THE OMAHA BEE. NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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MINOR MESTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. C. B. Water Works Co. Removed to 30 Pearl street. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., conl.

Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block. Burborn's diamonds, watches, holiday goods, Carmen Clausen died of membrancous croup yesterday morning at S o'clock after an illness of three days. A meeting of the directors of the Council

Bluffs-Omaha Chautauqua association will be held next Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren entertained

a number of friends at their residence on Scott street last evening at high five. The Catholic Mutual Benefit association will give a musical entertainment and dance in Hughes' hall next Tuesday evening.

There was a dance in Peterson's hall on upper Broadway last night. It was well attended and a complete success in every re-The Commercial Pilgrims of America will

meet this evening for the election of officers and other important business. All Pilgrims are urged to be present. There will be a special meeting of Excel-

slor lodge No. 259, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, this evening for installation of officers. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the worshipful master. Mr. Frank Smith and Miss Pluma S. Dodson were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Elder and Mrs. D. K. Dedson, 316 Benton street, Christmas eve. ceremony was performed by Elder Charles Yesterday a telegram was received by

Henry Swan from his wife, who went to Mount Pleasant Thursday to be at the bedside of a sick sister, announcing the death of the latter about an hour before Mrs. Swan H. H. Luett, an Avoca lumber merchant,

fell from a motor train about midnight Thursday, and was badly skinned about the face. He was taken to the Ogden house where his injuries were attended to, and yesterday he

The jury in the case of the Citizens State bank against J. C. Abbott, after wrestling with legal points for thirty-six hours, gave it up as a bad job, and yesterday morning was discharged by Judge Smith. At the time of adjournment it was stated that the vote stood 7 to 5 for the plaintiff, and it was also stated that this had been the complexion of the jury ever since the first ballot was

Thomas Kelly met with an accident Thursday night about midnight while officiating as Santa Claus at a gathering of children at his house, 615 Fifteenth avenue. He was coming down stairs when his foot slipped and he fell the entire length of the flight, breaking his ter just above the ankle. The broken limb was set and ne was made as comfortable as possible, but it is feared that he will not be able to walk for some weeks,

Everything new in the line of holiday goods at Davis' drug store. He has the largest stock and lowest prices in the city. His stock is all new and fresh, and must be sold. If you are looking for holiday goods it will pay you to call and examine his stock before purchas-

The only kindergarten in the city is in the Merriam block, next to the Young Men's Christian association. Experienced teachers and only one-half usual rates are charged.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. A. Barrett, of Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of his brother, H. P. Barrett. He will remain in the city for several days. Martin Hughes, jr., is home from Atchiwill spend the holidays with his parents.

Carman Feed and Fuel company

wholesale and retail hay, grain and feed. Special prices on hay and grain in car lots. 706 Main street, Council

Solid silver and plated ware for less money than anywhere else in the city at E. Burhorn's, 17 Main street.

De Haven has his usual stock of beautiful do'ls. They are worth seeing and way down in prices.

We have our own vineyards in Califor nia. Jarvis Wine company, Co. Bluffs

S.v anson Music Co., Musonic temple The Printers' Bal Masque,

Last night, in Masonic Temple hall, Bluff City Typographical union, No. 203, gave its tenth annual bal masque. It was by far the most elaborate and successful affair of the season. The printers spared no pains in preparation, and every detail was regarded such care, that nothing happened to mar the complete success of the event. maskers commenced to arrive early, so that when the grand march was formed at 9 o'clock and started to fine music by Prof. Dalbey's entire orchestra, the thoor was crowded with ladies and gentlemen in brilliant costumes. From that hour until far into the morning dancing was indulged in. There were severa

hundred in attendance.

To the following gentlemen is mainly due the brilliant success of the ball: J. B. Deid-rich, J. C. Richards, P. H. Katzenmyer, W. H. Copson, G. W. Ryan, R. G. Oliver, J. M. Thomas, W. H. Treynor, P. E. Spencer, R. J. Thomas, W. B. Fisher, C. M. Maynard, James Kirley, George Oliver, James Irvin, Open Handers and O. Lyanger, and C. Starten, a Oscar Henderson and D. A. Haggerty.
The proceeds of the ball will go to the and of sick printers, and as they are very large that fund will be greatly increased.

It is a well known fact that people can get better goods for less money at E. Burhorn's than any other place in the city. Go and be convinced yourselves.

