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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal, Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block, Wanted-A girl for general housework at

If you want water in your yard or bouse go to Bixby's, 302 Merriam block. John Kane, James Quirk, James Maher and Lee Foreman, will come up in police court this morning to be tried on the charge of

Robert Frost died Saturday night at I o'clock of kidney trouble, at the age of 74 years. The funeral will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock from his late residence in Garner township

Michael Gilfeather died vesterday morning at I o'clock at his residence, corner of Thir-teenth street and Sixth avenue, aged 70 years. The funeral will take place tomorow morning at 9 o'clock. H. J. Coker of Fort Scott, Kan., preached

an interesting and eloquent sermon yester-day morning in the Baoadway Methodist church to a large audience. He is visiting the family of Henry Coker. The trustees of the Chaulauqua association

will have a meeting this evening in the Board of Trade rooms. The changes suggested at the last meeting to be made in the constitution with reference to the annual election of officers will be among the subjects to be con-Fred Harter, William Jeffries, John Sander

and Frank Brady got into a fight yesterday afternoon at Big Lake, and were arrested by Officer Beswick, on complaint of some parties who were witnesses of the trouble. An infor-mation will be filed in the superior court this morning charging them with disturbing the Some of the merchants of the city are rather careless about leaving their front doors

open at night. A prominent wholesale liquor dealer on Main street seft his door open both Saturday and Sunday nights, and if a police officer had not happened to notice it and keep his eye on the place, there would probably have been another burglary to chronicle. The cold weather prevented most of the regular patrons of Manawa from spending e day at the lake yesterday, although quite s number resurrected their overcoaes and

managed to spend the afternoon there with-out freezing to death. Most of those who went saywhere went to Fairmount park to hear the band concert. The colored Baptists of the city are making a heroic effort to raise money to put their church at the corner of Thirteenth street and First avenue in a habitable condition. They are holding a series of meetings in a tent at the corner of Broadway and Seventh street, and collections are being taken nightly to help on the work.

Amen Rasi, a young man from Syria, lectured yesterday morning in the Trinity Methodist church, on the subject of the customs and religion of his native land. The lecture was illustrated with oriental costumes, and the audience was given a great deal of informa-tion as to the manners of this strange people. The lecture was repeated last evening in the Congregational church.

Judge McGee held a special session of police court yesterday morning to hear the case of J. J. O'Brien, who was arrested Sat-urday night on a charge of drunkenness, and whose friends had interested themselves in getting him out of jail. O'Brien was fined \$10.10, which he paid out of a good sized roll of bills he had in his pocket, and was released. The custom of holding police court is a new one, and will be apt to meet with much favor from the custom of holding police court. much favor from the quasi-respectable toughs who do not like to stay in Jail ail day Sunday while waiting for a trial.

The residence of Hon. Lucius Wells on Oasland avenus was entered by burglars yesterday morning shortly after midnight. Mr. Wells thinks an attempt to burglarize his home was made earlier in the evening. but was prevented by the return of himself and family from Manawa. The burglars returned after the family had retired and had began a systematic search for valuables but were freightened away a second time by Mr. Wells coming down stairs. They got out without attracting his attention, taking a new pair of snoes from the dining room When the family arose yesterday morning nd several of the doors in the interior of the house that had been locked the night before unfastened and an outside door standing open. Nippers had been used to turn the keys in the doors. The only articles taken were the shoes belonging to Mr. Wells.

Removal sale. Bargains in shoes. L. Kinnehan has removed from 323 Broadway to No. 11 Pearl street.

Pienie at Manhattan beach. Round trip tickets from Omaha, including boat ride, 50c; on sale at news stands at Millard and Murray hotels.

#### IT'S A GREAT SALE.

The Sensational Sale of Blankets and Comforts at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs.

There has been such a suggestion of cold weather in the air for the past few days that people's fancies have lightly turned to thoughts of blankets, and the great cost blanket sale at the Boston Store has been a leading event in Council Bluffs during the week. Hun-dreds of pairs of blankets have dreds of pairs of blankets have been sold, and hundreds of dollars saved to the purchasers. Recollect that the sale only lasts seven days, commencing last Saturday, and that the largest and finest stock of tall grades blankets and comforters ever brought to the city will be ready for your selection. This sale means a saving to you of 50 per cent on every dollar's worth of blankets or comforts you buy, and you can buy blankets from 90 cents a pair up and you can get two pair now for what you will have to pay for one after the close of this sale.

