NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Hamilton's shoe store, 412 Broadway.

Davis sells glass.

Blank books. Morehouse.

Stockert Carpet Co., 205-207 Bwy.

Moore's food kills worms and fattens.

Dell G. Morgan, drugs, 142 Broadway.

Mueller Music House open evenings.

Judge W. C. James is confined to his home with sickness.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, 231 Park avenue, a daughter.

Mrs. J. J. Brown is slowly recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

W. A. Jefferis leaves today for Kansas City, to spend the holidays.

M. C. Ewing left last evening over the Milwaukee for Cleveland, O.

Assistant City Engineer Charles Banther is on the sick list with the grip.

Beautiful Christmas presents, Stork & Crisp's millinery and art store, 341 B'way.

All the banks in the city will close Monday and give their employes a Christmas holiday.

Miss Evans arrived from Minneapolis yesterday to spend Christmas with her brother, S. F. Evans.

All the children attending the DeLong Girls' Industrial school this afternoon will be presented with Christmas cards.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Allen A. Jefferis, aged 24 years, and Lulu Fowler, aged 20 years, both of this city.

J. C. Bixby, heating and sanitary engineer. Plans and specifications for heating, plumbing and lighting. 202 Main, Council Bluffs.

Miss Mabel M. Thompson, a teacher in the Bloomer school, went to Oakland yesterday, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

R. H. Elmerine left his big grey chinchilla overcoat in his buggy yesterday evening while in a Broadway drug store. A sneak thief got it.

A lace curtain in the Brooks residence on Vine street caught fire yesterday morning and gave the fire department a run. The curtain was the only thing burned.

Busiest, biggest and best managed laundry in the west. Skilled hands and simple methods explain why ours is a satisfactory laundry. The "Eagle," 734 Broadway.

The Christmas dinner to be given by the Salvation army to the poor will commence at noon today and last until 3 o'clock; that is, providing the food holds out that long.

Charles Brooks, the alleged co-conspirator of John Lewis in the hog stealing case, has waived examination in Justice Ferrier's court and has been bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $100. He furnished bail.

Chester B. Greenshields, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greenshields, 136 Graham avenue, died last evening of paralysis of the heart. He had been sick about a week. Notice of funeral will be given later.

John O'Leary, who after being released from the county jail, was arrested Thursday for being drunk, had a bad case of delirium tremens at the city jail and the services of City Physician Lacey had to be called into requisition.

The Ministerial association of the city will meet Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the lecture room of St. John's English church. Rev. Myron C. Waddell, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, will read a paper on "The Supreme Need of the Church."

The following three cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health yesterday: Karl Lefferts, Ninth street and First avenue; Etta Small, 723 Sixth avenue; Margaret Sharpless, 1017 Fourth avenue. Hiram De Freeze, Ninth street and Twenty-third avenue, was reported ill with scarlet fever.

The funeral of the late Robert F. Morton will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence on Twenty-fourth street and Fourth avenue. Services will be conducted at St. Francis Xavier's church at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Morton, mother of the deceased, arrived from Chicago yesterday to attend the funeral.

Miss Mina Meldon was the victim of a peculiar accident a few days ago. She slipped and fell, striking her hand on a pin cushion. Several embroidery needles penetrated the palm and some of them broke off. It is feared that parts of the needles remain in the flesh and the use of the X-ray or a strong magnet may be necessary to extract the pieces.

Two deeds were placed on record yesterday, conveying from Mrs. M. F. Rohrer to the Fort Dodge & Omaha Railway company eighteen lots in Rohrer Place, the consideration named being $8,100. The property faces on Broadway, just north of the Northwestern depot, and is believed to have been purchased by the Fort Dodge road as a site for its local passenger depot.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Remember the exposition by getting some copies of Snap Shots at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee. Ten cents each.

Methodist market today at Cole & Cole's. Chicken pies, mince pies, fruit cake, etc.

Keep the good news a-going that Sullivan has reduced his Berwick bay oysters from 40 cents to 30 cents a quart.

Sullivan's Extra select oysters will help to make a merry Christmas for you.

Deaths of Yesterday.

