NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Try Moore's stock food.

Dr. Green, office 512 Fourth street.

Call at The Bee office for Cuban maps, 10c each.

Eugene Stupfel of Hardin was in the city yesterday.

Charles H. Uffelman of Avoca was a city visitor yesterday.

Dr. A. O. Mudge, the dentist, removed from 319 to 338 Broadway.

County Attorney Saunders is expected home from Chicago this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Squire and daughter Florence have returned from a visit to Chicago.

John N. Baldwin returned yesterday from Virginia, where he has been for the last month.

Clerk Phillips has already issued fourteen licenses to newsboys under the ordinance recently passed.

The Evans laundry is the leader in fine work both for color and finish. 520 Pearl street. Phone 290.

Freeman Reed, clerk of the district court, is suffering from a sick spell and was unable to be at his office yesterday.

George M. Gutszher of Omaha and Barbara Sibal of St. Paul, Neb., were married in this city yesterday, Justice Ferrier officiating.

Don't you think it must be a pretty good laundry that can please so many hundreds of customers? Well—that's the "Eagle," 724 Broadway.

The pupils of the city schools who contributed to the fund for the Girls' and Boys' building at the exposition are receiving their certificates.

John Ryan, the cripple who has been begging around town for several days, was fined $25 and costs in police court yesterday morning for being drunk.

Six boy tramps, arrested Tuesday evening at the Union Pacific Transfer yards, were yesterday sentenced to thirty days in the city jail, their diet to consist of bread and water.

Attorney A. S. Hazelton expects to leave tonight for Des Moines with the papers in the city warrant mandamus appeal case, which he hopes to submit to the supreme court Friday morning.

Robinson Bros.' auctioneer, Colonel Farrar, has recovered from his illness and will now continue the auction sales every afternoon and evening until the entire stock of fine watches and jewelry is sold.

W. F. Bretherton left last evening for Rock Island, Ill., where he has secured a position in the government ordnance works. Mr. Bretherton was chief forester of Hazel camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

Mrs. Mary Devaney was at the police station yesterday morning with her periodical tale of woe. This time her complaint was that some evily-disposed person had stolen her "all copper" wash boiler and Mary was disconsolate.

Frank McCauley, messenger boy, received a bad fall from his bicycle yesterday evening while riding to his home. His head had struck the curb, cutting a deep scalp wound, which required several stitches to sew up.

Lieutenant Will Murphy, who recently graduated from West Point, received orders yesterday to report at his earliest convenience at Tampa, Fla. He expects to be assigned to either the Twenty-second or Twenty-fourth infantry and will leave for Tampa this morning.

E. H. Odell received word yesterday from Secretary Wakefield of the Transmississippi Exposition that the sale of commutation tickets would close on Friday of this week. No change will be made in the form of the ticket and the concession of having them available for man and wife cannot be granted.

Second Lieutenant Matthew Tinley and Percy Jamison of the Dodge Light Guards are home on a forty-eight hour furlough. They return to Des Moines today.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Sackett the Enthusiastic club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. D. Van Horn, 723 Mynster street.

Provisions and supplies of all sorts for the troops that will be sent to the Philippines are coming through here daily. Last night eighteen cars were turned over to the Union Pacific at the Transfer and went west, billed to San Francisco. Six cars contained meat, two were loaded with shoes and ten carried ambulance wagons.

A farmer from Muscatine, Ia., has leased thirty-five acres of land near Manawa and will grow watermelons exclusively. The growing of watermelons on such a large scale is something new in this vicinity and the result will be watched with much interest. The Muscatine man says he believes the soil at Manawa is particularly well adapted for raising melons.

C. B. Viavi Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam block.

Money to loan on city property. Kinne.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Suspects Under Arrest.

Two men, giving the names of W. H. Harris and James Sandford, were arrested at the Scott house on North Main street last night by Captain Denny and Detective Weir. The police are confident that both are "bad men" and desperate crooks. They struck town Tuesday night and from the effects found in their room at the lodging house, were fixed for "hold up" work. In the room the police found a long coat of dark cloth, in the pockets of which were a big revolver, a soft slouch hat and a red handkerchief, the hat and handkerchief being such as hold-up men use. When searched at the jail both men were found to be carrying flash rolls. They are both apparently about 550 years of age, are well dressed, but bear the unmistakable ear marks of the crook about them. Detective Weir believes one of the men answers the description of a thug wanted in Omaha.

