Try Moore & Ellis' "Sultana" 10c cigar. The Bee office, No. 16 North Main street. White Rose Rebekah lodge meets this

evening at 7:30 sharp.
Attorney A. T. Flickinger was on the streets yesterday after an illness of several

A case of scarlet fever was reported yes-terday at the residence of L. C. Besley, on East Broadway.

The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. High class in every respect. Rates, \$2.50 per day and upward. E. F. Clark, proprietor. The funeral services over the remains of the late T. E. Dubois will be held at the

Broadway Methodist church, instead of at the residence, as formerly announced. H. H. Inman has closed out the Elsemans stock of dry goods at Missouri Valley. He

returns there today to close out the big attack of clothing of Bacharach & Co. A marriage license was issued yesterlay to Charles Burkhitt of Des Moines and Katle Mock of Omaha. Charles gave his age as 65 years and Katle blushingly con-

fessed to being 54. Scats go on sale this morning at the box office for the opening night of the Woodwards Monday night. The play will be the strongest card, "A Midnight Watch." The imission to all parts of the house will be

All members of Excelsior lodge No. 259, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, are requested to meet at Masonic hall Sunday at 1 o'clock, to attend the funeral of our late brother, T. E. DuBois, All visiting Masons

Judge Caldwell has notified J. J. Steadman, clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of lowa, that there will be a special term of court of Keokuk, on February 9, to confirm the sale of the H. & S. railroad.

The funeral of Mrs. Showers will occur at 2:30 this afternoon from the residence of Rev. Hooker, 723 Mynster street. Mrs. Showers died at the Weman's Christian Association hospital Thursday afternoon, after undergoing a Caesarean operation for the removal of a cancerous tumor.

County Superintendent Paulson has ceived word from a large number of the directors of the schools of the county who promise to be in attendance at the meetings to be held in the superintendent's office to-day. Two meetings will be held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

Affidavits for continuance were filed yes terday in all of the cases against John W Paul and the Union Land and Improvemen company and the various brands of litigation growing out of those deals. The continuance was asked on account of the absence of Senator Pusey, who is counsel in the case.

The fire department was called out to extinguish two small fires yesterday. A gaso-line stove at the residence of Thomas Fields on Uppper Broadway inflicted about \$50 of damage upon his household furni ture before it was gotten under control, and a careless dropping of a match in a bundle of hay in a barn in the rear of 714 Broadway burned a part of the building and destroyed a

J. S. Kinzle, manager of the Singer Sew ing Machine company's office at Grand Island, Neb., called at the police station last evening and took charge of the little duncolored satchel that T. K. Kenyon left when he fled from Council Bluffs a few days ago. Kinzle says that it will require a good deal of work to discover the full amount of Ken-yon's defalcation, but thinks that it will reach a large figure.

Moore & Ellis' "Corner," best 5c cigar.

Wanted, good farm loans in western Iowa at lowest rates. Money loaned for local in-vestors on best of security netting 6 per cent. Pire insurance written in reliable companies Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

TO TRY THE CUPPY CASES.

An Old Story to Be Told Again to

The special venire called for the tern of court being held by Judge Macy at Avoca is for the purpose of trying the cases against William Bill Cuppy and his brother "Tip," who are charged with an assault with intent to commit murder.

· time past. They were first arrested and gained an unenviable prominence in connection with the Edgington pension time ago. Edgington was convicted of false swearing and some other offenses in connection with an application for a pen-sion and the Cuppy brothers were caught in the net and fined a large sum.

That started the fun, and some time after the trouble Pension Agent Brown, who

had been perniciously active in the prose-cution of the cases against the Edgingtons, was assaulted in the Rock Island office at Avoca and slugged by Tip Cuppy. It was charged that Bill Cuppy took a hand in the assault at first and helped pound the pension agent awhile and then pulled his brother off his victim and took Brown to a hotel and called a physician. The Cuppy were taken to Des Moines and tried on a charge of conspiracy against Brown and were acquitted. But the Avoca grand jury took the matter up and indicted the brothers on the charge of assault with intent to commit rder. It is under this indictment that cases will be called before Judge Macy at Avoca on Monday. In addition to the regular panel the judge has asked for fifty additional jurors, in order to be prepared for the case.

Dear Mr. Editor: Spring is almost here. This is my first spring poem. And as it s the 14th of February, it shall also be my Spring, beautiful spring,

That Monday night Will be a successful thing.

The Day is ever a great delight, Birds have been known to sing in the

The St. Paul's Guild are ready to sing,

night.
So the "Doveys" will surely sing.
The High School quartet
Is a Council Bluffs pet, And they shall be given their fling.

