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Invitations are out for a leap year high five party at the home of Miss Maie Seeley next Friday evening. Herman Ochtrich of New York

passed through the city last evening on her way east over the Burlington road in the special car "Grasmere." A marriage license was issued yesterday to James H. Crabbs and Ellen Scott, both of Fremont, Neb. They were married by Jus-tice Hammer in the pariors of Kiel's botel.

Ladies' auxiliary No. 17, Union Veteran legion, will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Knights of Pythias hall. A full attendance is desired. Blanch C Loveland, president,

Rev. S. Alexander is conducting special services at the Second Prespyterian church this week, assisted by Rev. F. L. Hayden of Avoca and others. Services will be held every day at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Peter A. Baum was arrested yesterday on

a warrant issued from Justice Hammer's court charging him with committing an as-sault and battery on Hans Wilson. He gave bonds for his appearance on the 24th. Articles of incorporation were hied with the county recorder vesterday by the Pleas-ant Hill Methodist church of Norwalk town-

ship. The trustees are S. Tyndale, J. Tyndale, William Clary, Harry Sharp, F. T. Mepherson, M. T. Tweedy and G. F. Ward. Frank Donnhue, the small boy who broke into a South Main street saloon Sunday afternoon, was bound over to the grand jury resterday on the charge of burglary. His bond was fixed at \$300, and in default of the money he is spending his time in the county tall.

Miss Martha Faul died vesterday of spina trouble, after a week's illness, aged 24 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 1101 Eighth avenue, Rev. G. W. Crofts officiating. The deceased was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Faul and had been subject to spinal trouble for over three years.

A suit was commenced in the district court yesterday by W. T. Cornelson for a divorce from his wife, Elizabeth C. Cornelson. The petition alleges that they were married in Corydon, Wayne county, but that soon after the marriage the defendant began to abuse the plaintiff and his two children whom he had had by a former wife, and would use profane and vulgar language toward them. Finally she drove all the rest of the family away from home and then went away herself. She has not been seen since.

IT IS A BONA FIDE SALE.

The Blederman Bankrupt Stock Goes at Less Than Cost.

The Chicago creditors who are selling out the Biederman stock of clothing have not esteemed it necessary to do much advertising. The throwing of such a stock of goods on the market was enough to attract wide attention, and they consequently declined officious offers of service by some alleged adver-tising solicitors. Among them was a young man who claimed to represent the Council Bluffs department of an Omaha paper. His extravagant offers were firmly but courteously de-clined, but the refusal to give him advertising made him angry, and his anger led him into the blunder of attacking the character of the sale. Too many people have carried away bargains, and big ones, too, to believe this spiteful are all gone. There are lots of them, come and see if there are not, and many new ones, too. Today we fill our big hat window with samples of all the Blade.

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Forsch othouse man's straw hats that were designed to sell at 75c to \$1.50, and they all go at 25c each. Come in and see if you cannot get a suit of clothes or anything else in the store at Chicago wholesale prices. 502 Broadway.

Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway, has all the latest styles and newest goods. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Jarvis 1877 brandy, purest, safest, best. IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

Fred Kissell on Trial-An Order in the

Kimball-Champ Assignment Matter. In the district court the case of the state gainst Fred Kissell was placed on trial, the est of the criminal assignment. Kissell is jarged with taking a young man named am Stogenin out for a time about two wn the proper shade of crimson robbed togelin of all he had, which amounted to lout \$32. The two women, Nettie Ross and izzie Birchler, both of whom are married id live near the corner of Second avenue id Twelfth street, were placed upon the stories, which and and told straight storn nded to show Kissell's guilt. byington, who drove the hack which intained the party of merry-makers on the night in question, was also put upon the stand, but he was suspected of being an accomplice of Kissell, and, indeed, narrowly escaped being indicted by the brand upry so that he was not year. Aroud jury, so that he was not a very satisfictory witness, he being afraid to say much for fear of implicating himself in the crime. Kissell also testified, and tried to show that the bartender at one of the saloons they had visited was the guilty party. He failed to make his point, however, and was badly tangled up on cross-examination. The case

will be taken up again this morning. Judge Thornell vesterday made an order upon the receiver of the Kimball-Champ Investment company instructing him to pay to J. C. Teller the sum of \$800 for which suit was commenced against Kimball & Champ

The case of the state against Jesse McMahon, charged with embezziement, was con-tinued on a motion made the defendant, an affidavit being filed showing that he was too ill to stand trial at the present term of court. Charles F. Wilson, one of the Boston store burgiars, has made an application to the dis-trict court for a writ of hapeas corpus. He has secured the services of an Omaha attorney and the case will come up for a hearing this morning.