Iron-clad potatoes, the best, 70 cents per bushel. Bartel & Miller.

Miss Olive Spencer has purchased a League bicycle from Cole & Cole.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers have been filed in the title, abstract and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

Edward M. Smart and wife to Fanny M. Wright, lot 3 and s½ lot 4, block 4, Huff's add., w. d.	$ 250
James Peterson and wife to Cornelius G. McIntosh, lots 14 to 20, block 112, and lots 11, 12 and 13, block 125, Crescent City, w. d.	2,500
Henry G. Fisher and wife to J. L. Bjorkman, lot 10, block 9, Underwood, w. d.	300
Sheriff to W. C. Durkes, trustee, lots 12, 13 and 14, block 5, Streets' add., s. d.	1,112
Cornelius G. McIntosh and wife to James Peterson, s½ ne¼ section 23, and sw¼ nw¼, and s½ nw¼ nw¼ 24-77-44, w. d.	3,500
John I. Redick and wife to C. S. Lefferts, 30 lots in Potter & George Co.'s add., q. c. d.	2
Six transfers, aggregating	$7,664

KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO CORN STARCH

for the table.

The Original, Oldest and Best.

STORE ROBBED AT HIGH NOON

Thieves Loot a Jeweler's Stand While He is at Dinner.

H. P. JOHNSON'S STOCK CLEANED OUT

Nervy Robbers Break Into His Store and Carry Away the Most Valuable Watches, Leaving No Clue Whatever.

The jewelry store of H. P. Johnson at 236 West Broadway was broken into yesterday about noon during the absence at dinner of the proprietor and eleven gold and filled watches stolen. The robbery was discovered within a few minutes after being perpetrated and at once reported to the police, but there is no clew to the thieves.

The robbery was a peculiarly nervy one. The store, which is a small one, faces on the busiest part of Broadway and the thief could have been easily seen by anyone passing. Mr. Johnson lives in a room back of the store looking out into a passageway between the two adjoining buildings and it was through this that the thief effected an entrance by forcing a window. Considerable force must have been used, as the window was fastened with an iron bolt. Shortly before noon Mr. Johnson, who conducts his business alone, closed the store and went to dinner. He was not absent from the place more than twenty minutes at the most and on his return at once noticed the open window in the back room. His suspicions were aroused and investigation showed that eleven of the most valuable watches had been taken from the rack over his work stand. All the watches had been left with him for repairs. Whoever committed the robbery must have watched the time when Mr. Johnson went to dinner. None of the jewelry in the show cases was touched, it being evident that the thief only had time to snatch the watches that were readiest at hand, although he selected the ones with gold cases, leaving the silver ones untouched.

MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

Jury Disagrees Over the Award of a Verdict Involving but a Little.

The jury in the district court before which was tried the suit of Graham and others against J. L. Currie and Fisher & Aney was discharged yesterday afternoon by Judge Smith, it having failed to arrive at a verdict. The jury went out shortly before noon on Tuesday and from first to last stood eight to four for the defendant. The amount involved in the suit did not exceed $200.

A special venire of jurymen was called and a jury empanelled to try the suit of Mrs. Hulda Wells against Wheeler & Hereld. The plaintiff's attorney, however, dismissed the case without prejudice before the jury was sworn, as he considered that several of the jurymen would be too strongly in sympathy with the defendants. Mrs. Hulda Wells sued for $100 damages for the benefit of the county school fund, alleging that the defendants sold her son, Roy M. Tallman, a minor, intoxicating liquors, which resulted in his being arrested by the police for disturbing the peace last October. Mrs. Wells also brought suit against John Mergen, a saloon keeper, but the case was recently dismissed before coming to trial.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Fulfs, deceased, the administratrix yesterday filed her final report, which was approved and she was discharged and her bond exonerated.

The grand jury is still grinding away and a number of indictments are looked for. It is expected to make a report this afternoon on the return of County Attorney Saunders from Chicago.

Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

FOR SALE—Good second-hand bicycle at a bargain. Call at The Bee office, Council Bluffs.

Cordwood for sale cheap. Address W. F., Bee office, Council Bluffs.