BOSTON STORE, FOTHEINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO.

Council Bluffs. PELSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. O. O. St. John is visiting friends in

Mrs. G. Keil or Sionx Falls, Dak., is in the city visiting her two sons, D. and Henry

I. Linton Graff, representing the Inter-Ocean, visited both cities yesterday. He was formerly with The Ber,

Heme Concert.

An excellent programme is nearly completed for the concert and pantomime to be given on the lawn of the Christian Home Tuesday evening, September I. Several musical attractions are yet to be added. Six musical numbers will be rendered by the children of the home, the baland Omaha. Twelve beautiful tableaux will be given from Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress as follows: "Bunyan Dreams," "Christian's Parting" "Christian Beneath Mt. Sin at." "Christian's Burdens Falls Off." "Christian and the Three Singing Ones," 'The Pillar of Salt," Christian and Hopeful Delivered from the Net," "Christian and Hopeful M. Two Men of the Land of Beuulah," "Chri am and Family Start on the Pilgrimage,"
"Mercy's Dream," "Jacob's Ladder,"
"Mercy's Marriage."

Pianos, organs, C. B. Music Co., 539

Drs. Stewart & Patty, veterinary sur. geons, 45 Fourth street, Council Bluffs-Swanson music company, 335 Broad-

Union Park races, Omaha and Council Bluffs, September 8-11, \$6,500; October 20-22, \$4,000. For programmes address Nat Brown, Merchants hotel, Omaha.

#### THE OMAHA BEE. NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

OFFICE: - NO. 12 PEARL STREET. Officers Finally Overtake a Young Man who Robbed a Dwelling House.

HE RETURNED A STOLEN WATCH.

Reward of the Vigil of a Householder Who had Been Robbed While Away on a Vacation.

Carlos Woods, a young man who has been working as stage carpenter at the Broadway theater for some time past, was arrested by Officer O'Connell yesterday afternoon on a charge of grand larceny.

Some time ago Mr. and Mrs. John Veezey. who live on Williams street, left the city for a short vacation trip. During their absence their house was left empty. When they returned they found that their house had been entered and thoroughly ransacked from cellar to garret. A number of articles of more or less value were missing, among other things a fine gold watch and chain, a couple of rings, a revolver, and several dollars in cash.

They kept very quiet about it in hope of catching the thief, and they soon learned that young Woods had been seen about the place on the afternoon of the robbery. Woods was confronted with the crime, and finally admitted that he had some of the property, although he insisted that he had not stolen it, but had gotten it from some one else. He returned the gold watch, and that fact, Veezey thought, was all that was necessary to establish his guilt. When arrested Woods admitted having the rest of the stolen property, and offered to go with the officer and show where it was, a proposition which was declined, for fear that the prosecuting witnesses should decide to drop t case when they had recovered their goods. It is said that Woods has been implicated a several other burgiaries, but he has always escaped prosecution by returning the booty. He is well connected, and his friends are very much mortified over his actions. He is now employed as stage hand in one of the theaters

The C. M. & St. P. ticket office has been removed from 506 Broadway into the elegant new quarters in the new Baldwin block, 5 Pearl street.

The Other Side. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Aug. 22 .- To the Edtor of THE BEE: For the last three days we have read in the Omaha and Council Bluffs papers articles concerning the trouble between the Omaha Royal Arcanum and the management at Lake Manawa. To one who was there and saw the whole affair these articles are enough to cause a man to wonder If there is any truth or justice in this world of ours. As a rule there are always two sides to every affair of the kind, and this one is no exception. The Royal Arcanum of Omaha no doubt is composed of gentlemen, at least it would be inferred from the character of the members of the Royal Arcanum generally, but certainly some of them must have forgotten and left their general good sense, reason and fairness in the lodge room

and tried to see how rediculous they could perform at Manawa.

The committee it is understood contracted with Co onel Reed for lunch for 100 people. They were there, and twenty-five more of them were there. Colonel Reed was compelled in order to serve the 125 guests to close the regular dining room of the hotel and put his whole force including himself into the nar less to wait upon the quests.

