

THE OMAHA BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS. OFFICE - NO. 12 PEARL STREET. Delivered by Carrier in any part of the City.

MINOR MENTION. N. Y. Plumbing Co. C. B. Water Works Co. Removed to 30 Pearl street.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Cretch's chaff, 204 S. 15th block. Barbara's diamonds, watches, holiday goods.

A meeting of the directors of the Council Bluffs-Omaha Chautauque 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.

The Commercial Pilgrims of America will meet this evening for the election of officers and other business. All Pilgrims are urged to be present.

There will be a special meeting of Executive Lodge No. 229, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Smith and Miss Pluma S. Dodge were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Elder and Mrs. D. K. Dodson, 310 Benton street, Christmas eve.

Yesterday a telegram was received by Henry Swan from his wife, who went to Mount Pleasant Thursday to be the best of a sick sister, announcing the death of the latter about an hour before Mrs. Swan reached home.

At 11 o'clock, an Avoca lumber merchant, fell from a motor car about midnight Thursday, and was badly skinned about the face.

The jury in the case of the Citizens State bank against J. J. Barrett, was yesterday with legal juries for thirty-six hours, gave it up as a bad job, and yesterday morning was discharged by Judge Smith.

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.

Everything now in the line of holiday goods at Davis' department store. He has the largest stock and lowest prices in the city.

The only kindergarten in the city is in the Merrick block, next to the Young Men's Christian association.

Carman Feed and Fuel company, wholesale and retail, hay, grain and feed. Special prices on coal.

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

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

Svenson Music Co., Masonic temple. The Printers' Ball Masque.

Last night, in Masonic Temple hall, Bluff City Epiphany union, No. 293, gave its tenth annual ball masquerade.

The merry musicians commenced to arrive early, so that when the grand march was formed at 9 o'clock and started to dance music by the entire orchestra.

It is a well known fact that people can get better goods for less money at E. Burkhorn's than any other place in the city.

Buy your Christmas candy at C. O. D. Brown's. Candy 5c, 8c and 12c a pound.

The largest stock of Japanese and Chinese goods east of San Francisco, Ericson 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 they were immediately on going off duty at 7 o'clock.

The badge was presented with an elegant gold chain on the front of which were engraved the coat of arms of the state of Iowa and the words, "Chief of Police, Council Bluffs, Ia."

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A silver star was hung in the center of the altar, and from it were hung long, slender festoons of evergreen and all parts of the church.

The choir was on hand, and an excellent musical program was rendered, including a solo by Mrs. W. W. Sherman.

Prost Queen and Santa Claus went to see you at Hughes' hall, Wednesday evening, December 30.

Kountze Memorial English Lutheran church, corner Sixteenth and Harvey - Rev. A. J. Turko, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m.

Subject, "Is Christianity a Charity?" J. A. Clutz, D. D., president of Midland College, Atchison, Kansas, will preach in the evening at 7:30 p. m.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 8:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services and receive a Christmas welcome.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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 Plummer farm, about a mile and a half from Island Park, a short distance south of the city, had the novel, though not very desirable, experience of being made the target of four weapons in the hands of as many infuriated men, and a combat which was so intense that he was unable 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 Plummer's farm for some time past, but had been drinking heavily and allowing the farm and its surroundings to go to waste. Several weeks ago some of the neighbors stopped in and petitioned the district court to appoint a receiver. Peters was appointed, and ever since that time he has been holding down the farm against all comers.

On the morning of the 26th, the men, had made up their minds not to allow Peters to run them off entirely, and made numerous attempts to force him to leave the place. He would not leave the place, and Peters was somewhat alarmed by the threats, and had a number of able bodied friends around the place.

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Shortly after the departure of his friends, Sears fired a shot and a moment later another shot was fired, and the men, who were armed with rifles and shotguns, were scattered in all directions. Sears was the only one who remained in the place, and he was the only one who was wounded.