Widening Twenty-Second Street.

The negotiations to enable the city to secure the needed ground to widen South Twenty-second street from Broadway to the line of Cochran park are about completed. Finance Clerk True, to whom the matter was referred, has arranged all the preliminaries and is ready to make a report at the next meeting of the city council. The present width of the street is forty-nine feet and in order to widen it to the regulation sixty-six feet it will be necessary to take seventeen feet of ground from the west side of lots 17, 18, 19, block 18, Highland Place. Lots 18 and 19 face on Twenty-second street and lie just south of lot 17, which fronts on Broadway and extends south on Twenty-second street. P. Gunnoude, who owns lots 18 and 19, is very anxious to see the street widened and will deed the requisite seventeen feet from his two lots to the city without cost. Lot 17 is owned by J. J. Brown, and there are special and regular taxes against it amounting to about $112. On the seventeen feet that the city requires the proportion of the taxes would amount to about $79, and as Mr. Brown asks $25 cash in addition the acquisition of this seventeen-foot strip will cost the city about $98, which is deemed exceedingly cheap. The balance of special taxes outstanding, amounting to about $40, is to be cancelled by the city. The residents in that neighborhood are very anxious to have the street widened and it is likely the whole matter will now be arranged in the near future.

Where the organ stands on the building, that's Bouricius, where they sell good pianos cheap. No. 325 Broadway.

Boys Arrested for Burglary.

Isaac Gilinski and Philip Zaltsman, two small boys, neither over 12 years of age, were arrested yesterday morning for the theft of sets of garden tools from the basement of J. D. Crockwell's store at 411 Broadway. The boys secured admission to the basement through an outside door leading into the alley which had been left unlocked. They were seen on Broadway with the tools by ex-Detective Murphy, who suspected that the goods had been stolen. When questioned the boys confessed where they got them and were turned over to the police. They will have a hearing before Justice Burke Saturday morning.

Storage, Winn & Konigmacher, 336 Bwy.

Irving hotel, 2759 B'd'y; rates, $1.50.

Map of Cuba, West Indies and the World at The Bee office, 10c each.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriages licenses were yesterday granted to the following persons:

Name and Address.	Age.
George M. Gutszher, Omaha	30
Barbara Sibal, St. Paul, Neb.	20
J. H. Edgar, Council Bluffs	22
Mabel Carter, Council Bluffs	17
Edward A. Kliese, Omaha	30
Bessie Van Wormer, Council Bluffs	30

Drops the Prosecution.

Charles Wheeler, a colored porter, was arrested yesterday morning on complaint of C. A. Machan of the Council Bluffs Dye works, who charged him with obtaining goods under false pretenses. Wheeler and his wife live apart and the woman took some dress goods to Machan to be dyed. Wheeler went and got them, claiming they were his, and later his wife demanded that Machan make good the value of them to her. When arrested, Wheeler returned the goods, and Machan declining to file information, he was discharged.

Outlook for Fruit.

Perry Kerney of Carson and daughter were in the city yesterday. Mr. Kerney is a member of the board of county supervisors and an extensive farmer in Silver Creek township. He says that crop prospects are wonderfully bright this year and looks forward to an exceptionally good year for the Iowa farmer. Small grain and grasses, he says, never looked better and that while corn is a little behindhand it is starting nicely. The yield of peaches, plums and cherries will be large.

Bicycle Thief Arrested.

Richard Burns, a stranger and evidently a tramp, was arrested yesterday evening by Officer Smith, while trying to dispose of a stolen bicycle. The wheel was the property of William Sluter of 322 North Ninth street, who had left it standing outside his father's place of business on Main street. When arrested Burns was endeavoring to sell the machine for $15.

McArdle Charged with Assault.

Henry McArdle, a former member of the fire department, will have a hearing before Justice Vien tomorrow on a charge of assault and battery preferred against him by Louis Kost. McArdle and Kost are neighbors and the latter alleges that McArdle used bad language and when he (Kost) remonstrated he got assaulted for his trouble.

Death of Mrs. Madsen.

Mrs. Christina Madsen, wife of Peter Madsen, died yesterday morning at her home, 819 Avenue C, of tuberculosis of the lungs, aged 25 years. Besides her husband she leaves a 2-months' old infant. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Danish Baptist church, at Seventh street and Seventh avenue.