Buy your Christmas candy of C. O. D. Brown, Candy 5c, Sc and 124c a pound, mix nuts 15c a pound, Florida sweet oranges 20c a dozen.

The largest stock of Japanese and Chinese goods east of San Francisco, Frisco prices, at 317 Broadway.

Candy 5c a pound at C. O. D. Brown's,

Presented With a Badge.

Chief of Police Cary and wife entertained all the members of the force yesterday at Christmas dinner at their home on Oakland avenue. The night men were dined at noon and the day men immediately on going off duty at 7 o'clock. During the evening the chief was presented with an elegant gold badge, on the front of which were engraved the coat of arms of the state of Iowa and the words, "Chief of Police, Council Bluffs, In.," while on the back was the inscription, "Presented to Chief Wade Cary by friends and members of the police department. Christmas, 1891." The badge was the gift of the day men. At the same time Captain Es Martin was presented with a fine diamond ring. Both of the recipients were totally unprepared for any such thing, so that a great deal of eloquence that might otherwise have been launched forth was condensed into

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

a simple "thank you."

John Peters' Desperate Conflict With Four Armed Men.

HIS BODY WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Though Suffering With Innumerable Wounds the Victim Maintains a Determined Fight for Life-Accused Men Jailed.

John Peters, a farmer who has been working on the Plumer farm, about a mile and a haif from Island Park, a short distance south of the city, had the novel, though not very desirable, experience of being made the tar get of four weapons in the hands of as many infuriated men, and coming out of the encounter well enough to be able to tell about it, although not in a condition to enjoy his

Christmas dinner to the full. The four men who handled the weapons are Gregg Sears, his two sons, Ross and Elmer, and his son-in-law, Daniel Wilson, As near as can be learned from those who claim to be familiar with the circumstances, Sears has been living on Plumer's farm for some time past, but had been drinking heavily and allowing the farm and all its surroundings to go to waste. Sev-eral weeks ago some of the creditors stepped in and petitioned the district court to appoint a receiver. Peters was appointed, and ever ince that time he has been holding down the

farm against all comers.

The Sears outfit, in the meantime, had made up their minds not to allow Peters to run them off entirely, and made numerous threats as to what they would do if he did not retire and leave the field to them. Peters was somewhat alarmed by the threats, and had a number of able bodied friends stay with him Thursday evening to assist him in case it was necessary. The evening wors away and no one appeared to molest them, so about 10 o'clock the visitors went away and left Peters alone with a boy about 15 years of age, who lives in this city at the corner of Twenty-seventh avenue

Shortly after the departure of his friends, Peters heard a noise and a moment later saw the barrel of a shotgun stuck through a pane of glass and leveled directly at him. Quick as thought he drew a revolver and shot into the air, so as to show the man who was at the other end of the gun that he was pre-pared. The man with the gun, who afterward proved to be old man Sears, responded in turn, and the contents of the barrel of the gun were emptied into Peters' leg. The other three men in the meantime were working busily with their revolvers, and several snots were fired at Peters, some of them taking effect. The assailants then broke a hole in the door and entered. The boy was speedily kicked out of doors and ran three miles bare footed across the country to the Plumer house, where he gave the alarm.

A party of men at once set out for the scene of the encounter, but when they arrived the attacking party had made good their escape. Before they went, however, they administered a terrible beating to Peters, who was found lying in a pool of blood on the floor, alive, but bleeding from a number of severe wounds in the arms and limbs and on the scale and force. He was limbs and on the scalp and face. He was moved to Plumer's house. Twenty-three shot were found to have lodged in his limb. His bruises were very severe, but not fatal, and in a few days he will be brought to a

hospital in this city for treatment.

A warrant was issued in Justice Hammer's court yesterday for the arrest of the four men on the charge of assault with intent to com-mit murder. Constable Nicholson and a posse of assistants started in pursuit and all day was spent in finding them. The members of the gang bear a very hard reputation in the vicinlty where they live and have terrorized their neighbors on a number of occasions. One of the Sears boys is said to be out on bond now pending a trial on the charge of stabbing his father in a drunken fray at Glenwood. Last evening Nicholson returned with the

four men in tow and they were locked up in the county jail. They wanted to give bonds whether Peters would be likely to recover.

Holiday toods.