So you see I am right When I say a delight Is waiting for you next Monday night.

FOLLOWER OF SHAKESPEARE. Caucuses This Evening.

The indications are that about all of the fight that will be in the city campaign will be made at the caucuses this evening. There are many candidates and each has many friends, and these friends are aggressively Mayor Cleaver's battalions are neglecting no opportunity to win the fight and are making a little more noise than any other crowd. There were two or three meetings held by independent voters last evening and at one of them one of the speakers and at one of them one of the speakers made some declarations that seemed to meet the entire approval of those present. "Cleaver's administration will compare more than favorably with that of any of his predecessors," said he. "The most economical administration we have had in recent years was that of Dr. Lawrence, and Dr. Cleaver's has been still more so." It was suggested that this declaration should be made the slogan of the campaign.

slogan of the campaign. Conundrum.

Who is he???? Who is he???? Who is he??? One who entertained 15,000 people in the Coliseum at New York City. A humorist, as orator, a poet, a sailor.

What sea did he sail?

What sea did he sail?

One that is 25,000 miles in circumference. One that is deeper than any other. One that has ships without sail or helm, bow

Half Price Sale of Frames. Great sale! Surpasses half price sales of former years. Get your pictures framed while they are going at half price.

H. L. SMITH & CO.

Columbia bicycles. Highest of all high grades. Call and see them at Cole & Cole.

Have you seen the new gas heating stoyes at the company's office? Dr. Cleaver's office moved to 600 Broadway.

Queer Real Estate Deal at Council Bluffs.

GEORGE GUDE IS UNDER ARREST

Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses From L. A. Gray and Others in a Pusiness Deal.

George Gude was arrested yesterday afternoon upon a warrant, charging him with obtaining money under false pretense. The amount involved is about \$500. Gude is a comparative stranger in the city and but little is known of his antecedents.

Soon after reaching the city Gude made the acquaintance of L. A. Gray, a local real estate trader. Gude was looking for a chance to trade some Kansas land for Council Bluffs property or anything else that had more intrinsic value than farm lands in the Grasshopper state. Gray had lots of chances for the young man and finally struck up a trade that was satisfactory all around. He had a \$350 mortgage on a tract of twenty acres of fine farm land in Mills county, which he was willing to invest in the Kansus bargain, and also a mechanic's lien on a house

in Omaha, securing \$180. The deal was finally closed and Gray turned over his property to Gude. Gude's deed for his Kansas land was in blank and the abstracts that accompanied it were not brought up to date, the deed in blank not being included. He suggested to Gray that the abstract be sent to Kansas and completed, so he says, and that Gray should investigate and learn the true value of the land. Gray was familiar with the country in the vicinity and was also assured that Gude was all right, for the young man bore strongly worded letters from Secretary of State McFarland and other prominent men in Des Moines, expressing their confidence in him and vouching for his honesty. Gray went ahead and made the trade, and turned the deed over to his creditors

BRANDED AS SPURIOUS. In the course of time the deed was sent down for recording, and the abstract for re-vision. Both were returned yesterday with a letter saying that they were spurious, that the dead was a forgery, and that no such person as the man named on the abstract lived there or ever had lived there. In the meantime Gude had traded the property he had received from Gray to C. E. Kimball for a house and lot and \$115 in cash. As a singular coincidence about the time that Gray found the Kansas titles to be worthless, Gude discovered that the mechanic's lien that Gray had given him had been worthless for two years, the statute of limitation having run against it.

This looked like an even standoff, but Gray was not satisfied. He wanted Gude to return all that he had received for his mythical land, under threats of arrest. Gude was willing to turn over the property re-ceived from Kimball and give Gray \$75 of the \$115 received, but this was not satisfactory, and the threat of arrest was executed. Gude gave bonds, and will have a hearing in Justice Cook's court this morning.

Gude claims to be wholly innocent of any

attempt to use fraud, and claims to be ignorant of the worthlessness of his Kansas

FOUND IT WAS NOT A FAKE BOMB.