Agree on Damages.

The sheriff's jury empaneled to assess the damages in the condemnation proceedings brought by the city to open Sixteenth avenue and Third street, at the intersection of these two thoroughfares, met last night and found as follows: For Mrs. M. F. Rohrer, $2,000; the Omaha & St. Louis Railroad company, $150.

Services for Odd Fellows.

The members of the several lodges of Odd Fellows of this city will attend the evening services next Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal church in a body. The rector, Rev. L. P. McDonald, will preach a special sermon for their benefit. All Odd Fellows, resident and visiting, are cordially invited to attend.

Iowa Thieves Caught in Minnesota.

STORM LAKE, Ia., May 18.—(Special.)—Sheriff O'Brien of this city, after a long chase, has arrested Fred Nelson in Mankato, Minn. Nelson and a companion named Walter Gittle are jointly charged in the warrant with having stolen $300 from the Illinois Central depot at Storm Lake on February 15 last. They are also accused of having stolen a team at Onawa April 28. Gittle had driven out into the country to do some canvassing just before the officer arrived, and has not yet been apprehended. Sheriff O'Brien traced the young men to Mankato by means of the correspondence which Nelson carried on with his young lady love at Storm Lake. She addressed her letters to the man with whom the young men have been boarding, and he had no hesitation in "giving them away," after he learned that they were wanted. Nelson and Gittle are sons of highly respectable parents in Storm Lake and they were not suspected of the thefts for some time. Gittle worked at the depot and had the keys, and shortly after the theft began to spend money freely, and as he was a poor lad, this led to his being suspected. Nelson was his close companion and both left town before the officers got ready to act. They had left Onawa with the team just before the officers arrived there.

Burglars Ransack a Postoffice.

JEWELL JUNCTION, Ia., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—A sharp report of dynamite, followed a minute later by two revolver shots, awoke the town at 1:30 this morning. Burglars had entered the postoffice, blown open the safe with dynamite and got away with $200 worth of stamps besides valuable papers in the shape of blank money orders, etc. They placed the dynamite on top of the safe and when it exploded the safe was torn to pieces. Who fired the two shots is not known, and it was probably done as a warning to people to keep in doors. The robbers were experts, and it is thought to be the same gang which robbed the banks at Thor and Blairsburg and only two weeks ago the Jewell Elevator company here. A posse has been scouring the county today to no avail.

Western Normal College.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., May 18.—(Special.)—The summer term at the Western Normal college will open June 7, and to the already efficient corps of instructors will be added Prof. O. E. Smith, superintendent of the city public schools, and for several years superintendent of the North Des Moines schools. Miss Bessie Whitmore, superintendent of kindergarten work in the Omaha public schools, will have charge of the kindergarten model school and primary methods. Miss Mattie Kendoll has been employed to assist in penmanship and drawing work.

The continued wet, cold and cloudy weather is creating much apprehension as to the effect on the corn crop. Some of the early plnating is being planted over, and that which is coming up looks badly. The wheat, oats and the grass look well.

Another Grand Lodge Meeting.

WATERLOO, Ia., May 18.—Special.)—The seventeenth grand lodge session of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Iowa began here this morning and will continue till Thursday. Nearly 200 delegates are present, representing the 200 lodges and almost 7,000 members in the state. Today was devoted to the considering of proposed constitutional changes. The principal feature of the session will be the consideration of the question of a change of name for the organization so it will not conflict or be confused with the other Iowa grand lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen, which held its annual meeting here last week.

Iowa State Medical Society.

DES MOINES, May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa State Medical society met in its forty-seventh annual convention here today, with 250 prominent physicians and surgeons present from all parts of the state. Dr. Edwin Hornibrook of Cherokee read his annual address, as president. The feature of the day was the report of the committee on expert testimony. The report gave statistics and facts showing that expert testimony in court is absolutely worthless. One hundred and fifty more members are expected to be present tomorrow.

Hubbard in the Navy.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Hay 18.—(Special.)—N. M. Hubbard, jr. of this city, who lived in Omaha several years, where he was attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern railway, is now in Washington, and has been assigned to the Justin, one of the ships recently purchased by the United States government. He expects to leave at once for Key West, where the ship will be transferred to Admiral Sampson's fleet, and take part in the blockade of Cuba. Mr. Hubbard went to Washington at the outbreak of the trouble with Spain and offered his services to the government. He is a graduate of the Annapolis naval school.