Remember that DeHaven has one of the most elegant stocks of holiday novelties in the city. It suppasses all former years both in beauty and low prices Call and see them.

Mandel & Kline will move their entire stock to Sioux City January 1, Intil that time you can buy furniture, stoves, carpets, at your own price.

Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway, has all the latest styles and new winter goods. Satisfaction in every respect guaranteed.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, next to Grand hotel; fine work a specialty. Tele. 145.

Barn for rent, located near court house. H. W. Tilton, BEE office.

Biggest bargains in holiday goods in the city at E. Burhorn's.

Bulk oysters 25c quart at C. O. D. Brown's.

"BUNTED" BY AN ENGINE. A Leon Man Seriously injured in the

Milwauxee Yards. A laboring man named W. J. Culp, who lives in Loon, Ia., met with an accident las evening in the local yards of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company which, while probably not tatal, will prove very serious. Culp started out early in the day to celebrate the day by tanking up on poor lows whisky. He got gloriously drunk be-fore evening and wandered down into the Milwaukee yards. After staggering along the main track for some distance he conclud

ng about commenced to retrace his steps.
It was about this time that the westbound Milwaukee passenger train was due at the local depot—5:30 o'clock. Culp was walking along just outside the tracks when the train came thundering down upon him at a high rate of speed. Culp was too drunk to hear the train approaching. The engineer applied the air and the speed of the train was slack-ened, but Culp was struck by the pilot of the

ed that he wanted one more drink and turn

engine and thrown about fifteen feet. engine and thrown about lifteen feet.

The train was stopped and the train men picked Culp up. He was unconscious and bleeding profusely at the mouth and nose. He was taken to the Women's Christian association hospital where the Milwaukee's local physicians attended him. They found that Culp had sustained a frightful scalp would have been proved in terrain in the state of the control of the co wound and severe internal injuries, although there was nothing to indicate that any bones were broken. At a late hour last night Culp

was resting as well as could be expected. Jarvis 1877 brandy, purest, safest, best. Walnut block coal, \$4.25 per ton. De

ivered anywhere in city. Carman's Genuine tortoise shell combs at Bur

horn's. Jarviswild blackbarry is the bast.

Very handsome Christmas novelties at De Haven's -nothing poor or trashy. Walnut block and Wyoming coal,

resh mined, received dally Thatcher, Fresh oysters 25c quart or 20c can at C. O. D. Brown's.

Commercial men, Hotel Gordon the best \$2 house in Council Bluffs.

Christmas at St. Paul's. Services were held yesterday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal church. The building was beautifully decorated with evergreens and paims. A silver star was hung in the center of the chancel over the altar, and from it were hung long, sleuder festoons of evergreens to all parts of the chancel. The full

program was rendered, including a solo by Mrs. W. W. Sherman, in addition to the choral selections. An interesting sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. F. J. Babcock.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers; only pill to cure sick headache and regulate the bowels. Frost Queen and Santa Claus want to see you at Hughes' hall, Wednesday ovening, Docember 30.

PROSPECTUS

Of The Bee Eurean of Claims, Bee Building, Omaha, Neb.

Under the direction of San Francisco Daily Examiner, W. R. Hearst, proprietor, associated with The BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, under the direction of OMARA DAILY BEE, Omaha, Neb.; and Pioneer Press Bureau of Claims, under the direction of the St. Paul Pioncer Press, St. Paul, Minn.

Pension, patent, postal, land, Indian depredation and customs claims prosecuted with the greatest expedition at the lowest possible This prospectus relates to pensions. If in-

terested in a claim of any character, send a statement of facts to THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, where the same will receive careful consideration and prompt attention. PENSIONS-WHO ARE ENTITLED.

Soldiers - All soldiers of the United States who incurred disability of a permanent nature, whether wound, injury or disease, while in the service or line of duty, are entitled to a pension at rates varying from \$4 to \$72 per month, according to the nature and severity of the disability.

Soldiers who draw a pension for one or nore disabilities, and are at the same time suffering from other disabilities incurred in the service and line of duty, may obtain ad ditional pension therefor.

INCREASE UNDER OLD LAW. Soldiers pensioned at less than \$30 per month, and wholly disabled for the performmonth, and wholly disabled for the perform-ance of manual labor by reason of disability on account of which they are pensioned, are e titled to increase of pension to that amount per month, and if the disability is such that they require the regular aid and attendance of another person, they may obtain pension at the rate of \$72 per month.