Hotel Manawa is not so large nor so well equipped as some of the pulace hotels of Omaha, consequently the service might have been a little slow, but to one who observed the party at supper it seemed that they were having a good time and had no reason to complain. After supper the party enjoyed themselves dancing in the Pavillon until a late hour and then the committee in charge of affairs called on Colonel Reed and offered him the munificent sum of \$15 for their evening's entertainment. Colonel Reed of course pulled his silk tile down over his eye and walked off. The committee retired and after a conference came back with another enlargement of the heart and offered \$25, which of course Colonel Reed refused and politely informed the committee that his bill was 35 cents each for 125 persons. This bill they refused to pay and walked out to the motor line and expected to go right straight home but Colonel Reed ordered the engineer not to pull out until he got orders from him. During the next half or three-quarters of an hour Colonel Reed did his best o get a settlement but nothing but the work nd of abuse, threats of law suits, etc., etc. fell upon his ears. Finally Colonel Reed in order to accommodate the innocent ones on board the train ordered it to pull out, at the same time telephoning to the city to hold the electric cars for Omaha. To those who wer there and not interested in the Omaha party there was but one opinion and that was that Colonel Reed acted the part of a perfect gen-tleman notwithstanding the terrific abuse he received from some of the Omaha crowd. it is, has built it up from a resort for the lower classes to one of which the best class of people from both Council Bluffs and

Omaha are patrons. Colonel Reed, of course, is human; he is hable to make mistakes and the writer who was there and able to judge, confesses that the colonel made two mistakes on that even-ing. One was to contract to feed 125 ≹2 appetites for 35 cents, and the other was to allow the committee who contracted the bill to leave without paying it.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl street, next to Grand hotel. Telephone 145. High grade work a specialty.

IT IS DIFFERENT NOW.

Mayor Macrae's Sunday Closing Order is to Longer Efficacious.

There is a great and growing suspicion in the minds of the public that the Sunday closing ordinance which was to be enforced with such amazing strictness about the time the citizen's ticket was pleading for election a year and a balf ago, has been allowed to fall into a state of disuse. For some time after the election took place the saloons and gambling houses were closed, front door and back, all day Sunday, and those few who had hardihood enough to keep oren in spite of the special orders directed to them by the mayor through the chief of police were prought up with a snap that made their eyes

bulge out of their heads.

Of late, however, it has been different.

Some of the saloors in the business portion of the city are fortunate enough to have cigar stands in the front part of their estat ishments, and as these were not under the mayor's ban, their doors have been allowed to stand open without any interference from the authorities. Their bars have been fenced up with scrupulous care each Sunday ac ording to orders, but, if the statements made by certain well known and non-prevaricating citizens are to be believed, the fences have not served to keep the thirsty wayfarer from getting all the refreshment be wanted, from

the foaming beer to the inspiring forty-rod The business is not carried on with as much publicity as might be supposed, how-ever. On the contrary it is about as difficult for a stranger to get his swig as it ever was Saloonkeepers and bartenders have had too much and too bitter experience with "detectives" not to have learned that every man who comes up to the bar and asks for thing with a wink in it is not to be trusted implicitly. But as it does not take the aver-

implicitly. But as it does not take the average bartender long to find out who are his true friends, it is correspondingly-easy for one of these true friends to get just what he wants after having won the confidence of the man with the white apron.

It is estimated that at least a dozen saloons in the city set up the drinks as regularly on Sunday as on any other day, and that half of them are within three blocks of the center of the city.

Gambling is another thing which it is said is going on daily and nightly without any at-

is going on daily and nightly without any at-tempt being made at interference. It is done with even greater slyness than the liquor sell-

young man from the country gets done up for his roll. There are places, it is said, in the very heart of the city where the whiz of the roulette may be heard by any one who will take the trouble to sneak up within listening distance of certain windows. Mem-bers of the police force have now and then run across quiet games of poker in their rounds, but they have always failed to make any arrests, the guilty parties taking to then heels in precipitate flight at the first sound of the unwelcome visitor's approach.

Buy your furniture, carpets, stoves and household goods of Mandel & Klein, Council Bluffs. Prices very low; freight prepaid to your city.

Theatrical Affairs.