F. J. Tobin, who robbed a room mate at

Kiel's hotel a couple of months ago, pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny and was sent to the county jail for twenty days.

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

Swanson Music Co., Masonic temple PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Major M. M. Marshall of Chicago is in the Andy Jackson of Sioux City is a Bluffs

Vic Keller has returned from a visit of sev eral months in Salt Lake City. F. S. Stelling, who has been in Chicago for some time past, has returned home.

Major H. G. Curtis of Atlantic was in the city yesterday attending district court. A. S. Hazelton filed his bond yesterday as deputy clerk of the United States court. Mr. and P.rs. R. O. Wells of St. Louis are visiting H. F. Hattenbauer and family of

Mrs. Ohio Knox has gone to Carson in response to a telegram announcing the danger-ous illness of her mother, Mrs. J. Z. Losh. A telegram received yesterday states that the patient is somewhat improved.

How are your awnings? J. M. Lameke, 131 Pearl. Only home factory. Walnut block and Wjoming coal, fresh mined, received daily Thatcher,

16 Main street.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Rather Lurid Hue Given the School Election by Some Intense Partisans.

ATTACKS ON CANDIDATE SCHOENTGEN

Iwo Libel Suits Started as the Result of the Publication of an Election Day Circular-Heavy Vote Cast -The Result.

One of the important factors in the school election, which occurred yesterday, was a paper about half the size of one of the city papers, printed on one side, and scattered broadcast over the city. It was called "The Free Public Schools," and consisted of about four columns of editorials intended to knock out the democratic candidates.

One column of this paper was devoted to an arraignment of the Catholic church and the democratic candidates, who were charged with being in a combination with it, while the rest consisted of vigorous denunciations of Candidate Schoentgen. He was charged with having been a party to a school board ght which had nearly destroyed the city school system, forcing himself on the board of election judges in the Fifth ward, favoring corporeal punishment and extravagant expenditures of public funds, using profane language in the board meetings and in the presence of the school teachers, and using the district funds while his partner, Mr. Groneweg, was treasurer of the board, in connection with his private business without ever paying the board any interest for the use of it, or even making a full accounting for the money which was thus placed in the hands of Treasurer Groneweg for keeping. Will Make Some One Smart.

The last charge stuck in Mr. Schoentgen's boys had finished distributing the papers boys had finished distributing the papers until Mr. Schoenigen was on the war path for the author of the charges. Without much difficulty he succeeded in learning that the printing of the papers had been done in the Nonpareil office. An admission to this effect was gotten out of the proprietors of that paper, and a short time later the managing editor and the business manager were ing editor and the business manager were each served with a notice that a suit to re-cover \$10,000 damages for libel would be commenced in the district court on or before March 25. A hand-bill denouncing the authors of the sheet was also issued by Mr. Schoentgen and circulated all over the city and especially at the polling places.

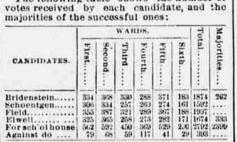
The war is on, however, and if the statements of these who are expectated in the case.

ments of those who are concerned in the case are to be believed, some interesting disclos-ures may be looked for. Schoentgen says he will make the publishers of the Nonparell prove every statement made in the sheet, and will spend the rest of his days, if need be, in giving them a foretaste of the torrid atmosphere of the hereafter. They, on the other hand, announce that they are both willing and able to prove every statement, even that as to the alleged fact of

the embezzlement. The case has been put in the hands of F. M. Hunter as attorney for the printing company. While he was on the school board ne and Schoentgen were continually on opposite sides of the fence, and the many wars of words in which they engaged has left anything but amicable relations between them. It may be confidently predicted that neither of the gentlemen will leave a stone unturned in the endeavor to show up the other, and the public may look for some interesting de-

velopments.

The following table shows the number of votes received by each candidate, and the



The election makes a decided change in the political complexion of the board. Last year it was three democrats and three republicans, but this year Wells will be the only democrat on the board, Waite, Stacy, Shubert Fields and Bridenstien holding down the other end of the see-saw.

·Was a Lively Election.