Any pensioner under the old law, whose disability has increased since date of the issue of his last pension certificate, may ob-tain an increase of pension proportionate to the increase of his disability.

ADDITIONAL NEW LAW.

Soldiers pensioned at less than \$12 per month for disability incuried in the service, who are also suffering from other disability of any nature, not due to ficiou; habits, may obtain additional pension under the new aw. This pension commences from the date of filing the claim and cannot exceed \$12 per month. The new law is of special advantage to this class of pensioners, for the reason that if they have a disability other than that for which they are pensioned, they may obtain additional relief from date of filing claim, and if, in the future, the disability for which they were originally pensioned which they were originally pensioned under the old law increases to such an extent as to entitle them to more than \$13 per month, they may surrender their pension under the new law and resume the pension under the old law at such increased rate as may be proportionate to the degree of dis-

ability at that time. Pensioners at less than \$12 per month, de-siring increase of pension, will find it to their advantage to apply under both the old and new law, for the reason that any increase up to \$12 per month will date from the day the claim is filed in the pension bureau, whereas a claim for increase under the old law, will secure increased pension outy from the date of examination, which, on account of the work in the pension bureau being very much delayed, is usually some months after the date of filing the claim.

OF NEW LAW PENSION 24/8 Any invalid pensioner under the new law

receiving less than \$12 per month may obtain an increase of pension whenever the disabil-ity on account of which he is pensioned increases in severity to a material extent, or he may procure additional pension up to \$12 per month on account of any new or additional disability which he has incurred since his last medical examination or which is not in-cluded in his present pension certificate.

NEW LAW. Any soldier of the United States who served ninety days or more in the war of the rebellion, and was honorably discharged, may obtain pension under the new law if now suf-fering from any disability of a permanent na ture, not due to vicious habits. This pension will commence from date of filing the claim, and the rate of pension is from 86 to \$12 per month, according to the degree of dis-ability for the performance of manual labor.

Title to the pension is solely dependent upon a service of ninety days, an honorable discharge and the present existence of a disability, physical or mental, not due to vicious habits, which causes a partial inabil-ity to perform manual labor as a means of liveshood equal to the degree of disability required to entitle a pensioner under the old law to a pension of \$6 per month or more. It does not matter what the disability is, if not due to vicious habits, whether wound, injury or disease, nor is the time and place of the origin or incurrence of the same in any way

Title to pension under this law is no way dependent upon the soldier's pecuniary cir-cumstances. The fact that he is able to perform skilled or professional labor to such as extent as to enable him to earn a comfort able support, or the fact that he has an income sufficient for his support, has no bearng upon his title to pension under this law WIDDWS.

The widows of soldiers who died from disease, wound, or injury incurred in the United States service are entitled to \$12 per month, and \$1 additional for each child under the age of 16 years, to date from the day of the soldier's death, except in cases where the death occurred prior to March 10, 1886, when the rate is \$8 per month up to said date and \$12 per month thereafter.

WIDOWS' NEW LAW. The widows of soldiers who served ninety days or more in the late war and were honorably discharged are entitled to pension under the new raw at the rate of \$8 per month, and \$2 additional for each child under the age of 16 years; provided, that the widow was mar ried to the soldier prior to June 27, 1823, and is now dependent in whole or in part on her

This pension commences from the date of filing the application therefor, and is payable whether the soldier's death was caused by disease or injury incurred in the United States service or not. own labor for her support.

Widows may obtain pension under the new law pending the settlement of their claims to pension under the old law without losing any rights which accrue to them under the

If a widow receives a pension under the new law, and afterwards establishes her right to a pension under the old law, she will receive pension for the who e period from he date of the soldier's death, less the pen-ion which has been paid to her in the meantime under the new law; in other words, she will receive an additional \$4 per month for the whole of the period during which she drew pension under the new law, and in addi-tion thereto, pension from the date the sol-dier died to the date of the commencement of

the new law pension.

Whenever a soldier or sailor of the late war dies from causes originating in the service and line of duty, leaving no widow, his children un ter sixteen years of age are en-titled to all the pension to which the widow would have been entitled were she living, up to the date the youngest becomes lify years of age. In case of the remarriage of a soldier's widow the pension which she has been drawing or to which she would otherwise be entitled, is payable to the children under le years of age at the date of her remarriage and continues until the youngest child reaches the age of 16 years.