Deserters Released.

DES MOINES, May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The first cases of desertion came to light today when an order was sent to Mason City to release the Hafacre brothers, two young recruits, who grew tired of camp life and went home without leave. They have been held under arrest in Mason City for several days, but the regimental officers have determined not to prosecute them, as they were mere recruits and had not yet gone through all of the formalities of enlistment.

Mustering in the Troops.

DES MOINES, May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The work of mustering in the Fiftieth Iowa was completed today, and as soon as the equipment arrives from Washington the regiment will go to Tampa. The work of examining the Fifty-second Iowa was completed today and their muster was commenced.

Armed by the City Council.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 18.—(Special.)—When company H, First regiment, Iowa National Guards, of this city leave for the front, its officers will be the possessors of new side arms presented to them by the city council of Marshalltown.

Congressional Convention.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., May 18.—(Special.)—The Sixth district republican central committee has decided to hold the congressional convention in Sigourney, Keokuk county, Thursday, June 30.

Generous Bequest.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The late R. M. Raab, a wealthy citizen of Burlington, has left by his will $10,000 to the charities of Burlington.

Iowa Military Notes.

Chief Musician Swearingen of Toledo is trying to organize a band for the First.

Dr. Schosler, who has been appointed a surgeon in the army, was a candidate for postmaster of Des Moines.

The Second regiment will go to the front as the Fiftieth Iowa. The First regiment will be the Forty-ninth; the Third will be the Fifty-first, and the Fourth the Fifty-second.

Since the assignment of Iowa troops for service has been changed so as to send three regiments to Chickamauga the old plan of having an Iowa brigade in command of an Iowa man has been revived.

Mayor MacVicar of Des Moines, is said to be a candidate for the office of captain of company A, the West Des Moines company of the Third regiment. The resignation of Captain John Hull, so that he can accept the appointment of judge advocate, has been accepted.

Captain Harry H. Caughlin of Ottumwa, was elected Sunday as major in the Second regiment to fill the vacancy caused by the rejection of Major James D. Glasgow, by a vote of 137 to 283. He was elected over Major Joseph T. Davidson, camp adjutant, who will not now be likely to go to the front with the boys.

Iowa Press Comment.

Sioux City Tribune: It is hoped that the rumor that Mr. Larrabee is to retire from the State Board of Control is untrue. His ability and large acquaintance with the state institutions is particularly useful and necessary to the board during its first years.

Cedar Rapids Republican: The cigarette is responsible for more rejections in the volunteer army than any other one affliction. The warning is worth a great deal to us as a nation. But it may lead to the use of cigarettes by those who want to escape military service in the future.

Creston Gazette: It seems the democratic state central committee turned down Hon. J. B. Sullivan of Creston for temporary chairman of the state convention and gave the place to Frank Q. Stuart of Chariton because the former was not an "original" silver man. Original or no original Mr. Sullivan can make as neat and logical an exposition of the predestined natural and inalienable relation between the price of wheat and the price of silver as any man in Iowa.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Send The Weekly Bee to eastern friends during the exposition; six months for 35 cents. Begin with the Exposition number this week.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Survivors of Late War Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(Special.)—Pensions have been issued as follows: Issue of May 6:

Nebraska: Additional—Eben M. Burke, jr., Oakdale, $6 to $8. Restoration, Reissue and Increase—Special, May 7 (special act), William L. Grigsby, Belvidere, $12 to $36. Original Widows, etc.—Malissa Kingsolver, Gresham, $8.

Iowa: Original—Theodore DeMouth, Cylinder, $6; John T. Vernon, Dallas, $6; Parkest W. Watson, Marshalltown, $6; Horace Kennerson, Adel, $8. Increase—Charles O. Cookinham, Primghar, $8 to $10. Reissue and Increase—Peter Huffman, La Porte City, $10 to $12. Original Widows, etc.—Allie Elliott, Allison, $8; Mary M. Safford, Logan, $8; Caroline Nellis, Boone, $8.

Colorado: Original—John W. Hight, Denver, $6; Frederick W. Ward, Agnilar, $6. Additional—William Duncan, Denver, $4 to $12. Original Widow, etc.—Malinda Elder, Denver, $8.