Charles E. Haggerty, one of the pioneer residents of the city, died yesterday morning at his home, 202 Stutsman street. He was 78 years old and death was due to old age. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his son-in-law, E. T. Waterman, 17 Voorhis street. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery. Mr. Haggerty came to Council Bluffs in the spring of 1854 on his wedding trip and has since lived here. His widow and his daughter, Mrs. Cora Waterman, are his only surviving relatives.

Mrs. Anna I. Meyer, wife of Henry J. Meyer, died yesterday morning at her home, 2212 Sixth avenue, after an illness of sixteen months, from lencocythemia. Announcement of the funeral will be made later.

Klein's candies are high grade.

Christmas tree novelties at Klein's.

Davis sells drugs.

U. S. Grant company No. 44 gives their dance tonight at K. of P. hall, Merriam block.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Sarah B. B. Rohrer and husband to Fort Dodge & Omaha Railroad company, lots 9 to 13, inclusive, block 1, and lots 9 to 13, inclusive, block 2, Rohrer's subdiv in block 10, Beers' add to Council Bluffs, w d	$ 4,500
Same to same, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 1, and lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 2, Rohrer's subdiv in block 10, 'Beers' add to Council Bluffs, w d	3,600
Receiver of Western Home Insurance company to Harry Sims, lots 6 and 13, block 16, Mullin's subdiv., w d	400
Harry Sims to Charlotte V. Smith, lots 6 and 13, block 16, Mullin's subdiv., w d	1,500
John Madsen and wife to James M. Rishton, lot 5, block 3, Judson's 2d add, w d	700
Five transfers, total	$10,700

No place in the city is better prepared to furnish you oysters than Sullivan, the grocer. His are the Extra selects.

You will get more candy for your money at Klein's than any other place in town.

Domestic soap outsells all others.

REPUDIATE LOTTIE FADDEN

County Authorities Decline to Accept Charge of Insane Woman.

WILL SEND HER BACK TO OMAHA

Letter Explaining How She Lost Her Standing in Iowa and Gained One in Nebraska Will Accompany the Unfortunate.

Lottie Fadden, who for several years has been a notorious character in this city and Omaha, was brought before the commissioners of insanity yesterday afternoon. She was brought to this side of the river by Deputy Sheriff Stryker and by him turned over to the county authorities on the charge of being insane. Lottie Fadden formerly lived in this city, but has been out of the saste for a year, so the commissioners ruled that she is no longer a resident of Iowa and refused to commit her to the asylum. She was placed in the county jail over night, but will be taken back to Omaha this morning and turned over to the authorities of Douglas county. The board has written the following letter to the commissioners of insanity of Douglas county, which will be delivered along with the woman:

To the Members of the Insanity Commission of Douglas County, Omaha: Dear Sirs—Your Mr. Stryker brought to this city this date (Dec. 23, 1898) one Lottie Fadden, an insane person, and turned her over to our authorities, claiming her residence to be in this county and state.

This woman is found to be insane and, from our records and the evidence in this case, is not a resident of Iowa, but is a resident of Nebraska. She was discharged from St. Bernard's hospital, this city, December 9, 1897, as a sane person, and she chose as her residence the state of Nebraska. She was sent to Lincoln, Neb., near where her father lives, on date of her discharge and returned here this date, after an absence of more than a year. This would make her a resident of Nebraska and she is hereby sent back for your action.

Lottie Fadden came here from Lincoln, Neb., where her father still lives, and until she left the city over a year ago was a constant source of trouble to the authorities. In August, 1895, she was committed to St. Bernard's hospital and a month later was transferred to the asylum at Clarinda. She was discharged as "recovered" in May, 1896. In May, 1897, she was again before the insanity commissioners and was sent to St. Bernard's, from which institution she was discharged December 9 of the same year on condition that she leave the city, which she did. At one time the unfortunate woman owned a nice home in this city. Her husband died a few years ago in St. Bernard's hospital from paresis.

No glucose candies at Klein's.

Think of getting Extra select oysters for 30 cents a quart. That's all you will have to pay at Sullivan's, the grocer.

Snap Shots all go at 10 cents each at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee.

Fine turkeys, Orvis, 537 Broadway.

Christmas knives. The best values ever shown for 25c and 50c at Cole's Hardware for Christmas.

Klein's candies are ahead.

WHEN THE MAIL TRAINS CHANGE.