All day long the casting of votes in the various wards went merrily on, and when the polls closed at 6 in the evening the number of votes cast fell only a little short of that of last Monday. It was generally ex-pected that a much larger vote would be polled than is usually the case in school elec-tions, but the result exceeded the most sanguine expectations. It was almost impossible to guess what the result would be with any degree of certainty, even after the polls had closed, by reason of the queer com-plications that had arisen in the contest. A great deal of scratching of ballots was done, and the only thing that was certain was that aths ago in company with a couple of the proposition to issue bonds in the sum of solute women, and after painting the \$15,000 for a new school house near the corper of Madison street and Graham avenue was carried by a large majority.

A Lightning Artist.

Prof. Heerley of New York, who is making a tour around the earth exhib iting his wonderful skill with brush and palette, will spend Wednesday after-noon at the Boston store, Council Bluffs. He will use one of the large show windows for his studio and will perform some feats in oil painting that will be simply astounding, painting a large picture in brilliant colors in ten minutes. He has already painted a large number of pictures for the Boston store people, and together with those that he will paint on Wednesday, they will be given to patrons of the store. Every person who makes a \$5.00 pur-chase will be given a 22x36 oil painting free. The pictures will be framed, if desired, cheaper than anywhere else in the country, a beautiful gilt plush in-laid frame, costing only \$1.75, and an ornamental gilt frame \$1.00.

A smaller oil painting will be given with each \$3.00 purchase. This will be an interestidg event for the patrons of the Boston store.

Money to loan, Lowest gates, Johnston & Van Patten, Everett b l ock.

Troubles of a Vilisca Citizen. An information was filed in Justice Hammer's court a day or two ago by Maud Marsh, a girl who lives with the family of John Waterman in the western part of the city, charging Ira Keys of Villsca, Ia., with seduction. A warrant was issued and Keys was brought to the city Sunday night. He was arraigned, pleaded not guilty and gave bonds for his appearance tomorrow. Keys is a prominent citizen of Vilisca and he some severe charges against the prosecuting witness. He claims she is a woman of the town and had a pad reputa-tion for the past ten years. He has secured the services of an attorney of Viliaca and will return to the Bluffs tomorrow armed with the necessary papers to prove all he claims. He says that she has tried to black-mail him a number of times and that this prosecution was instituted because he re fused to accede to her demands. If he succeeds in proving all he expects to he will an action against her for black-

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mail at once.

Their Last Session. Aldermen Brown, Graves, Smith, Van

the new council, which takes its seat next Monday evening.

A resolution was passed which was intended to bring the city engineer's office more directly under the control of the council than formerly. It provides that the council shall have the power to determine the number of assistants the surveyor shall have and the salary to be paid to each.

The bids for putting the steam heating ap-

paratus in the new city building were opened. There were only two of them, the New York Plumbing company for \$1,025, and J. C. Bixby, \$369. The contract for the job was let to Bixby.

The bids for paving were all laid over until the next meeting. After some routine business had been transacted the board advanced.

A Handsome Suite of Offices. "I'll show you the handsomest suite of offices in the city if you will step in here," said Cashier W. L. Kerney of the Cattlemen's bank yesterday as heled the way into Dr. Barstow's office ad-joining the bank. The suite comprises the rear rooms of the bank building on the first floor. The building is one of the many fine pressed brick structures that have gone up in the last year, and is very pleasant and attractive both outside and in, but the offices have just received a week's attention from J. B. Long and his corps of decorators. The result justifies the almost extravagant assertion of Mr. Kerney, for the naturally fine rooms have been given a decoration that makes them artistically perfect. Mr. Long, in his designs, has shown an originality that is pleasing, and saw that they were executed with faultless skill. The decorating materials used are ingrain papers, a new process of plastic work and carved mouldings. Perfect harmony prevails in each of the apartments in coloring and designs, and going from one room to another has something of the effect upon a refined visitor as a visit to an art gallery. "The work stamps Mr. Long as an original decorator," remarked a gentleman who was admiring the work, "and is the strongest proof that the people of Council Biuffs hereafter who want fine work done will be obliged to consult him.'