Been a Real Engine of Destruction The gas pipe bomb referred to in The Bee of yesterday, and which was thought to have been only a harmless joke perpetrated by some one who had not arrived at the age of discretion, proves to have been something more than a jest. One of the men who helped to investigate it said yesterday that it was a genuine and murderous instrument of destruction, and that the fuse was not a The Cuppys have cut a swath in the court piece of electric light cord, but a fine paraphined water-proof fuse. When the bomb nated in what was about a double charge of shotgun powder, and back of this was a lot of black unglazed powder in lumps the size of hickory nuts. The remainder of the bomb was filled with stuff whose nature was not known, but which was believed, to the inexperienced eyes of the men who carefully picked the bomb to pieces, to be giant powder or dynamite. The bomb was not laid on Colonel Reed's pavilion, but upon the perch of his residence, where Peter Reif, who is engaged to watch the property, sleeps every night. The bomb was not taken up town, as at first reported, but after it was examined and its dangerous character discovered, it was locked up in Colonel Reed's tool house for safekeeping. Wedneslay night the house was broken open and

he bomb stolen. Some of the people at Manawa still strongly incline to the belief that the whole thing was only a joke, but Peter Reif, who is the justice of the peace for Lewis township, does not share in the opinion. So thoroughly is he satisfied that it was meant for mischlef that he has refused to longer sleep in the house at night. He stated yesterday that he yould not stay there for \$500 a night. The bomb was about one foot long, made

of inch and a half pipe. One end was closed by a cap screwed on and the other was filled in with some dense substance and coated with black paint.

GOT A VERY SMALL JUDGMENT.

W. L. Thomas' Case Against the City Profits the Plaintiff but Little. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the jury in the case of W. L. Thomas against the city returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff ind fixed his damages at \$300.

Thomas sued the city for \$5,000 for in juries sustained by falling through the area way in front of a burned building, near the Northwestern depot, on Broadway. The evi-dence for the plaintiff was that he was permanently injured by the fall. The city showed that the areaway in question was very narrow and that Thomas must have valked very much out of his way to fail

An effort will be made by the plaintiff to have the verdict set aside and a new trial ordered. The city attorney is very well satisfied with the finding of the jury and will make no effort to appeal the case, but will, of course, resist a motion for a new

The case of Mrs. Anderson against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific is still on trial before Judge Thornell and a jury, F. T. True has commenced foreclosure proceedings against A. J. Rice, C. A. Altmans-perger and others on a note for \$400, secured y a real estate mortgage.

Judgment was rendered in the forcelosure proceedings of Scott Rice against H. A. Rice by Judge Thornell yesterday. The amount was for \$554.23 and attorney's fees and the property involved was the plant of the Twin City Excelsior works. Charles Green confessed judgment in the district court yesterday in favor of Leonard

Everett in the sum of \$240.90.

Hot Bed Sasn. We have 1,000 hot bed sash which we are going to close out. They won't last long. How many do you want? We will make you a price that cannot be duplicated. C. B. Paint, Oil and Glass company, Masonic temple, Council Bluffs.

The sale of reserved seats for the Saturday night's exhibition of the "Model School" commences this morning at 9. Those who come today will have the best choice. there are nearly 1,000 good seats in

the house. Do not forget the matinee of the Model school on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. It will be a full performance. Children under 15 years, 25 cents; under 10 years, 10 cents. Adults,

Stephan Bros. for plumbing and heating; lso fine line of gas fixtures.

Don't miss our special sale of aluminum ware for the next ten days. Cole and Cole.

BOTH WERE DISSATISFIED NOT CRAZY BUT A THOROUGHBRED.

Queer Case of an lown Boy Who Would Be a Tough. George Johnson, son of Peter Johnson of Underwood, was before the insanity commission yesterday afternoon and succeeded in convincing the members of the board that while he is morally a little out of plumb his brain is working all right. George is 21 years old and is convinced that he has a right to be a dead game tough if he wants to, and seems determined to give a full play to all of the pent up cussedness that has been repressed during his minority on his father's farm. He is a fairly good looking fellow, speaks with a command of big words that would command the envy of a colored blood and keeps prominent in his conversation the fact that he is a man now and proposes to have his awing. He has a passion for gambling his swing. He has a passion for gambling and a burning desire to be the champion pool player of Underwood, and is willing to pawn his clothes in order to raise the funds required for the necessary p:act ce at

his chosen calling. complaint against the young man was made by his father, and he was arraigned before the board at 2 o'clock yesterday after-noon. He demanded the evidence, and it was produced. Johnson senior testified that he was convinced that his son was insune and related how the boy had pawned his clothes to get money to play pool with, and had tried to sell one of his father's horses for \$15 in order to spend the money in riot-ous living. This evidence was corroborated by Hiram Carter, a son-in-law of the elder

When George was asked what he had to in regard to the evidence of his father and brother-in-law, he replied that some of it was true and some of it was not. He admitted that he had pawned his clothes, and said he was 21 years old, and had a right to pawn his clothes if he wanted to. He did not consider it any of the business of his father or any of his relatives to interfere. He liked to take a part in a game of chance, and while he did not win often he was willing to pay for his experience with the hope of getting even when he became expert. He said he was willing to go to pehool, but would not go to a constant the said he was willing to go to pehool, but would not go to a country school any more where he knew more than the teacher. He had tried that and had found the teacher was unable to assist him in his desire for educational advancement. He also put 'n a claim for more liberal allowances of cash from the paternal treasury. He said he was 21 years old and was entitled to a man's wager. Young Johnson was before the insanity

commission a year ago, and was confined i St. Bernard's hospital for some months. At that time he was afflicted with a desire to be a tough, and wanted to raise money by signing his father's name to negotiable docu-ments. After his release he went to his iome and spent the summer at hard work. His desire to be a bad man came on him with his twenty-first birthday, about six weeks ago.