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PROSPECTUS

Of The Bureau 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 OMAHA DAILY BEE, Omaha, Neb., and Pioneer Press Bureau of Claims, under the direction of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn.

Pension, patent, land, Indian depredation and customs claims prosecuted with the greatest expedition at the lowest possible expense.

This prospectus relates to pensions. If interested in a claim of any character, send a statement of facts to the Bureau of Claims, where the same will receive careful consideration and prompt attention.

PENSIONS—WHO ARE ENTITLED. Soldiers—A soldier 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 \$10 to \$72 per month, according to the nature and severity of the disability.

ADDITIONAL. Soldiers who draw a pension for one or more disabilities are also entitled to same time suffering from other disabilities incurred in the service and line of duty, may obtain additional pension thereon.

Soldiers pensioned at less than \$30 per month, and wholly disabled by reason of disability on account of which they are pensioned, are entitled to an increase of pension to that amount per month, and if the disability is such that they require the regular and attendant medical care, 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 obtain an increase of pension proportionate to the increase of his disability.

ADDITIONAL NEW LAW. Soldiers pensioned at less than \$12 per month for disability incurred in the service, who are also suffering from other disability of any nature, not due to vicious habits, may obtain additional pension under the new law. This pension commences from the date of filing the claim, and is not less than that for which they are pensioned, they may obtain additional relief from date of filing claim, and if, in the future, the disability should be increased, they may obtain an increase of pension to that amount per month, and if the disability is such that they require the regular and attendant medical care, they may obtain pension at the rate of \$72 per month.

Under the laws of the United States letters patent are granted to any person who has invented or discovered any new and useful art, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof.

Term of Patent. A patent is granted for seventeen years, during which time the owner has sole and exclusive right to make, use and sell the patented invention.

How to Proceed. For all the reasons before making application to the patent office for a patent, the novelty and patentability of the invention should be ascertained, because, if the invention is not novel, or if it is not a new invention, no patent can be granted, and an unnecessary expense is incurred by filing an application on which a patent can never be granted.

The first thing to be done is to find out whether or not the invention is new and patentable. For advice on the point it is necessary to send to the bureau a rough or complete sketch or a photograph of the invention, together with a brief description thereof, setting forth the object of the improvement, the arrangement of the parts and the manner of using the same. While a model is very seldom necessary, yet in cases of great assistance. The latter can be made of any cheap material, and will be returned if a request is made to that effect.

Upon receipt of the data mentioned sufficient to enable the invention to be understood and to be made, the inventor should be notified and will advise without charge what is the best course to pursue and will express an opinion as to the probability of success, and if patents already granted, as to the patentability of the invention.

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The best and safest course is to have a special search made in the patent office to ascertain whether or not the invention has been patented. While a model is very seldom necessary, yet in cases of great assistance. The latter can be made of any cheap material, and will be returned if a request is made to that effect.

As heretofore mentioned, models are not required in the patent office except in intricate and complicated cases, and at the same time when an invention can be better explained by a model it will send the same to the patent office. The model should not be larger than one square foot, and in setting the same by express the charges should be prepaid and the box addressed to THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, Bee Building, Omaha, Neb. Mention this paper.

A NEEDED BUREAU. The organization of the new court of law claims at Omaha, Neb., has been announced that the court will hold its first session in that city on the 17th of November. The promise that he long-expected 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 farther to the north. After much agitation and complaint congress was induced at the last session to provide a court for the consideration of this business, and will soon begin to work.

The organization of this court gives THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS a chance to extend its usefulness. It will take claims under this law and prosecute them for persons who do not know how to engage for the service.

The business entrusted to the bureau in Washington is being prosecuted with energy. The Indian depredations patent, land claims, Mexican and Spanish grants, and other departments are being pushed as rapidly as possible, with no delay on account of the large amount of business which has been sent to the bureau. The large amount of claims entrusted to its care is a standing proof of the esteem and confidence in which THE BEE is held by the public which it serves. It is likewise a demonstration. If one was required to be such a contractor.

HOW TO SECURE A PATENT.