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The democrats who had counted on having a majority in the next city council have not been able to swallow their chagrin at being defeated by an accident in the Fifth ward, and have brought a suit against Peter Smith to prevent him from exercising the duties of the office to which he was elected according to the judges of election. He took the oath of office yesterday and filed his bond, which was the signal for action on the part of his political enemies, who have been waiting for him. He was at once served with a notice that a petition was on file in the district court and that it would come up for a hearing May 2. The petition alleges in substance that the count was fraudulently made with intent to defraud S. Lobhart, the democratic candidate, out of office. Among other things it is alleged that ten ballots were put into the box bearing the name of Tibbetts, the second ward republican candidate for alderman, and that all these ballots were counted for Smith. Smith on the other hand claims that the count was made fairly, and that he will be able so show a perfect title to the office when the case comes up for a hearing.

Continuation of the blanket, comforter and underwear sale until the end of the week at the Boston store, Council Bluffs, See tomorrow's paper for revised list of prices. Boston Store.

Fotheringham, Whitelaw & Co. Council Bluffs, Ia.

Will Do Away With the Marshal. W. H. M. Pusey received a telegram from Senator Groenewig yesterday afternoon notifying him that the Dodge bill, providing for the abolition of the office of city marshal, passed the senate, all the democrats voting for it. Representative Ware states that it will pass the house of representatives with out any doubt so that the office of marshal will be a thing of the past in a very short time; the law will probably go into effect at the same time with all other laws of a general kind, on July 5, and after that the office will be vacant,

Jarvis' wild blackberry is the best.

Wedding Auniversary. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bublitz yesterday celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary A large number of friends and acquaintances gathered at their pleasant home at 19 Wash ington avenue and extended hearty congratulations. An elegant dinner was served during which toasts were proposed to the health and happiness of the happy couple. Later in the evening a large number of young folks came in and added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Swanson, Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Car-ruthers, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Beiknap, Mr. and Mrs. Fil-bert, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer of Omaha, Mrs. Vien of Omaha and W. H. Lynchard,

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103 Main St., Council Bluffs, Ia.

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NEW BOOKS AND PERIODICALS "Conscience," by Hector Malot, is much more than a mere novel; it is a literary gem of the first water. It has a well conceived plot and the characters are delineated with a fidelity to nature that makes the story irresisticle. The hero, an ambitious young doctor, finding himself very much embarrassed in a financial way and having pleaded in vain for a loan from an old money lender, the idea suddenly occurs to him that he could easily obtain what he is so much in need of by getting away with the aged usurer and helping himself to the cid man's cash. The doctor dees not believe in conscience nor has he any religious scruples. He therefore speedily determines upon a plan of killing the money tender and loses no time in carrying it out. The man whom he murders leads a very solitary life and has but few visitors at night so that the doctor argues to himself that as he is a skilled physician he ought not to have much trouble in destroying the old usurer with rapidity and in such a manner that his victim will be dead before he can obtain help. Everything favors the mur-derer, and he gets possession of the money he risked so much for, but he finds that through one fatai blunder on his part another pair of eyes besides his own and the old man's witnessed his performance of the ghastly deed. After regarding the situation from every point of view he decides that he must also sizy this witness before he can feel himself secure. He does so and then, horror of horrors, by a chain of remarkable bu fectly natural circumstances the guilt of first crime is fixed upon the brother of his sweetheart, who, after a trial, is sentenced to twenty years penal servitude. The doctor, however, marries the sister and then the reader is given some specimens of highly artistic literary work. It is theroughly original and fascinating from the first page to the last. The love scenes are beautiful, strong, tender and at the same time free from exag-

geration. Translated by Lita Angelica Rice and published by Worthington Co., 747 Broadway, New York. Aldermen Brown, Graves, Smith, Van
Brunt, Wind and Wood were present at the
meeting of the city council last evening.
The time was principally devoted to gathering up the loose ends of the business which
had been left unfinished at the preceeding
meeting, so as to leave the field clear for