Advantage that Will Come to Council Bluffs Then.

The new fast mail service over the Burlington means much to Council Bluffs, as it carries additional passenger service south and eastbound. Business men of this city will now get their Chicago and other eastern mail early in the morning instead of in the afternoon as heretofore. This will give them the whole day practically in which to answer their eastern correspondence. Under the new service the mail will be delivered at 9 o'clock in the morning. Colonel W. J. Davenport of the Burlington received official notification yesterday morning of the new mail service. The old fast mail train known as No. 7 remains precisely the same as heretofore, leaving Chicago at 3 a. m. and reaching the Union Pacific transfer at 2:40 p. m. Returning No. 8, the eastbound fast mail, will run as heretofore except that it will leave the transfer at 3:50 p. m. instead of at 5:20.

The new train will leave Chicago at 9:30 p. m. and will arrive at the Union Pacific transfer at 7:55 o'clock the next morning, thus making the run from Chicago here in ten hours and twenty-five minutes.

The mail equipment that comes in on No. 7 will be held here until the following morning, when with a coach added for passengers it will start from the transfer at 6:30 a. m., reaching Pacific Junction in time to connect with No. 6, the Denver-Chicago limited. At Pacific Junction the mail cars will be put on the limited for Chicago and the passengers will be transferred to that train, landing them in Chicago at 8:15 p. m. the same day.

No. 2, the eastbound flyer leaving here at 5:30 p. m., will make close connection at Pacific Junction with the "Exposition Flyer" from Omaha to St. Louis by St. Joseph and will land passengers in St. Louis at 7:19 the next morning.

Domestic soap whitens the clothes.

For your Christmas roasts see Orvis.

Klein's for candies, 112 Broadway.

Big, fat ducks, Orvis' meat market.

Everyone can have oysters for Christmas, and the best in the land, too, as Sullivan is selling Extra selects for 30 cents a quart.

District Court Notes.

In the district court yesterday Mrs. Mary Poor was granted a divorce from Charles E. Poor.

Additional evidence was submitted in the case of Roosa against Hough. The motion for a new trial in the personal damage suit of James Geesen against Henru Saugin was argued and submitted and taken under advisement by the court. In the case of Pottawattamie County, for the benefit of the school fund, against W. A. Mynster et al., judgment and foreclosure were entered by default as against F. S. Pusey and Nichole brothers.

This morning Judge Green will pass sentence on Wirt Haney, Otto Thiemich and John Mowery.

It will pay you to go to Klein's for your candies, even if it is a block or so out of your way.

Orvis' Christmas beef beats 'em all.

Candies all kinds at Klein's.

Deed Must Be Stamped.

Judge Woolson of the United States district court has handed down his ruling in the matter of the stamping under the war revenue law of the master commissioner's deed to the purchasers of the plant of the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric Light company. His ruling is that the deed must be stamped, as no provision appears in the statute especially exempting masters' deeds from the requirements as to stamping conveyances. In his ruling, which is quite lengthy, Judge Woolson states that he does not believe that congress intended that such deeds should be exempt. His ruling is in conformity with the decision of the Treasury department, although at the time he made it he was not aware such a ruling had been made.

Judge Woolson has notified Colonel Steadman, clerk of the federal court, that the bonds to be given by the several banks named as depositories under the bankruptcy law are exempt from carrying stamps under the war revenue tax.

Those Extra selects of Sullivan's are very fine oysters. Cannot be equalled in the Bluffs or anywhere else on the Missouri slope.

Extra select oysters at Sullivan's at 30 cents a quart.

No high toned prices for candies at Klein's store, 112 Broadway.

Buy Domestic and get tablespoons.

Wanted—A competent girl for general housework. Inquire 320 Oakland avenue, Mrs. O. P. McKesson.

SANTA CLAUS AND THE CHILDREN.

Christmas Trees Loaded with Gifts for the Young People.

Several of the churches had their Christmas entertainments and trees for the children of the Sunday school classes last evening. At the Broadway Methodist, previous to the distribution of the presents from the tree, there were exercises consisting of special Christmas music and recitations.

