for fifteen successive years prior to 1876.

Labor Troubles in London.

London, Feb. 9.—[Special Cablegram to The Bee.]—The unloading of the steamer Parkmore from Baltimore today was the occasion for a fight between the dock laborers who are out on a strike and the stevedores and non-union men who were at work in the Parkmore. The strikers overpowered the stevedores and their men—obliging them to stop work. The police force on duty about the docks then interfered, effectively dispersing the strikers and enabling the stevedores to resume work.

Non-union men, protected by the police, are loading the steamer Tower Hill, which sails tomorrow for New York, with a free labor, or non-union crew.

Mme. Patti Indignant.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Patti is intensely indignant over her troubles in Berlin with Zette, who made a contract with her for a St. Petersburg concert. She says he did not fill his part of the contract and she will now sue him for illegal distraint.

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THEY MAY FIGHT YET.

McCarthy Has a Backer Who Will Agree to Anything.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Puritan Athletic club of Long Island City will presently be an institution of the past. The officials have discovered that they cannot have boxing matches in the town where their club house stands and they have no intentions of going elsewhere every time they want one, so they have practically decided to give up the ghost. Jimmy Wakely today declared that McCarthy and Dixon should yet meet. In the first place he offered to be responsible on McCarthy's behalf for $2,000 for that bet had been made between Joe Early and Tom O'Rourke. The McCarthy money in this wager was furnished by a prominent turfman, who considered the bet off when the boys failed to come together on February 5. Wakeley said he would bet that amount if Dixon would agree to box in private with the same gloves that were to have been used in Long Island City, or he would bet $4,500 or $5,000, as the Boston people preferred that McCarthy would defeat Dixon with gloves, the fight to take place with but ten men a side at the ring side. He was willing to go almost anywhere, even to Boston to have the dispute settled and said so in a dispatch to O'Rourke. The reply to that message will settle the question of "Who's afraid?" The fighters will have a few days to get back into the form they were in on February 5. In case the Boston people accept McCarthy has expressed a cheerful willingness to Waverly's proposition.

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STANFORD'S BOOM.

George Alfred Townsend Enlisted In Its Cause.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—People who think that Senator Stanford is not a candidate for the presidency would better watch the papers. Any close student of the newspapers of the day will not fail to observe that the senator's boom is on. His literary bureau is at work. Not content with employing a score or more of California writers, who are sounding his praises from Vancouver's Island to Key West, he has been lucky enough to secure the services of George Alfred Townsend, who is sending out in syndicate form a four-column screed containing an interview with the senator upon every subject under the sun. In that happy, discussive way which Mr. Townsend well knows how to employ, he interviews Mr. Stanford upon the grape crop in California, upon the land boom in Los Angeles, upon the growth of his great university, upon the size of wine vats, upon the complacency of the California legislature, upon theory and principles how best to run a commercial railroad in an agricultural country, upon who ought to succeed Uncle George Hearst if the latter should die, and finally upon whether anybody in California needs to borrow money from the government at 2 per cent upon his land holdings. The senator freely admits that he owns lands in California in fee simple equal to the whole area of the state of Connecticut, but himself does not care to borrow any money on it. Mr. Townsend does not seem to have put the question to the senator whether he has money to loan to his less fortunate neighbors, and therefore it must be assumed that he has not. By the way, it is said that Mr. Stanford's interview cost the Stanford literary bureau $500 and expenses.

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NEWS FROM THE PULPIT.

A Chicago Clergyman Wants to Revolutionize Methods of Preaching.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At the meeting of the Congregational ministers today Dr. Simeon Gilbert read a paper on "Truths to Be Made prominent," which caused a lively debate. He commenced by introducing the necessity of news matter in the pulpit. He said the only way to make the truth impress the people was to strike at the leading topics of the day; to find out what the people are thinking about and to use the subject as a medium for instruction. The ancient prophets did this and were the great journalists of their day. That there were no different lights in which to present the scriptures was a theory Dr. Gilbert did not accept. He thought there were and that they should be taken advantage of and hackneyed ways of expressing the truth should be fought clear of. "Responsibility of citizenship," he said, "was an ever ready theme of interest and one in which the truth could and should be clearly shown." Incidentally Dr. Gilbert paid his respects to Mayor Cregier's lax administration, touching on gambling and other sore spots in a way that will interest the mayor when he peruses the paper.

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A NEW SCHEME.

That of a Man With Knowledge of Human Gullibility.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] Several weeks ago a man named Williams advertised extensively throughout the papers for a farm. He received some three hundred replies and in each case notified the seller that his particular farm in every way answered the purposes, but that it would be necessary to send car fare for the buyer and agent to defray the expenses of a trip to inspect the property before purchasing. He succeeded in getting several thousand dollars from his victims and last week departed for parts unknown. Letters containing money and drafts are still coming in for Williams, but they will be returned to the writers by the police authorities. Williams' departure was hastened by a request from Inspector McAleese to call upon him and explain his method of doing business.