Children have the same rights under the new law, no matter what the cause of the soldier's death, provided they have not sufficient income from sources other than their own labor for their comfortable support, exthat the pousion does not commence until the date of filing a claim therefor. PARESTS.

The parents of soldiers who died inthe service or afterward from disease or injury, or any cause originating in the service and line of duty, may obtain pension at the rate of \$12 per month. Provided, that the solder left no willow or child surviving him, and that the parent is now wholly colour part dependent upon his or her own labor for sup-port. The remarriage of the soldier's mother does not bur her from I ension under thenew ; induced at the last session to provide a court

law, if her husband is for any reason unable to support her comfortably.

The fact that the soldier did or did not contribute to the support of his parents during his lifetime, and the fact that the parents were or were not dependant upon the soldier at the time of his death, has no boaring upon their title to pension under the new

The department has held that a widow child or parent is "dependent" within the meaning of the law, if obliged to labor in any manual capacity for the purpose of obtaining a living, or is not in receipt of an income of \$400 or more per year from sources other than their own labor.
The new law provides that the pension of

children who are permanently helpless shall continue during the period of such helpless-ness, or the lifetime of the child. This prevision extends to cases of children who are already on the pension roll under either

MEXICAN WAR.

Survivors of the Mexican war who were employed in the military or naval service of the United States for a period of sixty days, or were actually engaged in any cattle in said war, and honorably discharged, and who are now over the age of 62 years, or are subject to any disability for the performance of manual labor are entitled to a pension of \$8 per

Widows-The widows of survivors of the Mexican war are also entitled to pension at the rate of \$5 per mouth, provided that they have not remarried, and are over the age of 62, or if under that age are suffering from any physical or mental disability, or dependent upon others for support. LAND WARRINT.

Every soldier and sailor emplo ed in the service of the United States for the period of fourteen days, or engaged in any battle in any war of the United States prior to March 1855, are entitled to bounty land warrant or 160 acres, provided they have not received the same, or if they have received warrant for loss number of acres, then they are en-titled to a warrant for such number of acres as will make in the aggregate 160. In case of the death of the soldier or sailor without re-ceiving such bounty land warrant, the widow is entitled thereto if she is not married. If there be no widow, or if the widow has remarried and her husband is now living, title to the above bounty land warrant will vest in the children who were minors on the 3d day of March, 1855.

There are thousands of ex-soldiers, widows soldiers, children of soldiers, and parents of soldiers who are entitled to pension under the provision of the present pension laws, which are more liberal and more generous than at any time heretofore. The claims o such will receive careful and diligent atten tion, and may be prosecuted to settlement

with the lenst possible delay by
THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS,
Bee Building, Omaha, Neb.

HOW TO APPLY FOR PENSIONS. THE BEE AND EXAMINER BUREAU OF CLVIMS was originally organized for the special pur-pose of affording claimants under the Indian depredation act of March 3, 1891, the means of relief from the exhorbitant charges of unscrupulous agents and attorneys who had been charging their clients from 33½ per cent to 50 per cent of the amount of their claims, but so many ex-soldiers and the widows and orphans of soldiers offered their claims for prosecution that it became evident that the field of usefulness of the bureau was not confined to the interests of cialmants on account of the depredations of Indians, and the scope and plans of the bureau have been enlarged to meet the constantly increasing demand for its services in behalf of the sol-

dier public.

The bureau does nothing by halves, and a soon as it was decided that the claims of sol diers and their heirs must occupy a large share of its attention an effort was made to secure the services of an expert and thoroughly re-liable attorney to whom could be safely en-trusted the delicate and important interests of its soldier clients, and whose work would meet their expectation. In this the bureau has been eminently successful, having se-cured the services of Mr. Carroll D. Judson; inte special examiner of the pension bureau, who resigned his official position under the government to take charge of the pension claim business of The Bee Bureau of Claims. Mr. Judson has spent nearly half a life-time in prosecuting claims of ex-soldiers and heirs. He brings to the clients of the Bureau the fruits of many years' experience in the prosecution of their claims, and a thorough knowledge of the practice and methods o the pension bureau gained through his officia

position therein. Whenever it is found that any for advice is justly entitled to pens additional allowances from the gov the proper papers will be prepared f exen

tion and forwarded to him by return without charge.