At the First Presbyterian an immense tree brilliantly illuminated with incandescent lights was placed in the large auditorium. From this each of the children received some present and candies and fruit. A pretty little cantata entitled "Sprays of Holly" was rendered by Misses Gladys Hart, Mildred Metcalf, Amanda Buckman and Hazel Woodbury. The play, "What Is Christmas?" was given by Misses Ada Sargent, Marion Benton, Della Metcalf and Ethel Pace. A Christmas missionary exercise entitled "The World for Jesus," was rendered by twelve little boys.

At the Congregational church the children of the Sunday school gave the cantata, "Old Mother Goose," which was witnessed by a large audience of the older folk. Santa Claus made a visit there and stripped two large Xmas trees of their load of good things and distributed them among the children.

At the Trinity Methodist there were appropriate exercises and the children of the Sunday school were made happy with gifts from an immense tree which was beautifully decorated and lighted.

At the Second Presbyterian the children of the Sunday school were not forgotten by their pastor, Rev. Alexander Litherland, and the corps of teachers. An entertainment of music and recitations was followed by the distribution of gifts from a big Christmas tree.

The Christmas cantata given by the children of the Christian home last evening attracted an audience that completely filled the chapel. Manager Lemen has secured two of the biggest trees he could find and this afternoon from 2 o'clock to 4, the little ones at the home will have their annual Christmas tree exercises. There will be presents for all, both big and small, and the exercises will be followed by a big Christmas dinner.

Mrs. J. N. Miller has arranged to give the children attending the Sunday school of the union mission at Sixteenth street and Broadway a treat tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when each child will receive some Christmas gift. A series of meetings will begin at the mission tomorrow night.

Domestic is the best soap made.

Don't forget that Sullivan, the grocer, has reduced the price on the celebrated Berwick bay oysters from 40 cents to 30 cents a quart.

Last chance before the big day of Santa Claus' arrival. Mandolins, $2.25 up; violins, $1.25 up; guitars, $3.75 up; organs, $45 up; pianos, $175 up. Anything in the music line at bargain prices at Bouricius Music House, 325 Broadway, where the organ stands upon the building.

Why not buy your wife a good range for a Christmas present at Cole & Cole's Hardware. Twenty per cent discount on our fine cast ranges until invoice.

Klein always has the best candies, fruits, etc., for the Christmas trade. If you don't know this, make him a call.

Heavy Mail and Fast Run.

The Burlington eastbound fast mail train No. 8 made a phenomenal run Thursday night. Owing to the heavy mail and the extra time necessary to transfer it the train left the transfer one hour and forty-six minutes late, but arrived in Chicago only eighteen minutes behind its schedule time, thus making up between here and the Windy City one hour and twenty-eight minutes. The eastbound mail Thursday night is believed to have been the heaviest ever handled at the transfer in either direction. Ordinarily the transfer of the mail is accomplished in from twenty-nine to thirty-five minutes, even on the days on which the Australian or "black strap" mail is on its way east. Thursday night it took twenty-five men exactly fifty-one minutes to transfer the mail, and at that the men worked like beavers. So heavy was the mail that a sixty-four-foot baggage coach had to be added to the train and this was loaded solid to the doors with domestic easbound mail.

Ring up 'phone 161 and order some of those fine oysters in time for Christmas. Tell the man at the other end of the 'phone that you want the Extra selects, only 30 cents a quart.

The Berwick bay oysters that have no equal for size and flavor have been reduced from 40c to 30c a quart at Sullivan's, the grocer.

Large, plump geese at Orvis' market.

Mrs. Della Peterson, who leaves shortly for Chicago, where she will enter one of the leading training schools as nurse, was given a farewell social at 2110 East Broadway, Council Bluffs, by her lady friends. Mrs. Peterson is well known in Council Bluffs, which is her birthplace. All who know her bespeak respect and well wishes. Since Mrs. Peterson was left a widow she has identified herself with various charities and has been a consistent member ever since and has always been foremost in all that tended to the good of the charities. She is possessed of those strong and straightforward qualities which attract to her friends wherever she may go. Mrs. Peterson is an enthusiast in all that pertains to the advancement of education and charities and she counts no cost too dear that aids it.

Dies from Apoplexy.