After considering the matter for some tim the insanity commission decided that young Johnson could not be legally confined as a nsane person, however much he might be morally warped. He was discharged and will live with his elster north of this city instead of returning to the parental roof.

PREPARED FOR UNCLE SAM'S COURT Jurors Drawn for the March Term-

Minor Cases on Call. The March term of the federal court for the western division of the southern district of Iowa will convene in this city on March-to. Indications now are that the term will be the lightest ever held in this city, as there are not more than 100 cases on the docket of all kinds.

The civil cases will be taken up first by Judge Woolson and the criminal cases disposed of the last week of the term. The criminal cases are principally minor violations of the revenue laws, with a few cases of counterfeiting added to give the business a flavor. The grand and petit jurors have been drawn. The petit jury is summoned for March 10 and the grand jury for March 17. The following is a list of the jurors

Grand Jury-Thomas Roy, Dow City; H. B. Gray, Hastings; George Catlin, Creston; James Rainbow, Macedonia; L. G. Williams, Cromwell; William Tubbs, Davidson, Glenwood; J. M. Emerson; John Boyer, Carroll; W. G. Kinsey, Essex; Oscar Horton, Sidney Brown, Hamburg; A. M. Snyder, e; William Hanna, Quincy; D. E. P. P. Bi Modale; Mofitt, Corning; J. A. Moore, Dunlap; C. E. B. Rendleman, Exira; Joseph Dalby, Blanch ard; John Turner, Harlan; C. M. Paschall, New Market; H. W. Sterns, Audubon; D. A. Morrow, Afton; Dana Reed, Coon Rapids John Stuart, Shenandoah; W. C. Delashmitt, Glenwood

Petit Jury-Stephen J. Morrisy, Harlan Carfery Marlow, Glenwood; William Duncan Clarinda; Robert Marshall, Vall; P. Bickel-haupt, Viola Center; C. W. Simpson, Elliott J. R. Dunbar, Denison; J. N. Lineberg Mount Ayr; G. W. Hoover, Audubon; J. R. Prest, College Springs; Joseph Stevens, Sidney; John Allison, Thayer; George Mace, Carroll; E. Graham, Creston; Taylor Noys, dondamin; R. J. Clark, Sidney; A. R. Fuller Creston; O. P. Wyland, Harlan; Samuel Lockabille, Hastings; C. J. Carlson, Hepburn; L. B. Wilson, Creston; E. W. Greg-ory, Living Springs; W. W. Bradford, Cresory, Living Springs, W. W. Bradford, Cres-ton; W. Gilley, Carroll; S. B. McAlpin, New Market; J. F. Wall, Mount Ayr; George Moore, Essex; J. W. Chatburn, Harlan; W. E. Potter, Gildden; Henry Kenan, Malvern; C. C. Platter, Red Oak; J. I. Bagnad, Conege Springs; C. C. Weaver, Lewis; Thomas Weid-man, Red Oak; G. A. Howard, Gravity; J. Wilson, Massena; C. L. Clark, Tabor C. Milliman, Logan; J. B. Matlock, Cresent: M. E. Jenkins, Brayton: Frank Atten Glenwood; W. H. Bennett, Vail; J. F. Rocka field, Shenandoah; W. D. Everett, Atlantic Ed Anderson, Hawthorn; Daniel Leonard, Logan; T. B. Bruington, Atlantic; W. J. Logan; T. B. I Wicks, Panama.

That Old-Fashioned School. One of the most exquisitely funny enter ainments that has been evolved by Council Bluffs amateur talent for a long time was most heartily appreciated by an audience that filled every portion of the New Dohany last evening. It was an entirely new revision of the "Old Deestrick School" that has had such a great run as an amateur play since its production by a Council Bluffs writer more than ten years ago. Prof. H. W. Sawyer revised it, and as teacher of the school made it a most delightful success. Gray-headed women and bald-headed men, wrinkled and grizzled with more than 70 years of life donned the as members of the infant class spelt out les sons with words of two syllables. Such sustere and august men as Rev. Henry Coker trundling a little red toy wagon across the stage and Grandma Poterfield hugging a rag doll as she took her place in the class by his side, was so exquisitely funny that laughter brought tears. All the women wore dresses that came to their knees and white pantalettes that reached to their shoe tops, while the men wore "roundabouts" and knee pants. The infant class was composed of Rev. T. F. Thickstun, W. W. Wallace, Ohio Knox, Henry Coker, P. C. DeVol, W. A. Mynster, Dr. O. W. Gordon, Mrs. Porterfield, Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Terwilliger. They toed the mark and bravely spelled words of two syllables. all but Mynster and DeVol, who had not learned their lessons and were punished by wearing the dunce cap.