"Equatorial America, Descriptive of a
Visit to St. Thomas, Martinique, Barbadoes
and the Principal Capitals of South America," by Maturin M. Ballou, supplies a longfelt want. This, of course, is a very backneyed expression, but at the same time it
says in a few words just what Mr. Ballou's

latest work really does. "It is "surprising." remarks the author, "In conversing with otherwise intelligent and well informed people, to find how few there are, comparatively speaking, who have any fixed and clear idea relative to so large a portion of the habitable globe as South America. The average individual seems to know less of the gigantic river Amazon than he uses of the mysterious Nile, and is loss faintifiar with that grand, far-reaching waterway, the Plate, than he is with the sacred Ganges; yet one can ride from Buenos Ayres, in the Plate, than he is with the sacred Ganges; yet one can ride from Buenos Ayres, in the Argentine Republic, across the wild Pampas to the base of the Andes in a Pullman palace car. There is no part of the globe concerning which so little is written, and no other portion which is not incresought by traveiers; in short, it is less known to the average North American than New Zealand or Australia." It must be confessed that the foregoing is no exaggeration of the state of ignorance so largely prevalent in this country and Europe regarding of the state of ignorance so largely pre-valent in this country and Europe regarding this interesting portion of the world. A careful perusal of "Equatorial America" will do much to dissipate this ignorance about our neighbors. The author is a keen observer of men and things and an incisive writer. This book contains a vast amount of valuable information which is presented in a very attractive manner. Published by Houghton Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York.

A more pathetically bountiful story than "The Scapegoat," by Hall Caine, it would be difficult to find. This is a story of Morocco in the last years of the reign of Sultan Abderrahman, and some idea of what it is about may be gleaned from the following extract from the author's introduction: "The ashes of the tyrant (Abderrahman) are cold, and his grandson sits in his place, but men who earned his displeasure linger yet in his noisome dungeons, and women who won his em braces are starving at this flour in the prison palaces in which he immured them. His palaces in which he immured them. His reign is a story of yesterday; he is gone. He is forgotien; no man is so meek, and none so mean but he might spit upon his tomb. Yet the evil work which he did in his time is done today, if not by his grandson, then in his grandson's name—the degradation of man's honor, the cruel wrong of woman's, the sname of base usury, and the iniquity of justice that may be bought. Of such corruption this story will tell, for it is a tale of ruption this story will tell, for it is a tale of tyranny that is every day repeated, a voice of suffering going up hourly to the powers of the world, calling on them to forget the se-cret hopes and petty jcalousies whereof Mo-rocco is the cause, to think no more of any scramble for territory whou the fated day of that doomed laud has come, and only to look o it and see that whoever fills the throne of Abderrahman shall be the last to sit there." Published by the United States Book company, 150 Worth street, New York.

"Helene Sainte Maur or the Secrets of a Boudoir," is the rather deceptive title of the latest novel of Luman Allen, author of "Lu-cia Lascar," "Pharaoh's Treasure," etc. The herome is the perfection of womanly beauty, virtue and erudition. The hero, Sir Philip Beimore, is a dark haired Englishman, with the face and figure of an Apollo. The scene is laid in Paris during the reign of terror and the plot, which is slightly of the stereotyped order, relates many stortling adventures and misadventures which befall this striking couple before they stand together before the altar in the last chapter. Previous to this consummation the majority of the other characters to the story, including the emperor and empress, leave the scene forever, for there is an immense amount of dueling and sixting alashing and shooting round on all. rioting, slashing and shooting going on in al-most every chapter. Incidentally the writer gives some crisp descriptions of the public characters of the times and briefly sketches the social conditions which led to the revo lution. Mr. Allen's style is slightly suggestive of Dumas. Published by Donohue, Hen neberry & Co., 407-425 Dearborn street, Chi-

Munsey's Magazine for March has as a frontispiece a most artistic reproduction of "Phædra," the painting by Alexandre Ca-banel, the celebrated French artist who died in 1889. The paper furnished by C. Stuart Johnson giving a sketch of the life work of Cabanel is charmingly written and full of interest, especially to lovers of art. "The German Student Duel," by W. Thornton Parker, and "The Reformed Church in New York," by Richard H. Titherington, are both excellently written and beautifully illustrated. Hinton MacMillan contributes a pretty little tale under the caption of 'Pierre's Story," which is well worth reading. Warren Taylor's illustrated article in which he gives some interesting facts about which he gives some interesting facts about which he gives some interesting facts about are asleep; but when you snore it is a sign that nobody else in the house but sign that nobody else in the house but the habits and customs of the emigres from Celestial empire. There is not an unreadable paper in the whole number.

Romance for March is full from the first page to the last of interesting and entertaining stories cuiled from all sources. It is a marvelously cheap publication considering the quantity of complete stories each monthly issue contains and also taking into consider tion the fact that these stories are not writ ten by unknown scribblers, but are either from the pens of well known American and foreign authors or reprinted from re-spectable newspapers and magazines. The convenience of such a compilation is very apparent, as the reader is not compelled to wade through a long nevel, which sometimes ocomes wearisome, but at any odd momen he or she can take up Romance and always be sure of finding some good short story to render pleasant a brief period of leisure. Published by Romance Publishing company, Clinton hall, Astor place, New York.