Francis J. Rogers, a clerk in the government employ in Sioux City, while being taken from the Northwestern depot to St. Bernard's hospital Thursday night was stricken with apoplexy and died a few minutes after reaching the institution. Rogers was insane and was in charge of Dr. White of Sioux City, who was going to place him in the hospital for treatment. He was in a most critical condition, as in addition to being mentally deranged he was suffering from a recently fractured limb. About a week ago an officer started to bring Rogers to this city, but fell asleep on the train and Rogers, watching his opportunity, jumped through the car window and broke his leg in the fall.

Dr. F. S. Thomas of this city, member of the Board of Insanity Commissioners, met Dr. White and Rogers at the depot and the three started for the hospital in a carriage. They had proceeded but a few blocks when Rogers was taken with a stroke of apoplexy and although both physicians worked over him on the way to the hospital, their efforts were unavailing, as he expired a few minutes after reaching there. The remains were removed to Estep's undertaking establishment, where they will be held until a brother of the dead man living in Buffalo, N. Y., who was notified by telegraph, has been heard from. Rogers was unmarried and had no relatives in the west.

Old Santa Claus will think more of the home that has had the foresight to lay in a supply of those Extra select oysters, only to be had at Sullivan's, the grocer, 343 Broadway.

See our $3.00 and $5.00 sets of aluminum and granite cooking utensils, suitable presents for housekeeping. Just what your wife wants and needs. Cole & Cole.

VETERANS ENDORSE PRESIDENT.

Creston G. A. R. Post Falls in with His Suggestion.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—At a regular meeting of T. J. Potter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 440, Department of Iowa, the following resolutions were passed:

We, the officers and members of T. J. Potter Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 440, of Creston, Iowa, having read the reports contained in our daily newspapers of the visit of Comrade William McKinley, president of the United States, to the south, and that we are gratified at the patriotic receptions accorded the president, our comrade, and his cabinet while at Atlanta, Ga., Savannah, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and other places in the south; that his welcomes to these places were full, earnest, free and patriotic, therefore,

Be it Resolved, by T. J. Potter Post, That we endorse all the Christian, statesman-like and patriotic utterances of the president in relation to the care of the graves of the confederate dead, and,

Be it Resolved, That we regard with favor the bill introduced in congress by Representative Rixey of Virginia which provides for the admission of ex-confederate soldiers to our Soldiers' homes and,

Resolved, That such a measure would tend to obliterate the last vestige of animosity between the north and the south and bring us closer together in the sacred boards of brotherly love and national unity and in keeping with the sentiment expressed by the immortal Grant when he said, "Let us have peace," and with the undying utterances of Lincoln when he said, "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

SCHOOLS OBSERVE THE SEASON.

Prizes Awarded and Programs Presented in Recognition of Christmas.

SIBLEY, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The fall term of the Sibley school closed today with interesting Christmas exercises in the kindergarten, primary, intermediate and high school grades. The corps of instructors is as follows: Principal, W. P. Johnson; assistant principal, Mary McCallum; teachers, Anna Babcock, Minnie Reynolds, Jennie Raymond, Lulu Fleghley, Lou Romey, Martha Bond, Edith Beaumont.

The closing exercises in the high school consisted of the presentation of silver medals to Nellie Shell and Fannie Webb, for excellence in dramatic recitations; to Eddie Upp, as prize winner in the oratorical contest, and to Guy Sanders for first prize in humorous recitation. After the presentation speech by J. F. Glover, addresses were made by County Superintendent T. S. Redmond and Dr. M. M. Trainer, Rev. C. H. Seccomb made an address to the pupils of the intermediate grades.

Capture of a Red Lynx.

BELLEVUE, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—George Weirick of this city, upon going to raise his traps which he had planted up along Mill Creek valley, discovered that he had captured a prize in the shape of a red lynx, a specie of animal supposed to be extinct in this section of the country. Mr. Weirick says the animal showed fight upon his appearing before it and, not having his gun with him, clubbed the animal to death. The beast stood about two feet in height and was nearly three feet in length. It was a beautiful specimen and Mr. Weirick feels proud of his catch and thinks that he will capture another member of the same family before the winter is over.

Office is Seeking the Man.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Martin Holmvig, who was elected county surveyor of Woodbury county at the last election, has received a certificate entitling him to hold office for two years, whereas he was only elected for one year. He does not know what to do, as he was only elected to fill a vacancy, and his term of office should expire in January, 1900. His friends have advised him to refer the matter back to the authorities, and see if it is possible for him to hold over the other year under the certificate.