It was an ideal representation of a country district school 100 years ago, with men and women dressed in the costumes of the children of the day. Delicious costumes many of them were, too, shreds and patches tha or them were, too, shreds and patches that showed the unskillful work of tired right-ers, overcome in their efforts to keep royster-ing boys and girls in whole garments. Myn-ster, with a blue gingham apron that came to his knees, blubbering over the orthography of "cow," and Grandma Porterfield, tenderly wiping his eyes with her dress skirt, was so deliciously exquisite that the giasticutuses on the walls of the theater were driven into new facial contortions from the mirth that

shook the building. The big special sale at the Durfee Furni-ture company's is in full blast. There were some the greatest bargains given there yes-terday ever offered in Council Bluffs. The

sale lasts ten days. ware for the next ten days. Cole and Cole.

Davis, only drug store with registered clerk.

Davis, only drug store with registered clerk.

Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway, Telephone 157. SOLDIERS' HOME TOO SMALL

Iowa Institution at Marshalltown is Badly Overcrowded at Present.

MUST BE EXTENSIVELY ENLARGED

Legislature Asked to Make a Liberal Appropriation for the Addition Dormitories and Other Needed Accommodations.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14 .- (Special.)-The

erormous increase is the number of applications for admission into the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown is a matter of grave concern. When the home was established, some ten years ago, serious doubts were entertaired as to the advisability of making so large an expenditure for this putpose, many members arguing that the number of veterans in this state who would avail them selves of the advantages of the institution as limited and would constantly decrease. Accommodations were only provided for some 225 persons, but this figure was speedily reached and passed until now there are more than twice that number of inmates, with applications on file from half as many more that cannot at present be provided for. Bills are now pending to appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for additional buildings and for the support of this institution. The "cottage clan" of providing for the families of solliers has not proved successful and has been the cause of more or less fealousy and will be abandoned. A dormitory for indigent widows of soldiers is one of the urgent necessities recommended by the board of

If the legislature does finally dispose of the revised code and obviate the necessity of an extra session the credit will be largely lue to Representative Brinton of Hamilton who is chairman of one of the five subdivis-lons of the code committee. Mr. Brinton has hit upon the plan of bodily substituting he sections of the present statutes in cases where the commissioners have made material changes. Owing to the peculiar method of annotating practiced by McClain in dividing p sections and using alphabetical references it is not as easy a matter to make these substitutions as might appear at first sight, but by patience and perseverance, considerable progress can be made at each meeting of the committee. This method, if uniformly adopted, would, of course, ignore all the recommendations made by the revisors, and to away with the necessity of any protracted debate. Mr. Brinton calculates that by diligently pursuing this course the entire work can be accomplished and final a journment reached by the middle of April.

AGE OF CONSENT DEBATE.

After a few closing remarks by Rowen, the enate voted on the motion to substitute the minority report on the age of consent bill for the majority, which prevailed, 23 to 20. The minority favored fixing the absolute age at 16, and conditioned on subsequent marriage at 18. Senator Lothrop, who had voted for the minority, moved an amendment, exempt ing young men under 18 from the penalties prescribed. He thought that boys under the age named should be afforded equal protec-tion. Senator Blanchard quoted at length from the decision of the supreme court of Kansas against unwise and unreasonable punishments for a minor offense, and punishing only one party to the crime. On motion of Senator Byers the motion by which the minority report was adopted was reconsidered, 27 to 21, and on the next roll call the minority report was again adopted by the casting vote of Lieutenant Governor Parrott, which was followed by vigorous clapping of hands and other demonstrations of approval by the lobby. Senator Carpenter moved an amendment, merely striking out the word 13 in the present statutes and inserting the Senator Healy opposed the substitute, because the maximum punishment of imprisonment for life might be imposed upon a mere boy, who had yielded to the solicitation of an inmate of a bawdy house. Senator Jeukin thought the minimum "term of years" did not leave sufficient discretion with the court. After several other amend-

In the house a large batch of petitions were read on all sorts of subjects, but prin-cipally in relation to the soldiers monument. in effort to appoint an add fonal file c erk was adopted by Van Ibanten, who pointed out the fact that as all bills must be introduced by February 29, in the course of these two or three weeks there would be very little work either for the file clerks or the thirty-fiv ommittee clerks now employed by the house The house judiciary committee reported favorably on the bill requiring the signature of both the husband and wife to mortgage liens on household goods. Also the bill

authorizing the state, county or city to reeive bequests. Representatives Smith, Bowen, Grate Nietert, Davis and Lambert were appointed a committee to attend the funeral of Repesentative McClelland.