Court at Chadron.

CHADRON, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Judge Westover is presiding over the regular spring term of district court. All jury cases have been postponed for two months and equity cases only are occupying his attention. At the meeting of the bar yesterday afternoon resolutions were adopted in commemoration of the death of Attorney Emmett W. Dailey of Crawford, who died on April 10.

J. A. Habegger is acting as county attorney in place of Allen G. Fisher, who left his legal duties in this city to accept the captaincy of company H, the Chadron militia organization.

Drill for Naval Reserves.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The naval reserves who have passed the examinations for individual enlistment into the United States navy from Ohio, Illinois and Michigan will arrive in this city either Friday or Saturday. They will be quartered on board the New Hampshire and the school ship St. Mary and will be immediately put to work on naval practices and tactics. They will remain aboard these vessels until wanted for the auxiliary cruisers under command of Admiral Erben, to be drafted as needed.

Inspecting Court House.

FAIRBURY, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Several members of the board of supervisors of Adams county were in this city yesterday inspecting the court house and getting points for proposed improvements in their own county building.

Maps of Cuba at The Bee office—Omaha—Council Bluffs or South Omaha. Cut a coupon from page 2. Address Cuban map dept.

Carry Silver to Europe.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Steamers sailing for Europe tomorrow will take out 100,000 ounces of silver and 15,000 Mexican dollars.

GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS

William Ewart Gladstone Passes on to His Reward

EMINENT ENGLISH STATESMAN IS DEAD

End of a Long and Useful Life Devoted to the Service of His Country and the Cause of Humanity.

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and offered himself at 23 a tory candidate for parliament.

First Election Address.

His first election address is a rare curiosity. It bears all the marks that stamp his latest literary style. It is ponderous of phrase, clever in balancing niceties, amusingly solemn and pretentious in its moral aspect, and eloquently partial to union of church and state. It is the catechism that Mr. Gladstone has never fully rejected from his own mind. The young man was sure that it was the "duty of the hour to watch and resist that uninquiring and undiscriminating desire for change among us which threatens to produce, along with partial good, a melancholy preponderance of mischief." He felt that it was necessary especially to resort to religion incorporated in the state to remedy widespread evils. He held that the "duties of governors were strictly and peculiarly religious." "Legislatures, like individuals, are bound to enforce religious truths." He defended slavery by quoting scripture. "Were slavery sinful, scripture would not regulate it." Nevertheless, it was to be abolished. As regarded immediate emancipation, whether with or without compensation, there were several minor reasons against it. Fitness should be made a condition of emancipation. An efficient system of Christian insruction should be immediately provided. His election was due to the power of the duke of Newcastle, who controlled Newark. He went up to London pursued by the taunt of political enmity as the son of a man who had made a large fortune from the blood of black slaves, himself fresh from college, his mind a "a sheet of foolscap" and his elector the duke of Newcastle.

His Tory Heritage.

The parliament to which he was sent opened January, 1833. His first speech was on slavery. He waited in silence until May. It was in substance a defense of his father against a charge that, owing to overwork, many slaves died on his West India plantation. In June the subject was up again, and he said: "Were not Englishmen to retain a right to their own honestly and legally acquired property?" He insisted upon compensation to the owners and advocated discriminating emancipation, making the industrious slaves free, but not emancipating the idle. He made little impression upon the house except as an agreeable and fluent speaker. Emancipation was decreed and an appropriation made of $100,000,000 to compensate the owners. In July he defended the Irish church, to whose roots he was to put the ax thirty-six years later. The next year he spoke and voted against removal of religious tests on entering a university, which he himself was to seek to remove at a later period. The same year he began holding office, his first post being that of junior lord of the treasury under Sir Robert Peel. His first bill was brought in in 1835, when he had become under secretary for the colonies. It was a humane scheme for regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels between the continent and the islands of North America. The Peel ministry went down on a proposal to abolish the state church in Ireland. Mr. Gladstone made a speech in which he said that he hoped he would not live to see the day when any principle leading to separation of church and state would be adopted in England. He lived to engraft the principle with his own hand on the British constitution.

Still a Tory.