For the first time in years the sign, "Standing Room Only," was hung out at the Broadway theatre Saturday night and the hearts of the members of the "Council Bluffs Theatre company," who have been dropping \$10 apiece into the slot with monotonous regularity for the past six months to defray the running expenses of the house, were correspondingly gladdened. It was the closing night of the Spooner company, which appeared in "Uncle Josh Whitcomb." The play is old to most theatre goers, but the amusing incidents were greeted with as much laughter and appliause from the audience as though they were still new. The Spooners leave today for Harian, where

they will play during fair week.

The extraordinarily good patronage the nouse has had during the past week has en-couraged the management of the opera house and redoubled efforts will be made to push it to the front and show the public that there is to need for any one to leave the city to see good plays. A number of the finest companies in the country have been booked for next month and the fall and winter following and new attractions are being constantly added. The prospects are that it will be a prosperous year theatrically.

New fall goods, finest line in the city, ust received at Reiter's the tailor's, 310 Brondway.

Love Among the Sioux. To me, one of the customs of courling is very strangely in keeping with the wild, yet romantic life of the Sioux, writes Warren K. Moorehead, in the September Ladies' Home Journal. young man desiring to make love to the tady of his choice, works patiently for everal days and constructs a reed flute. There are five or six holes in the instrument, and eight or ten notes can be proluced upon it. The sound is wierd and plaintive. Some beautiful moonlight night, about eight o'clock, the young man leaves his home, and stationing himself about one hundred yards the home of his intended, plays for one or two hours a series of strange melodies, all of them in the minor key. The sound floats out on the summer's air, and, perhaps, a prairie dog on the plain near by disturbed by the music, may raise his small voice in protesting barks; or a great white owl in a scrub oak may hoot and whoo in derision. The sound is as sweet to the maiden's ears as the voice of the lover himself. She listens attentively, and when she concludes that he has played sufficiently long to assure her of his serious intentions she timidly walks forth from her home. Throwing the now useless reed upon the ground, the young man rushes forth. Then en sues a scene such as only those who have been lovers can appreciate.

SMASHING THE RECORD.

Teutonic Ec ipses the Speed of the Majestic.

New York Times, Aug. 20: August has een ared-letter month for the White Star people. Never before in the history of ocean racing has a line won such unexpected and repeated triumphs within so hort a time. Before the Majestic's brilliant performance in wresting the championship from the crack flyer of the Inman line has ceased to be a wonder, her sister ship, the Teutonic, comes rushing over the ocean with a record of five days, sixteen hours and thirty-one minutes. This remarkable run displaces the Majestic and her hard-won record of five days eighteen hours and eight minutes from the front rank, and relegates he City of Paris, the former champion, to third place. Traversing a distance of 2.778 miles, the Teutonic cut one hour and thirty-seven minutes from the record time. This is one mile longer than the route taken by the Majestic and ten miles less than the course of the City of Paris.

The just completed voyage of the Teutonic was a wonderful one in many respects. The weather was favorable for a quick run, and no accidents occurred to retard the swift progress of the racer. An examination of the log shows that the vessel began her recordbreaking voyage with an ordinary run of 460 miles for the first day. Day by day the distance traversed was gradually acreased until the vessel reached on Wednesday the tremendous speed of 517 miles during twenty-four hours. This eclipses by two miles the best single day's run of the City of Paris, and makes the Teutonic twice a winner.

The new champion is under the comnand or Captain S. J. Irving. She began her remarkable trip August 13. At 4:52 a. m. that day the vessel dropped anchor in Queenstown for belated passengers and mails. About noon all was ready to said, and the vessel stood out to sea. At 2:05 p. m. departure was taken, with Daunt's Rock Light abeam. From this point the race began,

A strong westerly wind and head sea were met when the vessel cleared the land. Nothing remarkable in the way of speed was accomplished during the first day of the passage. An appreciable decrease in the force of the wind the second day en-abled the ship to traverse 496 miles. It was on the last three days that the lively times came. As nearly as could be ascertained the vessel burned about three hundred tons of coal per day on this trip. Each day consideribly lightened her burden and had the effect of increasing her speed. Thus Sunday a splendid run of 505 miles was This is a gait equal to about made. twenty-three geographical miles per hour, and was made over a sea as smooth as a mirror. The passengers gathered about the rail and gazed with pleasure at the white foam as it rolled from the bow of the vessel and raced past them to orm a wake.