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Silver Congressmen Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A meeting of about fifteen republican representatives was held at the house of Representative Townsend of Colorado tonight to discuss the present phase of the senate silver bill. While the extreme silver men were unwilling to accept anything that did not embody the free coinage idea. Several more conservative measures were discussed, among them the free coinage of the American product and a plan of campaign, by which it is hoped to bring the house to a vote upon the silver question, were outlined, though not formally agreed upon.

Representative Wilcox of the house coinage committee said to a reporter tonight that the senate silver bill will be reported this week. There will be two reports. The adverse one will be signed by Wickham, Walker, Comstock, Knapp and Taylor, republicans, and Tracy, Wilcox and Viaux, democrats. The favorable report will be signed by Carter and Bartine, republicans, and Bland and Williams, democrats.

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ILLINOIS PRISONS.

What the Legislative Joint Committee Has to Recommend.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 9.—The joint committee appointed by the thirty-sixth general assembly to investigate the subject of prisons, etc., will make a lengthy report to both houses tomorrow. On the subject of convict labor the committee says that almost any industry which can be profitably carried on by private parties can be conducted with equal success in prison if the authorities in charge are possessed of adequate business experience and capacity. It is inconceivable that the people of Illinois should wish convicts to be idle while undergoing sentences for crime. As a constitutional amendment prohibits contract labor, the general assembly must provide whatever funds necessary to conduct the labor of convicts upon state accounts. The selection of the industries to be followed must be left to the judgment of the prison authorities, unfettered by instructions from the legislature. The injury resulting from the competition of convict and free labor might be reduced to a minimum by certain legislative restrictions, but all such restrictions would hinder the freedom of choice of the authorities in the selection of a profitable industry and might result in financial disaster to the state. The general assembly is therefore advised to waste no time in discussion of the question of a particular industry or industries to be adopted, but to leave this to the discretion of the prison authorities and make an appropriation of sufficient amount to enable them to employ the prisoners at such industries as promise profitable pecuniary results. The committee also treats at great length of reformatory discipline in prison and recommends the adoption in Illinois of the Elmira, N. Y., plan, which has been adopted in several other states. It recommends the establishment of a reformatory prison, either as a separate institution or by the conversion of one of the existing penitentiaries, with proper limitation for age of the inmates to be received, separation of first offenders from hardened criminals, the mark system, grades and paroles.

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IN COMMONS.

The Question of Catholic Eligibility is Again Brought Up.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—In the house of commons today Mr. R. K. Canton, Gladstonian member for Southwork, asked whether Catholics would be eligible to occupy the position of lord chancellor of England or viceroy of Ireland. Sir Richard Evard Webster, the attorney general, declined to answer on the ground that eminent lawyers differed on the question which would become practical if any government appointed a Catholic to either of these positions.

Sir James Fergusson, political secretary of the foreign office, replying to a question as to whether Great Britain could share in the commercial advantages with Brazil equally with the United States, said that Great Britain had no treaty with Brazil, and therefore could not demand the same trading rights.

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Smuggled Goods Confiscated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Max Gibbs, of Indianapolis, who arrived on the steamer Ems today, when searched by a customs officer was found to have about $2,500 worth of jewelry secreted about his person. It was confiscated.

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Resumed Operations.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The furnaces of the Illinois steel company resumed operations tonight, the strikers disavowing the action of the sub-committee which ordered a cessation of work.

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Another Revolt.

LISBON, Feb. 9.—The plantation negroes on the Portuguese island of St. Thomas have again revolted. Troops have been sent.

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The Switchmen's Ball.

Omaha Lodge No. 11, Switchmen's Mutual Aid association of North America, gave their fifth annual ball at Exposition hall last evening, and despite the low temperature outside, the spacious hall was nearly filled. Over three hundred couples were on the floor, and scores of spectators looked on the lively scene from the galleries. The hall was very attractively decorated with flags and colored lanterns, the latter being arranged on the pillars and strung above the dancing floor from corner to corner. The banner of the association was suspended in the center of the hall, and the same engine, that has become familiar to those who attend these balls, 11, of the S. M. A. A. of N. A. line was backed against the west wall, and her headlight was trained upon the main entrance. She carried green signals, indicating that a second section of last night's festivities would follow another year. The musical tones of the engine's bell announced "all set" for the first quadrille at 9:45 o'clock, after a grand march, in which 175 couples participated. A lengthy programme of twenty-eight numbers was danced, and it was not concluded until long after midnight.

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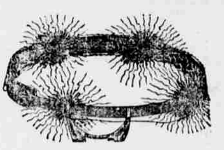

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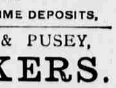

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