If the applicant then desires the services of the bureau in the prosecution of his claim, he will execute the papers sent him according to instructions, which will be mailed there with for his guidance, after which he will return them to the the office of the bureau, and upon their arrival there the claim will be promptly filed in the proper department and prosecuted to completion at the earliest practicable date and with the utmost care

and diligence. No charges will be made in any pension claim until the allowance of the same, and then only the legal fee fixed by law.

In claims for increase of pension, the fee charged by this bureau is only \$2, payable only in the event of the allowance of the claim. In other claims the amount usual varies according to the nature of the case and

the law upon the subject.
Whenever the statement of facts presented fails to indicate the existence of a just and valid claim, the applicant will be so advised. The Bee Bureau of Claims has for its object the securing of "justice to vetorans" and their heirs and will undertake no claims that are manifestly without merit or illegi.

If anyone to whom this circular comes wishes a copy of the same for the information of any comrade, neighbor, friend, or any number of them, the same will be cher fully mailed to each person whose name and nost office address he sends to The Bee Beneau

Chains for that purpose.

Thousands of deserving, and in many in stances, needy ex-soldiers, veterans of many flerce battles, and the widows and orphans of such, have often felt themselves justly en titled to renef and assistance at the hands of the government which they so nobly fought for in the hour of peril, yet have not applied for pension or other allowances due them for the simple reason that they were not familiar with the "red tape" requirements of the government, and were not personally acquainted with an attorney or an agent in Washington or elsewhere, who was in possession of the technical knowledge necessary to enable him to transact the business properly, and were unwilling to entrust a matter so delicate and important to any of the thousands of age nts and attorneys whose pretentious circulars they were receiving constantly; white many others equally deserving and to whom a pen-sion would be at least a partial relief from the burden of arduous daily manual labor, per-formed under the difficulty and pain incident to disease and advancing age, have failed to apply for the pension which is justly due them, because they were not aware of their rights and privileges inffer the pension laws.
It is for the benefit and aid of the above classes in particular, as well as for the assistcharges in particular, as well as for the assist-ance of any and all ex-soldiers and their neirs, that The Bre Burnar or Chairs has added to its business the prosecution of pension claims. The attention of all ex-soldiers, widows, children and parents of soldiers is invited to the article entitled "Pensions— Who are entitled," which they are requested to read and consider [carefully Any interto read and consider carefully. Any interested person who desires advice as to his or her rights under the law, is also invited to forward to the principal-offices of the BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, Hee building. Omaha, Nebraska, a full statement of the facts in the case, and of the nature of the claim, when the merits of the claim will be carefully investi-gated and a thoroughly reliable opinion given as to the title of the sender to pension or in-

Crease or additional pension.

Address all communications to

THE BET BUREAU OF CLAIMS. A NEEDED BUREAU.

The organization of the new court of law claims at Denver last month and the an nouncement that the court will hold its fina session in that city on the 17th of November tive promise that he long-vexed titles in the western territories and state will soon be in a fair way to settlement. The disputed titles under the Mexican and Spanish grants have proved especially troublesome in Arizona and New Mexico. They have delayed settlement and investment in some of the fairest lands of the southwest, and have proved annoying in the districts further to the north. After much agitation and complaint congress wa



THE POINT.

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f r the consideration of this business, and ill soon begin to work.
The organization of this court gives The EE BUREAU OF CLAIMS a chance to extend its scfulness. It will take claims under this aw and prosecute them for persons who do not know whom to engage for the service. The business entrusted to the bureau in Washington is being prosected with energy. The Indian depredations patent, land mining and other claims before the courts nd departments are being pushed as rapidly as possible, with no delays on accunt of the arge amount of business which has been sent the bureau. The large amount of claims ntrusted to its care is a standing proof of the teem and confidence in which THE BEE is held by the public which it serves. It is like wise a demonstration, if one was required, o

he need of such an organization The revelations in regard to the Loomis agency which have been published recently go even further in the same direction. When a man sought for by the police for nearly a year on a warrant for embezzlement can set up as a claim agent, flood the western coun-try with circulars and receive assignments r several million dollar's worth of claims it appears that there is little protection for the claimant who sends to an unknown representative. The men who assigned their claim to Loomis would have had small chance o their seeing any of their money if tha schemer had been given time to collect their claims. When such risks are run and men who are not able to go to Washington and know no one there must hire their attorneys at haphazard, the need for a bureau to protect the people and do their work at reason able rates is apparent.
The approval with which The Bee enter prise is received by journalists and public nen is as gratifying as the response of the

THE DEPREDATION CLAIMS.