Committees on ways and means of both houses went to Iowa City to investigate the needs of the State university. The committee of both houses has recom

amendment. Bills introduced in the senate: By Byers-Making an appropriation of 4,000 for the support of the Iowa State

band.

By Garst—Prohibiting the writing or issuing of fire insurance policies by non-resident agents and declaring such policies void, and no effect. (These are identical with the bills introduced in the house by Mr. Early.)

Bills introduced in the house:

By McArthur—Making sleeping car companies liable for losses and requiring each car to carry a safe for the accommodation of passengers. By Scott—Requiring railway companies to construct overhead and undergrade cross-

MR. MONAHAN WAS TOO SMART. Representative Monahan, the democratic number from Plymouth, is feeling very unappy. He is the only democrat from the Eleventh congressional district, which was conceded a member of the Board of Regents of the State university. Assuming that he had the right to name the member, Mr Monahan kept the matter quiet until the last moment, and then insisted on presenting the name of a "bright lady in his county. In the meantime Representative Byington of Johnson county had been industriously at work in the interest of P. K. Holbrook of Monona county, and had secured enough pledged votes in advance to insure the nomination be fore the caucus met. Mr. Monahan, at the last moment, brought out Patrick Farrell of LeMars to represent the democratic minority on this important board, but Mr. Holbrook's lead could not be overcome, and he was nominated and elected in the joint meeting

of the general arsembly, in spite of the most rigorous opposition of Mr. Monahan.

A highly sensational encounter took place between Representative Nietert of Linn and F. W. Bicknell, a reporter for a local paper, which might have resulted seriously for the scribe had not bystanders interfered. The member was referred to on the authority of Representative Funk as "the granger chair-man of the banking committee, who had no more sense than to tax banks." Funk repudiated the statement, and the reporter re-luctantly admitted that he had misrepresented the member from Linn, whose ire nearly precipitated a collision that reminded the old members of the Finn-Belvel affair of four years ago. Hardly had the reporter escaped from the wrath of Mr. Nietert than he was confronted by a new danger in the person of Representative Reed, whom he had believed with conving his sched bill from charged with copying his school bill from the Minnerota statutes. The member from Story, however, confined himself to a mere

Creston Man Missing. CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 14 .- (Special Telegram.)-Robert Runcie is missing. The particulars concerning his d'sappearance are pathetic. His wife submitted to a serious surthetic. His wife submitted to a serious sur-gical operation and died at the hospital. Dur-ing her illness Runcie would go to her bed-side frequently and ask her if she blamed him. He was much affected. Gossipers ac-cused him of sanctioning the operation and it is thought this preyed upon his mind and unseated his reason. He was not present at the time of the funeral and has not been seen since last Wednesday.

MYSTERY OF A MOUNTAIN.

Vast Tract in South America Which Has Never Been Explored. Among the many objects of interest that have been brought to light by the Anglo-Venezuelan dispute, says a writer in the New York Times, there is, perhaps, none that claims quite so much attention from the scientific world as the so-called mountain of Roraima. Situated in the southwestern corner of Sir Robert Schomburgk's alleged boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, this wonderful geographical phenomenon, although long known, has elicited but little interest. In point of fact, however, it is a veritable scientific sphinx, the message of whose riddle has come down intact and

unread from far geological epochs to the present time. This stupendous mountain, or isolated table land, which the native Indians call "Ro raima," or the mysterious, rises high in reli tary grandeur above the surrounding tain system, its perpendicular, rocky sides rendering it absolutely inaccessible to the foot of man or beast. Crowning this impreg-nable fortress of nature is a tract of territory estimated to contain upward of 140 square miles. Unlike other inaccessible mountain summits of the world, this elevated region is no mere wilderness of snow-capped ridges. On the contrary, all the indications, including the positive evidence of the telescope, point to its being covered with forests, intersected with rivers, fed from lakes, and to possess a climate that must, in the nature of things, be temperate—that is, neither wintry, despite its altitude, nor tropical, despite its equatorial position. Geology teaches us the past history of this