An important series of articles on "Th Great Capitals of the World" was begun in Harper's Weekly of March 2. The first nstalment was a paper on Paris, by Francois Coppee, describing the home life of the Parisians, the sights and sounds and sugges-tive features of the French capital, familiar enough to its inhabitants, but full of roman-tic interest to strangers. The paper is protic interest to strangers. fusely illustrated from drawings by famous

By order of the War department, dated October 3, 1891, Upton's Tactics were super-ceded by the "New Drill Regulations," the use of which is made obligatory upon all military organizations. The new regulations are free from the copyright restrictions here tofore limiting the use of tactics. Taking advantage of this, in concert with Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., W. C. & F. P. Church of New York, publishers of the Army and Navy Journal, have just issued a cheap edition of this useful little compilation.

The possibilities of our sugar industry are set forth in the most striking manner by the American Agriculturist for March. This standard authority on agricultural affairs apparently believes that nothing will pay better, both the farmer and capitalist, than the growth of beets and the manufacture of sugar therefrom for the home market. Its statements are based on authority, the author of the article having been for several years private secretary to Claus Spreckels. The American Agriculturist is published at 52 Lafayette place, New York,

The initial number of Two Tales has just made its appearance. It is a neat little periodical issued weekly, and each number contains two complete, new and original stories and no other reading matter whatstories and no other reading matter whatever. It has arranged for a corps of able, and in many cases well, known writers, to furnish it with stories, and looks as if it had a bright future before it. It starts out well with a very preity little novelette entitled "Juliza" by May E. Wilkins, and a short story by C. Gordon clealled "Halifax Borough." Published every Saturday by the Two Tales Publishing company, 810 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

Fergus Hume, the author of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," has just written another interesting story, quitted "The Man Who Vanished." It is something after the style of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and is well worth reading. Published by The

well worth reading. Publis Waverly company, New York. Published by The A Fellow Feeling.

At 8:30 yesterday evening a pompous policeman leaned against a lamp post and represented the majesty of the law at I wenty second street and Broadway, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. Down the great thoroughfare drifted a character of abandoned mien and generall disreputable exterior. He saw the policeman and paused. The bluecoat clutched his club. "Say," re-marked the abandoned one in a rusty hinge whisper, "kin ye give me a few pennies for a night's todgin'?" This su-preme audacity—the idea of a plain or-dinary tramp asking pecuniary assist-ance from an officer of the law—affected that individual so strongly that his eyes protruded and he gasped. "Git, or I'll

run you in!" he hissed with the first returning breath. "Hold on, pard! I an't done nuthis." "I'll fan you—" "Cheese that! Yer hittin' a brother perfessional!" "What do you mean?" "I wuz a policeman wunct meself."
"Where?" "In Philadelphia, four years ago." "And what was you fired for?"
"Clubbin' a tramp." There was a
chink of silver coin, and the abandoned person disappeared in the direction of Third avenue where boiling chicory and the succulent bean may be had at panie prices.

ILLINOIS IN THE EARLY DAYS. Reminiscences of Lincoln and the Duel

with Shields. From an "Open Letter" on "The Illi-nois of Lincoln's Time," by Sophie Bledsoe Herrick, in the Century for March, we quote as follows: "There was in those early days a curious character who presided at the bar; his name I have forgotten, but I remember my father's characterizing him, in Lord Chesterfield's phrase, as 'dullness blund erings upon vivacities. In a certain case in which this person acted as counsel for the plaintiff, a \$5 note had been stolen. The fact was proved beyond question. The point at issue finally was one of grand or petit larceny. The counsel for the defendant made the in-

genious plea that the bill was an Indiana bill, and worth \$4.95 and therefore was below the limit of petit larceny, \$5 being that limit. The jury seemed quite impressed by the argument, when the counsel for plaintiff rose, and in the peculiar drawl and nasal intonation characteristic of his speech said: 'Gentleman of the jury if any one of you was to take that In-diany \$5 bill to market, there's not a butcher there that would not be glad to take it at pa-a-ar. If you was to go to any of the stores on the square they'd be willing and more'n willing to take it at pa-a-ar; but this mean, confounded sneak couldn't afford to steal it at pa-a-ar.' The jury rendered a verdict of 'guilty of grand larceny.' "After General Shields had chal-lenged Mr. Lincoln, and before the pre-