Variable winds were encountered the following day. At one time it blew in a strong gust from the eastward, but the of smoke which was pouring from the smokestacks trailed in straight line astern, and literally faster than the wind the swift Teutonic was speeding toward this port. Five hundred and ten miles were traversed that day, and great was the excitement among the passengers when it became known that the vessel had a good chance to vindicate her former disputed claim for the championship. When at noon the bulletin was posted in the cabin showing that the unparalled run of 517 miles had been added to the distance traversed there was a storm of cheers and great enthusiasm among the

With undiminished speed the vessel People Bon't Grow Fam us in a Hurry. Carisbad Sprudel Salt did not become known in a day. It took centuries to acquire its present fame. For all diseases of the stomach, liver and kidneys, as well as in constipation, rheumati affections and diabetes, it is without Obtain the genuine article, which must have the signature of "Eisner & Mendelson Co., Agents, New ing, however, so that it is not often the fresh | York," on the neck of every bottle.

o'clock yesterday morning the lightship was abeam and the race against time gloriously won. The engines of the racer were slowed and the ship leisurely proceeded up the river to her pier, which she reached about 6 o'clock. Following are her dally runs:

August 15. Following is the Majestic's performance: Knots 470 August 3, 501 August 4, 497 August 5 Total. Below are given the daily runs of the City of Paris on her record voyage: Knots. 481 August 26. 496 August 27. 502 August 28

Chief Engineer Hugh Currie of the Teutonic yesterday gave the average number of revolutions as eighty per minute. The day the great run was made the revolutions averaged eightyone per minute. The steam pressure was 180 pounds and the horse power developed ranged from 15,000 to 20,000. The vessel's average speed per hour is given at 20.35 knots, which is one-quarter of a knot better showing than that of the Majestic.

The Teutonic brought 478 cabin and 1,028 steerage passengers. WILLING TO PLEASE.

The Druggist Had all Kinds of Poison, but He Only Sold Gum.

A weary looking young woman came into a Second avenue drug store when I was waiting for the shower to pass over, says M. Quad in the New York Evening World, and plaintively said to the drug-

"I have had another quarrel with Mike, and I do not care to live any longer. "Yes, just so, just so," he replied as

he briskly rubbed his hands together. Anything I can do for you today?" "I think I will take strychnine," owly replied as she cast her eyes along he shelves.

'Exactly, ma'am, finest strychnine in New York. I suppose you want about a dime's worth?" "Would arsenic be better?" she asked, as he held the jar in his hands.

"No better, but fully as good, ma'am. I have a fine lot of arsenic on hand just now, and can warrant it full strength. Just make a ham sandwich and spread on about 15 cents worth." "Mebbe," she drearly replied as he

waited, "mebbe Rough on Rats would be better." "Just as you think, ma'am. Give you a selection from two dozen boxes, all fresh stock only yesterday. It's a little

slower than the other poisons, but per-haps you won't mind that. Can be sprinkled on bread and butter or taken n milk. One box, ma'am?" He took down a box and held it ready to dump, and she looked around the

store, wiped a tear out of her left eye, and asked: "How long does it take paris green to

kitt?" "Not long ma'am-only a few hours. Many prefer it to any other poison, as they want to write a farewell letter after taking it. I can warrant my stock as perfectly fresh and pure. Should it fail to kill, come right back and your money will be refunded. My object is to satisfy customers. Half a pouud, ma'am?" She wiped her nose. Then she signed.

Then she fished up two pennies from her pocket, walked over to the chewing gum machine and dropped them in, and as she stuffed two sticks of gum into her mouth she turned and said:

"I guess I won't take any today, but if Mike comes in tell him I was here inquiring for poison. "Certainly, certainly, with the greatest of pleasure. Nothing else today? Please call again."

Hunting Guinea Eggs.

Harper's Young People: To find a guinea nest was the very poetry of egghunting. The creatures are half wild and feed far afield. The bush pasture was their chosen haunt and had such store of hidden nooks, such clumps of brake and brier, such steep grassy banks, such tangle of sedge and dewberry and plum thicket, that we would never have found an egg but for the bird's queer habit. When the hen goes to her nest her mate stands guard over her on the nearest bare spot and fills the air with

his harsh buzzing cry. Following the sound, we came upon the pair. Madame chooses her home daintily, and deeply hollows the clean dry earth of it. Flowers often nod above it, grass is sure to spring greenly above the edge. Overhead is always shelter of some sort, for the maker knows instinctively that sunshine will addle her precious eggs. Her small cousin, the partridge, so admires her taste then sometimes she decides to share the nest. Sometimes, too, a hen of independent mind comes a-grasshopping into the bush pasture and puts her eggs into such shelter. Very often we found forty eggs to the nest. And when we took them out it was always with a silver spoon. Black mammy taught us, "Ef yer pull han' in dar de guinea'll smell it, an' quit de nes'." Whatever the reason, the

fact was none the less fact.