Injured by a Circular Saw.

NEW LONDON, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Garfield Murphy was painfully and shockingly cut in the face and on the arm yesterday by a steam wood saw at the residence of Samuel Waters, in the southern portion of the town. The muscles of the arm and shoulder were slashed to the bone, causing an injury which will probably leave him permanently crippled. His head came near being severed and by a still narrower margin his eyes escaped serious injury.

Soldiers Shoot Straight.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Captain H. A. Gooch of Sioux City, who was in command of Company H, Fifty-second Iowa volunteers, made a record for marksmanship in a local turkey shoot. He killed more birds than any of the local riflemen. Captain Lucey of Company L ranked second. Gooch used one of the Springfield army rifles.

Yeomans Billed for Reappointment.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Sioux City business men have been informed from reliable authority that J. D. Yeomans of Sioux City will probably be reappointed by President McKinley a member of the Interstate Commerce commission. The commissioner is a democrat and was appointed by President Cleveland during his last term.

Burial of Rev. J. L. Towner.

CORNING, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of Rev. J. L. Towner, who died December 21, was held today under the auspices of the Masons. The services were conducted by Thomas George. Prof. Ira P. Clark delivered a memorial address.

Task of a Sampler.

The complainant in a Texas case testified that he had examined the liquor and the brandy-fruit found on the premises of the accused; that the bottles of brandy-fruit looked like some of those taken from his house, but he could not identify them by any private mark; that he had compared some of the liquor in the jug with some left in the barrel at his storehouse and found that they did not look alike, but he attributed the difference to the different colors of the tumblers in which he compared them; that afterward, however, he "got sight" on the contents of the jug and was then satisfied the liquor was some of the brandy out of his barrel.

Wise Man.

Detroit Free Press: It was a pretty little incident, and true. An old couple from the east are visiting their son in this city. If the mother gets out of sight of the father he is constantly asking for her and is not content till they are together again. The other evening she went to another part of the house while he was in the parlor and after he had asked for her a half dozen times, the son said rather curtly: "It seems as though you couldn't be without mother five minutes at a time."

"You're right," said the old gentleman slowly. "That's the reason I married her."

TO OUST TELEPHONE COMPANY

City of Des Moines Gets After the Bell Concern.

TRIES TO PUT IT OFF OF THE STREETS

Asks the Court to Issue an Order Preventing the Company from Operating Its Lines Within the City.

DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The city of Des Moines began suit in the district court today to oust the Iowa Telephone company from its streets. The action was the legitimate outcome of the ordinances passed by the council last summer forbidding the company the use of the streets. No attention was paid to the ordinance by the company. The petition asks that an order be issued by the court restraining the company from using the streets for its poles and wires and avers that the franchise granted the company expired in 1896 and that the company has been operating without legal authority since that time. The controversy first started when the council, at the expiration of the old franchise, attempted to regulate the rates charged by local telephone companies. The Mutual at that time accepted the rates, but the Bell or Iowa Telephone company paid no attention to the order. The case will be fought bitterly through the supreme court, no matter what the ruling of the lower court be. The company claims that, though it has no franchise, it has vested rights in the city which the council or the courts cannot take away.

Judge Woolson of the federal court today rendered a decision holding that revenue stamps must be placed upon a master's deed. The decision was upon the ruling of the county recorder of Pottawattamie county in the case of the Farmers' Loan & Trust company against the Council Bluffs Gas company. The plant of the company was sold at master's sale for $288,000. When the deed was taken to the recorder for record he refused to record it, because the deed did not have $288 in revenue stamps on it. The question was appealed to Judge Woolson, who sustained the ruling of the county recorder, holding that the money for the stamps must come out of the receiver's funds.

POLICE PREVENT KNOCKOUT

Tommy Ryan Proves to Be Too Swift for Dick O'Brien, Who Holds Out Fourteen Rounds.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse proved too much for Dick O'Brien of Boston at the Coliseum tonight. The police interfered in the fourteenth round and saved O'Brien from an actual knockout, but as far as practical purposes were concerned he was out.