liminaries had been arranged, Mr. Lincoln came into my father's office. said: 'I don't like this duel business. It is very foolish, but I can't show the white feather, and I don't know what I ought to do.' My father said: 'Lincoln, you are the challenged party and can choose the weapons. Choose broadswords, and I'll be qualified Shields will never fight you.' Mr. Lin-coln was very much amused with the notion, and instructed his second to name broadswords as the weapons When the seconds met and broadswords were proposed, General Shield's second demurred. He said, 'Barbarous weapons for the nineteenth century.' 'Yes,' said Mr. Lincoln's second, 'they are barbarous, so is dueling, for that matter. It is just as well to have the whole thing of a piece,' or words to that effect. When the time for the duel came, my grandfather, father, Dr. Merryman and some others went to the scene of action. In those days stage coaches were the only public conveyances overland, and the party had to spend at least one night on the way. The men, as was not uncommon in those days, found very limited accommoda-tions, so four, I think, had to sleep in a My father said that during the night he found himself in very narrow quarters as to the shoulders, while be low there seemed ample room to expatinte. In the morning he discovered that his right-hand bedfellow, a perfect stranger, had lost his leftleg. Dr. Mer-ryman called out in the night to my grandfather, 'Wake up, Bledsoe; wake up.' Grandpa said, 'Dr. Merryman, are you a doctor and don't know that when man snores it is a sign that he is asleep, not that lie is dying?' 'Yes, I know,' said the doctor. 'When most

yourself is a sleep.'
"The news of the proposed duel was noised abroad, and a crowd had collected on the Illinois side of the river, awaiting the return; it seemed to this merry party that the termination of this threatening affair would be unbearably flat if they just came home and an nounced an apology as the 'upshot in the So they put a log of wood prosend. trate in the bottom of the canoe, covered it over with General Shields' cloak, or something equally effective, and then clustered around the supposed victim of the fight, one fanning, another supporting, etc., till the crowd gathered on the opposite bank was worked up to a great pitch of excitement and sympathy. When the log was lifted out the dueling party had effectually turned the laugh rom themselves."

Amicus Curne.

Chicago Tribune: "The charge against you, Mr. Kiljordan," said the police nagistrate, looking at him sternly over his spectacles, "is that of boisterous profane swearing on the public streets of this city. Have you anything to

"Nothing, your honor," replied the prisoner. "I'm guilty. I had just paid my gas bill."

The magistrate pushed his spectacles ip to the top of his head and leaned

over the desk in front of him. "Mr. Kiljordan," he said, impulsively permit me to grasp you by the hand Officer, discharge the prisoner and call the next case.

An Appeal to His Conscience.

Chicago Tribune: "As a personal said the theatrical manager, 'I would like to have you give us as favorable a notice as you conscientiously

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"Yes, sah. "You must do what I tell you."
"Yes, sah."

"I don't mind a man taking a drink now and then, as I do myself."
"Yes, sah, I knowed dat jess as soon as I laid my eyes on you." Father Did Not Care.

my coming here?" anxiously asked Adolphus of little Bobby while Miss Maud was upstairs getting ready to "He don't care nothin' about it," replied Bobby carelessly.
"So he has no objection, eh? But

"How does your father seem to regard

what did he say my little man?"
"He said if Maud had a mind to make a fool of herself, why let her." A Fearful Mistake.

Somerville Journal:—Whyte—I made a fearful mistake the other night. Browne-How so. Whyte-Why, I told somebody before my wife that it was perfectly possible to talk in a whisper over the telephone.

Browne-Well, what of that? Whyte-Oh, nothing, only the minute she got me alone with her she insisted on my telling her just how I happened to find out that interesting fact.

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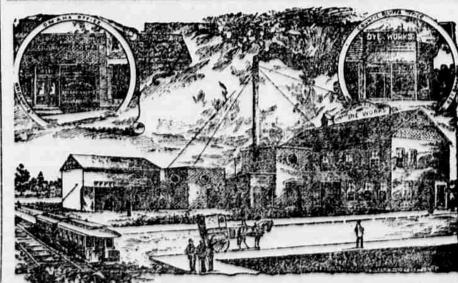
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