singular freak of nature with no uncertal

For as it is not of volcanic origin i must have been thus isolated from the res f the continent-from the submerged worldt some distant geological period. In a word it was formed by the action of water at the time when the whole southern continent was slowly emerging from the ocean. Through successive age: Roraima's smooth perpendicuar sides must have grown up until a height of some 2,000 feet was attained ere even the summits of what are now its neighbor moun summits of what are now its neighbor moun-tains arose from the deep. As the geological ages slowly rolled by the mountains grew and the valleys became dry land, and the ances-tral vegetation appeared, following which came animal life. But meanwhile Roraima was alr-ady old and must be supposed to have by that time possessed a well developed flora and fauna of its own. Isolated as these were from that remote beginning, they have con-tinued to develop along their individual lines unaffected by those modifying influences which intercommunication affects under nor nal conditions. Roraima, therefore, must form a little world in itself, full of mysterious interest to the modern scientist and to the world at

large. What marvelous treasures must there await the eye of the botanist and the natural ist! All that is now known of this isolated region is that it is thickly wooded and well watered; the telescope reveals the woodland, while numerous stupendous waterfalls come plunging down the sides, one having a clear leap of 2,000 feet, and such an enormous vol ume that it is plainly visible from a point thirty miles off. That strange forms of plants and beasts and even fishes abound it his wonderful lone island is self-evident. Speculation even surmises that it may be inhabited by human beings; but whether this be so or not, the region is well worthy of being explored, and the wonder is that no serious attempt at doing so has yet beer made. If, as asserted, it is only accessible to a balloon, even that means of scaling the heights may be resorted to with success. In the neighborhood of Roraima proper are two or three other masses of similar formation, which are believed to be equally inaccessible, although their lower forms have not been explored. One of these, called by the natives Kenkenham, is much larger than Roraima, but not nearly so striking in the uncompromising aspect of its accessibility. This and its fellows may prove to sibility. be equally as isolated and interesting as Roraima itself, but so far as is now apparent it is to Roraima that science must look to solve the mighty riddle that she herself propounds of the preservation in unbroken line of descent of the earliest forms of floraine that the science of the earliest forms of floraine or the science of t

globe when "the waters were gathered to-gether in one place and the dry land ap-Whether the possession of this South American geological sphinx ultimately falls to England or Venezuela, it is to be hoped ments had been proposed, the bill was re-ferred back to the judiciary committee, with instructions to report tomorrow, when the fight will be renewed.

That science will not much longer delay in wresting from it the secret it has enclosed and been waiting to divulge through many ages. The possible results would justify cost that may be incurred in pursuance of this object.

and fauna that appeared on this half of our

A WORD ABOUT CONDOLENCE.

It Should Be Gently Offered and Delientely Considered. The foundation of condolence, says the

Baltimore Sun, is sympathy, for it is, in fact, only an expression of sympathy, but the sympathy itself is sometimes simulated or merely perfunctory. Words of condolement are consequently, in many cases, set terms or trite sayings, uttered without thought or feeling, and when this is the case they have no consoling effect. But real condolement with the afflicted, springing

naturally out of sympathy, has a soothing effect. The sorrow is divided, as it were, and the chief sufferer or mourner feels re-lieved by having a companion in misery. No such relief is brought by polite words of sympathy coldly expressed, which every one utters as a matter of form and which no one takes as having serious meaning.

The expression of sympathy which is most

felt and most gratefully received is not al-

ways translated into words. The pressure of the hand or kindly acts of consideration may sometimes be more consolatory than any spoken words. People of judgment and consideration who wish to console the afflicted do so quietly and gently. not attempt to stop the torrent of grief, but, waiting until it has subsided, ex-hibit such sympathy in acts rather than words as will tend to soothe the sorrowing. The mourner at a deathbed knows as well as any adviser that tears will avail nothing; he knows that the end was inevitable; that should be thankful for the companionship of the departed one during life rather than mourn over his loss. All of these thoughts and set phrases have been made familiar to him by constant repetition, but they grate upon his ears in the presence of his own grief and afford him no consolation. From the effusive friends, without real sympathy in their hearts, who thus endeavor to condole with him, he turns for relief to some one whose real sympathy is expressed in actions rather than words—one who is silent because he feels the hollowness of mere professions of sympathy, and who is tolerant of the passion of grief because he feels and understands its force.

Real consolation is found in such condol-ence, and little by little the grief is assuaged, and then comes the period when the mourner finds consolation in the talk that at first irritated him. People who desire to condole with others, even as a matter of form, should respect the periods of grief and avoid wound-ing the seared heart by hollow expressions of philosophic comfort at a time when the mourner is ill prepared to receive consolation from such a source. In the house of death all voices are lowered through awe; they should be stilled out of sympathy, at least until the passion of gref has spent its force and the mourners have begun to hunger after sympathy and condolence. Time is the great curer of grief, and the best that we can do is to intelligently aid time by extending condolence in words only when the words can be both understood and appreciated—after the passion of a fresh grief has subsided.