The experience of THE BEE CLAIMS BUREAU has brought out the fact that many of its subscribers do not understand that the Indian depredations act passed by the last congress annulled all previous contracts for collecting claims under it. This is a fact that they should know for their own protec tion. When the act was signed all contracts with agents were made void by its terms. The holders of claims were then free to make such bargains with their acents as they pleased, or could refuse to make any bargain

The framers of the act found it necessary to take this step for the protection of the claimants. At the time when there seemed little chance that such an act would be passed hundreds of claimants had contracted with agents to pay outragoous fees in case the money could be collected. Cases are known in which the claimants had contracted to give up to the agents over one-half the amount collected. Cases in which one-third was promised were not at all uncommon. allow these contracts to stand would make the law not an act of justice, but an act of extertion for the benefit of the claim agents The clause was inserted annulling all the The clause was inserted annuling all the contracts, good, bad and indifferent, and limiting the percentage to be charged by agents to 15 per cent, with an extra 5 per cent allowance for special cases. The claim agents naturally objected to this, asserting that it was beyond the powers of congress, but the best opinion of both houses was that contracts made to collect claims under a law

contracts made to collect claims under a law that did not exist could be annulled in ths On the 4th of March, therefore, the claim ants who had signed contracts were as free from obligations to agents as those who had not. If they were satisfied with their agents and wished to sign a new contract within the light of compensation fixed by the law, it was their right, but none of them were under any legal obligation to do so. The more unscrupulous of the agents naturally represented to their clients that they were bound to renew their contracts, with merely the substitution of the terms named by law for the outrageous commissions at first de-manded. Cases have been brought to the attention of Tu: BEE m which this policy had been tollowed success lly, by unscrupulous agents. They had in a word pullied the claimants into hiring them when if the claimants had understood that they were free of obligation, they would have chosen other representatives. As others are being worked upon in the same way, the facts of the case are set forth for their protection. If they are satisfied with the mer they first chose they are right in re-engaging them. If they are not satisfied, they are free

to engage anbody they choose.

THE BEE CLAIMS BUREAU was established solely for the protection of the public. It was established on account of the complaints of its subscribers who thought they were being unjustly treated, and those, still more numerous, who applied to it to find a reliable agent. It will collect the claims at only such charges as will pay the expenses of the bureau. It is expected that it will rarely hap-pen that the limit set by the law will be needed to pay the expense of collection. Many of the claims can doubtless be collected for 5 per cent of their face. The bureau is at the service of the subscribers and public at large. Those who take advantage of its offer will save money by it. Those who do not place their claims in its charge will save money, too, for it has put a check on the rapacity of the agents who would otherwise feel free to take the last penny the law al-lows. It is the privilege of a great newspaper to benefit all.

tie Moved. The following a nusing incident is related of H. C. Barnabee, the popular comedian and high sheriff of the Bostonians: One morning in New York city, while Barnabee was practising his eagle eye in front of the Standard theater a tramp stuffled up, and by means of a well-concocted and well-deliv-

ered tale of woe obtained a quarter of a dol-lar from him. On the following day and on the same spot Mr. Barnabee was again ac-costed by the man of woe, who ground out the identical doleful tune of yesterday. "Say, mister," inquired the comedian, "de you know how to piay any game!"
"Bet yer life," replied the tramp, "I bave known the time when I could hold a dandy hand at poker, stand my chance at euchre, chess and even checkers.

"Oh, you play checkers, do you?" said

St. Joe News. "Mamma," said little Wil-

"I'd like to see the man that can play a better game than I can," was the proud deflance, "Well, then," chuckled the night sheriff of Nottingnam, "it's your move.

lie earnestly, "won't you teach me how to fly some day—like you can?" "Like I can! What do you mean, child?" "Why I heard popper saying today that you flew off the handle so easily, and I thought-" But his mother persuaded him that he'd better do his thinking in bed.

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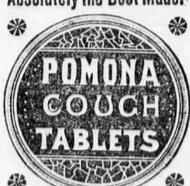
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