Violating the Proprieties. Boston Courier: In the good old city which has been immortalized in story as Rivermouth it chanced that a couple who did not move in the most exalted society circles and from whom the most refined sentiments might not have been expected were united in the holy bonds of matrimony upon the day which followed the funeral of the first wife of the groom. The conventional sense of propriety the neighborhood was shocked this haste in furnishing forth the marriage tables with the funeral baked meats, and upon the night of the wedding a company of sons of Belial gathered themselves themselves together and went to serenade the bridal pair with horrid uproar of horns and pans and guns. The charivari was at its height, and

all the region was aroused by the hideous noise, when the bride appeared darkly at the window above the riotous crowd and with supreme feeling ap-

pealed to their delicacy.
"Ain't you ashamed," she cried in hot indignation, "to come here making a disturbance like this when we had a funeral only yesterday?"

Bovine Bisection. Down in Texas a farmer recently sold

to another farmer one-balf of a cow and then refused to givide the milk, maintaining that he sold only the front half. The purchaser was required to provide the feed the cow consumed and compelled to furnish water for her three times a day. Recently the cow hooked a man, and the seller made the purchaser pay the damages claimed by the man hooked. This is a case to be ruminated upon.

Went of Money.

One of the greatest miseries is a want of money. It is wretched to have to conf.ont a just and oft-repeated demand, and to be without the means to satisfy it; to deceive the confidence that has been placed in you; to forfeit your

sped on toward the finish, and at 1:36 credit; to be placed at the power of another; to be indebted to his lenity; stand convicted of having played the knave or the fool, and to have no way left to escape contempt but by incurring pity. The suddenly meeting a creditor. on turning the corner of a street, whom you have been trying to avoid for months and had persuaded you were several hundred miles off, shatters the nerves.

Sink or Swim Eggs.

Peck's Sun: "Hi, there! These eggs don't swim," exclaimed a man in a Mil waukee restaurant one day last week. He had been trying to float some soft boiled eggs in a glass of cold water.
"They don't swim? Well, supposin'
they don't?" replied a waiter who had come to find out what the man was yell-

ing about. 'That's what's the matter: supposin they don't. I'll tell you what's the trouble pretty quick. Do you notice that egg? It sinks to the bottom kerchug when put into cold water. Now, my wife is just as good a cook as there is in this town, and she says that an egg that will sink in cold water like that after it has been soft boiled is just about ready to hatch. Sh! Can't you hear a

The eggs that could not swim were exchanged for others that were fried, while a number of other customers who had soft-boiled eggs spoiled glasses of cold water to find out whether their eggs were sink eggs or swim eggs.

He Set 'Em Up.

A group of young fellows sat around a couple of adjoining tables in a St. Paul cafe, when, in a short pause in the conversation, one of them said to another: "I was right, Jim, about that subject we were arguing over the last time we

"Come off, will you? Indeed you were not," was the response. "I looked the thing up and found you were dead wrong,

"What are you two fellows squabbling about, anyway?" asked a third. "Le all hear and the majority can decide." "Let's "What we were arguing about," replied the first speaker willingly, "was the proper translation of the German "was entence, 'was wollen sie haben?'

"Why, that's simple enough," replied the third man, gratified at the opportunity to show his linguistic accomplish ments. "It's 'What will you have?" "Beer! beer! beer! beer!" came in rattling chorus from all the company, and the wise man footed the bill.

But it Diun't Work.

Detroit Free Press: The street car was very crowded. All the men were hanging on by straps and the seats were filled by women. A woman squeezed in and stood up with the men. One of the men said to the well known Mrs. who occupied a seat:

"I believe, madam, you are a woman's rights woman?" "Yes, I am. But that's no business of

yours, is it?" "Certainly not, madame. I only wished to know if you believe in apply ing your principle to practice."
"Of course I do. What of it?"

"Oh, nothing, except that in that case I think you should get up and offer this ady your seat." But she didn't.