King William IV died in 1837. A new Parliament greeted the young Victoria. Mr. Gladstone reappeared for Newark and reappeared as a tory, making his first effort in that body in the role of an obstructionist against the right of Canada to be heard by its own agent at the bar of the house. The question of mitigating or abolishing negro apprenticeship, which had become a new form of slavery in the West Indies, came up and he opposed the remedial measure.

In 1839 he opposed a bill making provision for giving educational opportunities to dissenters and unitarians. O'Connell was one of his antagonists on the occasion. He also opposed the educational rights of the Jews. He would not have public money used to "inculcate erroneous doctrines." In 1841 he opposed a bill giving civil rights to the Jews. He was to live to see not only all these things accomplished, but to do a large part in accomplishing them.

His Conversion.

In 1840 the crisis began that ended in a complete alteration of the economic system by which England had previously succeeded in impoverishing and subjugating Ireland, which had made the landlord class masters of Great Britain and caused famine to shadow the islands. Under accumulated disaster the whigs went out of office and the tories went in, Mr. Gladstone going up again for Newark and taking the post of vice president of the Board of Trade and master of the mint. His chief political deliverance during the campaign was reassertion of his faith in the doctrine of protection. It was a defense of this doctrine that furnished matter for his first speech in the session. The country was already rising against the corn laws and while Mr. Gladstone was defending them in the house, rioters were burning Sir Robert Peel in effigy. It is needless to trace here the story of the succeeding five years. The law had been passed in 1815. It robbed a nation to enrich a class. The first motion for abolition, immediate and complete, was made by the opposition to Peel and his colleagues in 1842. In 1845 the same minister recommended it in the queen's speech. Gladstone had been converted largely by the logic of wild assemblages of starving people; by facts.

His Second Period Begins.

When Mr. Gladstone reappeared in Parliament as a liberal sitting for Oxford he inaugurated his new era by supporting a proposal to admit the Jews to parliament. That was the first of a long series of measures constituting his claim upon the homage of his country, indeed upon the sympathy and admiration of the human race. He was taunted at a later time with being like that pagan convert to Christianity whom, at baptism, the priest bade bow his head: "Henceforth thou shalt burn what thou hast worshipped and worship what thou hast burned."

It would be impossible to review in detail the steps by which Mr. Gladstone has furthered this comprehensive program, to which from 1850 to his retirement his life was dedicated. It would be untruthful to say that during that period he committed no mistakes. One of the worst was his sympathy with slavery in the American civil war, a residuum left him as a punishment for having shared the profits of an inhuman traffic. But he was not ashamed to confess afterward that he had been wrong, and this is one of his noblest attributes, that he has never been ashamed to confess that he was in the wrong.

Early in his liberal career Gladstone laid down the principle that the House of Lords must submit to the will of the elective branch of the legislature. He said in a speech in 1857: "Every member of the House of Commons is proudly conscious that he belongs to an assembly which, in its collective capacity, is the paramount power of the state." For a quarter century one of his chief occupations has been bringing that stubborn body to its knees. The later portion of his life has been chiefly spent undoing in a slow and painful way wrongs as old as the House of Lords and for the most part as iniquitous and infamous in their origin.

His Closing Labors.

The closing years of his life were memorable for his fight for an enlarged franchise and for home rule for Ireland. Mr. Gladstone thought in the '60s when he struggled to disenstablish the Irish church that its disappearance would make the people contented with the crown. He soon realized that a far greater evil was fastened deeply in the vitality of the nation. It became necessary to declare that compacts entered into between landlords and tenants in Ireland were not covered by the principle of sanctity of contract because the essential element of freedom between the parties had not existed. In 1870 he began reform of the land laws, but as it proceeded he became more convinced that nothing short of restoration of the domestic legislature for domestic government would reach the root of the wrong that had been intrenched in the British constitution for the perpetual ruin of a part of the so-called United Kingdom. He did not rush into the home rule cause. He was not quick of conversion. At last he laid it down as equitable that whenever a majority of the members of Parliament from Ireland demanded home rule it was right that Ireland should have it with such restraints as would insure supremacy of the imperial Parliament. To this the national party consented.

The heroism with which in old age the liberal statesman proceeded to fulfill his engagement is history. There is no parallel for it in the annals of any other country.