Fallure of Memory.

A peculiar instance of lost identity has presented itself in Akron, O., the principal actor in the affair being no less a personage than Major Britton, an ex-officer of the United States army and at present a lecturer under the direction of Pond's lecture bureau of New York. He entered the store of Chandler & Fraunfelter, and approaching one of the clerks asked if he could tell him who he was, where he came from and what city he was in. Mr. Chandler was called, and to him Major Britton told a remarkable story. him Major Britton told a remarkable story.

He said that he could not remember anything of his past life, with one exception, and that was that he had been a lecturer of some kind and that he had left his wife at some hotel. His name and address he did not know. He would consider it a great favor if someone could tell him where he was from or where his wife was. Later developments proved that the man was Major Britton.

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LOVE AFFAIR COSTS DEARLY George Jones Kills Two Persons and Com-

mits Suicide. HIS SWEETHEART ONE OF THE VICTIMS

Parents of the Girl Objected to the Murderer's Attention and to

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weetheart, Leah Martin, her mothers, Mrs. W. J. Martin, and then put a bullet into his own head this evening. The reasons for the deed are unknown, but t is supposed that the parents of the girl, with whom Jones had been keeping company for two years, had objected to their relations. Nothing had been known of any trouble be-

tween them on this or any other account. ones was of a good family, and the Martins are also highly respected. Jones went to their home on the street car this evening, and the last seen of him alive was when he entered the house. A short time after several shots were heard. Neighbors rushed to the house, and found Mrs. Martin and her daughter on the floor. Mrs. Martin had a bullet in her head and one in her breast, and was dead. The daughter had a bullet in her head and one in her neck, and, although not yet dead, has been unconscious and will die in a few hours

at most. Jones was found outside the house, with a great hole in his temple and his brains ozzing out.

The scene in the house indicated that Jones had gone there and had a quarrel with the girl, and that her mother interfered between them; that Jones shot the mother first and then the daughter. He had not acted strangely during the day or evening, and aside from the fact that he had carried a revolver, there is nothing to indicate that when he went to the house he contemplated

DES MOINES SHIPPERS ARE MAD. Charge the Rock Island with Diseriminating Against that City. DES MOINES, Feb. 14 .- (Special Telegram.) -The Commercial exchange of this city and J. F. Vincent, proprietor of the recently completed union stock yards, have joined in a complaint before the Board of Railway Commissioners against the Rock Island, alleging that it is discriminating against the yards. The yards were opened to business two months ago, and the road at once issued orders to its agents not to accept any stock for shipment to them. The reason was that stock brought to these yards might be hauled to Chicago from here by other lines; while if the Rock Island refused to bring it here it was certain to get the full haul to Chi-cago. Repeated efforts were made to get road to agree to withdraw the order but they failed, and the matter will be tilated before the commissioners. Meantim the Commercial exchange will use fluence to induce shippers of the cit withhold business from the Rock Island. franchise of that road in the city has already suffered seriously as a result of the boycott

THE OMEN CAME TRUE.

He Did Not Believe in Uniucky Num-bers, but He Had Faith in Dogs. "Dot makes no difference," said the German driver of a beer wagon, whose attention had been jokingly called to the fact that he had thirteen barrels of beer on his wagon, and thirteen was an unlucky num-

"I don't believe in dot thirteen peezness, anyhow; nor dot Friday peezness." "Not superstitious, hey?" inquired the Washington Star man.

"I don't know vat you mean by suberstition," replied the German. "But dot thirteen and Friday peczness is all nonsense. I used to think it vos nonsense to believe that somebody died when a dug howled, but dot has been broved true, so I believe it now." "Ever seen any real proof of it?" asked the Star writer.
"Well, I bet you. One night last week I went home and went to bed, and in the mid-

dle of the night a dog in the alley commenced howling. My wife stuck her elbo

n my side—
"'Hans, you hear dot dog how!?'
"'I said: 'Yes, I hear dot dog how!.'
"'Well, somebody is going to die.'
"I told her dot was all blamed nonsense. "I told her dot was all blamed nonsense.
'Don't wake me up again—let me sleebe.'

"Pretty soon she woke me up some more.
'Dot dog is howling again, Hans, and I bet you somebody will die.'

"Den I rolled over and told her: 'I bet somebody will die if you don't stop waking me up some more,' and she let me sleep till morning."

norning."
"Well, did anybody die?" was the query of the listener.
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