Up to Snuff.

Boston Transcript: Proprietor of Dry

Goods Store-If a lady, after examining a piece of dress goods, had expressed her satisfaction with it, would you ask her how many yards she desired? Applicant-No, indeed. I should ask

her where she would have the sample "I guess you'll do. I see you've had

experience Both Drink In a Measure. New York Herald: "This fellow

makes me tired. He preaches temperance and drinks like a fish." "No, he doesn't." "I tell you he does. I've seen him drink whiskey by the quart.' ."Yes; but, you know, fishes drink by

the gills.' The Fool Killer.

Munsey's Weekly: First Passenger-Well, is this hot enough for you? Second Passenger-"No; I'm never nappy until the thermometer reaches

100 degrees."
"What do you do then?" "I go around slaying all the men who have previously asked me if it was hot

enough for me. Your card, please?" THE BUREAU AND FRAUDS.

Sharks Indignant Because They Lose

Their Innocent Victims. During the past month the Examiner BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS has been in receipt of a number of letters from clients enclosing threatening and argumentative circulars from attorneys formerly employed, and asking if the assertions therein made were true. The said clients are parties who have been previously robbed by claims agents, eagerly grasped the opportunity for relief by transferring their cases to this bureau when congress opened the door by annulling previous

contracts. The establishment of THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS has proven a God-send to the unfortunates who have long had claims against the general government. These claims they had odged with professional claim agents who have held them pigeonholed for years. With these agents, the clients entered into a contract which was made generally in the interest of the sharks. Nothing could be done by the agent and the client was at intervals compelled to keep the agent feed while the latter appeared to be taking little or no in terest in the matter.

So many evils grew out of this custom that, at length, congress annulled the contracts leaving clients to again seek the collection of their claims in what manner soever they saw iit. These clients come to THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS and this fact has caused the ire of

the agents to arise.

Now, the aforesaid claim agent cormorants fearing they may be balked in the robbery of the prey they have so long entangled in their meshes, have begun to flood the country with circular letters in which they constantly harp on two themes, viz: That congress has no power to annul private contracts, and that their powers of attorney are irrevocable be-cause coupled with an interest, namely, a

143. We do not propose at the present time to advertise the names of these parties who now masquerade under the cognomes of attorneys though strongly tempted to give them the celebrity their quasi-literary-legal endeavors so richly merit. One in particular deserves

HARMLESS.

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special recognition, that of a maudlin communication of eight pages in which he jum-bles useless facts with fanciful theories, gar-bles judicial decisions, and so inextricably entangles his words that in many instances the closing part of his sentences have no ap-parent connection with the beginning. To any one versed in the law of the land uch idiotic letters are a matter only of ridi cute and amusement. But when we consider that the average claimant in the west is necessarily ignorant of the law govering the prosecution of claims in the city of Washngton, we are prone to treat the matter more

eriously.

The question of extent to which congress may go in its interference with private contracts, is undoubtedly one on which some of he most emigent legal minds have differed and it were easy to write a volume on either side. However, the philosophical and po litical arguments pro and con are something with which we at present have no concern. We confine ourselves to the coid, hard logic of facts. That the last congress did specifi-cally cancel and annul all existing contracts between claimants and attorneys in the Indian deprepation act of March 3, 1891, is a fact which not even squirming claim agents deny, and which anyone interested may read for himself by applying to us for a copy of the law. Possibly the eminent constitutional lawyers and jurists in the senate and house of representatives should have consulted these obscure claim agents before passing the act which so seriously cur-tailed their Shylock propensities But we apprehend that more reliance was placed upon there cent decision of the United States supreme court, case of Mitchell as clerk, reported in 110 United States report, page 63, where in the highest tribunal in the land asserts "no provision of the constitution prohibits congress from interfering with the

prohibits congress from interfering with the validity of contracts."