On the defeat of his home rule bill by the House of Lords Parliament was dissolved and Gladstone voluntarily retired from the leadership of the liberal party and from public life and Lord Rosebery became his successor.

Of his great parliamentary labors, aside from Irish home rule and disestablishment of the church in that country, his most conspicuous efforts were in the extension of the suffrage, so far as those labors affected the rights of the people of the United Kingdom.

It was as master of the exchequer that he won his first victory. By his speeches he demolished the budget prepared by Disraeli, and on succeeding to the place in the incoming Parliament completely revolutionized the finances of the United Kingdom and placed them on the enduring basis on which they rest today.

As an Orator.

As Mr. Gladstone has set his hand on a larger and more enduring series of statutes than ever were placed on books by any other statesman, it is true of him also that he has towered above all statesmen in the resources necessary for successful leadership in government. Other men have been witty; he had a gentle and lambent humor, but nothing more. He could be slightly, but not cruelly sarcastic. He indulged in invective often; in vituperation never. Habitually urbane even to caustic opposition, he entertained no unkind personal feelings toward political opponents, and after his repeated duels with Disraeli, who never hesitated to employ any language toward an antagonist, Gladstone in his library at Hawarden gives to a bust of Beaconsfield the pedestal over the desk on which he has written all of his political speeches. His oratory is not easily disassociated from his political tactics, of which it is a coherent part. He was a forensic advocate of unparalleled power. Belonging neither to the class of Demosthenes, nor of O'Connell, nor of Wendell Phillips, academic in cast of his thought and never free from the involution which Macaulay notes in his first publication, he invariably charmed by the breadth of his views, which generally exhausted a subject or any audience at a time by the beauty of his embellishments of the driest theme, by the agility of his intellectual gymnastics and by the copiousness and validity of his diction. His marshaling of arrays in mental divisions was one of his most extraordinary gifts. As written speech is never permitted in the House of Commons, and as he had ample practice at Oxford cutting against minds as well trained in debate and as richly stored with reference as his own, he began parliamentary speaking with an uncommon endowment, and he carried it to a precision and a glory never approached in any other body.

At Home.

At his home he was still the wonderful mental activity that pervaded the imperial legislature; there he was engaging and absorbing, but never commonplace. His fund of story, of information, of literature and science that delighted and astounded, was endless. At the table he ate sparingly and talked almost incessantly. No other person would presume in his presence to suggest a topic; new topics grew out of his own words like sudden leaves on a summer shrub. His face, when host, was a picture of elevated and unalloyed happiness. A nature free from cynicism, a spirit reverent even of itself, sincere, unquestionably benevolent of heart from the beginning of his career until its close, his errors appeal to compassion, his achievements mount to monuments.

Not the least of his life's labors has been in the field of literature, and among his many and valuable contributions is a translation of the Iliad, upon which he set the greatest store and which ranks high among scholars.

Resigns After Forty Years.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—After forty years of service on the St. Louis police department, the last ten being at its head, Chief Laurence Harrigan today resigned his position because of ill health. The police board will appoint a successor, but his name has not yet been made public.

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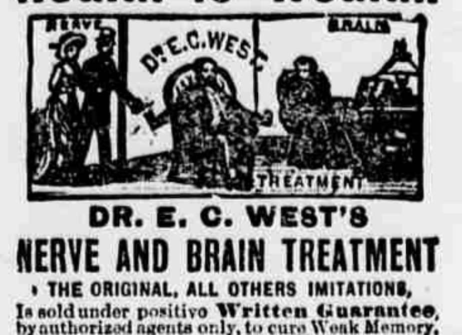

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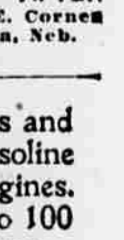

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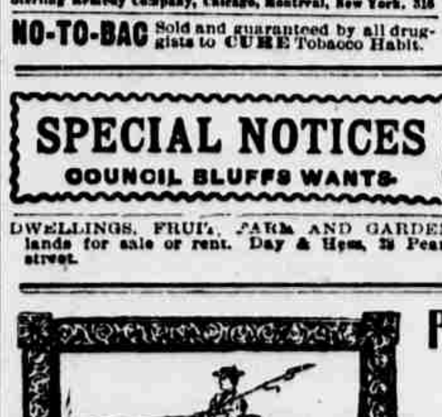

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