The second legal problem involved is that of revocation of powers of attorney. When and under what circumstances the claimant can recall an existing power and employ another attorney! Our eight-page friend leads off with due solemnity by quoting Judge Story: "When an authority or power." Judge Story: "When an authority or powe is coupled with an interest it is from its own nature and character in contemplation of law rrevocable;" then proceeds to argue that the retaining of an attorney on a contingent fee is equivalent to coupling the power with an interest. This is absolutely false from a legal standpoint, but it is an assertion well calculated to mislead the ordinary reader. What is really meant by an "interest" is an interest or right in the thing itself. Thus, if an estate is conveyed to a trustee, with power to sell, this power cannot be revoked because the trustee has an interest in the estate itself; he holds the legal right to the property. Again, if the owner of a patent assigns one-tenth of it to a second party and gives him power of attorney in connection, said power of attorney cannot be revoked pecause the assignee has an interest in the patent itself. But if a claimant gives a power of attorney to an agent to prosecute his claim for a contingent fee this power is not coupled with an interest and can be revoked at the pleasure of the claimant. When the agent agrees to work for a contingent fee he accepts a very serious part of the "con-tingency," the possibility of having his power revoked. And a fee contingent on the successful prosecution of a claim can, in no way, be construed as an "interest" in the claim which would render a power of attorney irrevocable.

Indian Depredation Claims BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 7.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Hon. L. W. Colby, assistant attorney general of the United States, in charge of the Indian depredation claims department, has been in the west taking depositions in cases before the court of claims for the past two weeks. He was found by THE BEE repre sentative and asked to give the status of the suits that have been brought, and any other

matters of general interest. He said: "The next session of the court of claims will be the most important in number of cases since its organization. In addition to claims under the French spoliation and Bowman acts, the court now has the jurisdiction of claims brought for damages to citizens for Indian depredations, under the act of March

8, 1891." "Are there many claims on file in the de

partment?" "Since the passage of the act, up to August 1, I have docketed, in my office, 3,640 cases brought for Indian depredations in the court of claims, and under the law about five hundred of these are entitled to priority of consideration, under the provisions of the act, and will come up for hearing at the next term

"What is the nature of the claims that the act takes special cognizance of t' "The terms of the act provide for the adjudication and payment of claims arising from depredations by Indians upon the property of citizens of the United States, and con fers the power of settlement upon the court of claims. Regular suits have to be brought and petitions filed by claimants as 'n ordin

'Is the method of procedure different from consideration of claims before any other of the national departments!" "The ordinary rules of practice have been adopted for Indian depredation cases, as far as applicable."

ary cases.

"It appears that a large number of cases have begun since the passage of the act. How do you account for it?"
"The large number of cases commenced since the passage of the act may be attributed to the clause which forbids the exclusion of claims not previously presented to the secretary of the interior, or other department offi cer, with the exception that no jurisdiction is granted in cases where claims have accrued prior to July 1, 1865, unless disposed of or pending previous to the passage of the act, before congress, the secretary of the interior, or some agent or commissioner authorized to inquire into such claims by the government. No claims, however, are permitted for depre-dations committed after the passage of the

"When does the court of claims again meet "
The court of claims convenes in October next, and at the rate of filing the number of cases of this class will reach five or six thou-sand by that time."

"What is the average of amounts repre-sented in the claims now filed?" "The cases range in amount from a few hundred dollars to \$250,000. The largest suit yet prought is in favor of the legal repre-sentatives of Bon Halliday, the old overland stage man." stage man."
"What is the limit of time that claimants

have to present their claims?"
"Claimants have there years from the passage of the act to present their claim, so there is plenty of time for every one to have his day in court." "Are there any special features of the law

involving the government's liability in these cases that are of general interest?" The law involves many new and important questions as to the liability of the gov-ernment in special cases, and the rights of the parties, their heirs or assigns to the rem edies provided for. The act is one of un-usual interest and affects a large number of

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Wyoming, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Montana." "Do not some of the claims date back a number of years?"

"Yes. Most of the claims date back twenty or thirty years, and some of them even forty years. The claims in Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas are confined mainly

to between 1860 and 1870, and to the Sious orsome tribe of the great Sioux nation. THE BUREAU'S AIM.

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ng prospectus; The Examiner has received so many complaints from its subscribers in various localities on the coast of the delay, extortionate charges and unsatisfactory work performed for them by the various claim agents that it has decided to establish in Washington a bureau for the collection of all legitimate claims against the government or its various departments. This bureau will be in charge of its Washington correspondent, who has had much experience in the prosecution of claims against the various departments of the government. Charges for services per-formed by this bureru will be nominal and designed to cover only the actual cost of the work and such legal services as may be necessary in order to properly present claims to the heads of the various departments and the court of claims in the supreme court.

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