Ryan had floored him a few seconds before with a right-hand swing on the jaw and Dick got on his feet again just as Referee Roche counted seven. The fight had all been knocked out of him. He was helpless and Ryan again floored him with a vicious right-hand swing. Dick came to time once more, only to fall a victim to a hard uppercut. Then Chief of Police Bull jumped into the ring and stopped the bout and Roche awarded the fight to Ryan. The action of the police was generally approved as preventing unnecessary brutality. It was Ryan's fight all the way through. Ryan had him bleeding at the nose and eyes early in the fight. Several times Ryan had his man going, but although he had made dozens of passes he could not land that right swing until the fourteenth round. Ryan was too quick on his feet and too scientific for his opponent, who would simply stand still and punch and be punched.

Handicap Shoot at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—H. R. McMurchy of Syracuse, N. Y., won the Grand Central handicap today in the Limited Gun club's tournament. He took first money all alone. The scores showing the birds actually killed are given:

Grand Central handicap, twenty-five pigeons, three miss and out, money divided between ten high guns: McMurchy (31 yards), 25; Heikes (31 yards), 24; Irwin (28 yards), 23; Elliott (31 yards), 23; Budd (31 yards), 23; Neal (28 yards), 23; Hollowell (29 yards), 23; Doneley (26 yards), 23; Tripp (29 yards), 22; Young (30 yards), 22; Gilbert (31 yards), 22; Erb (29 yards), 21; Fanning (31 yards), 21; Winston (30 yards), 21; Beck (29 yards), 21; Lilly (28 yards), 18; Voris (28 yards), 17; Rike (28 yards), 13; George (28 yards), 11; Werk (27 yards), 11; Lindsley (28 yards), 11; Parker (31 yards), 9; Willey (26 yards), 8; Marott (27 yards), 7; Clark (28 yards), 1.

Events on New Orleans Track.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Twenty-sixth day of the Crescent City Jockey club's winter meeting. Cool and clear; track good. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Eight Bells won, Louise second, High Jinks third. Time: 1:16.

Second race, seven furlongs: Fraska won, Ben Walker second, Lady Fitzsimmons third. Time: 1:31½.

Third race, selling, one mile and seventy yards: Applejack won, Poitroon second, Hampden third. Time: 1:49.

Fourth race, six furlongs, selling: Miss Ross won, Disturbance second, Sim W third. Time: 1:16¼.

Fifth race, seven furlongs: Sensational won, Hanlon second, Travis third. Time: 1:31.

Riley Grannan Reinstated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Riley Grannan was reinstated by the stewards of the Jockey club at a meeting held today. "Doc" Street, who has been under the ban since the meeting at St. Asaph in 1896, was also reinstated.

Grannan had been beaten in the courts and on the turf and his pardon is a voluntary act of clemency on the part of the Jockey club. Grannan was ruled off in 1896 on the charge of having violated that rule of racing which prohibits the giving of presents to jockeys by any one other than the owner for whom the jockey rides.

McKeever Has Best of Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Tom Broderick of Yonkers and Charles McKeever of this city fought a rattling six-round bout at the Arena today. McKeever was on the offensive most of the time and landed repeatedly. In the fifth round both men attacked each other savagely and after a number of rapid exchanges McKeever gained first blood as the bell rang. In the last round they continued their savage attack and finished the bout punching hard at each other. McKeever had the best of the fight.

Will Coach Cambridge Team.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Captain Martaugh of the Cornell 'varsity ball team today announced that he had employed Hugh Jennings, shortstop of the Baltimore league team, to coach the players here next season. Jennings will arrive here about February 15, when indoor practice will begin. Jennings will remain with the Ithacans until the National league season opens.

LADIES AND OTHERS.

Some Instances of the Various Uses of an Abused Word.

The word lady still has about it a certain halo which ought to prevent its indiscriminate use. In this country, says Youth's Companion, we can hardly expect to see social distinctions reflected in the use of the word; and yet we might, perhaps, expect to see it employed more equitably than it was by a certain dry goods store keeper in a Massachusetts town not very long ago.

The daughter of a senator of the United States drove one day from her father's summer cottage to a store in a city near by and ordered some articles to be sent to the house.

When the goods were sent a mistake was made, and the senator himself stopped at the store to correct it. The proprietor called the saleswoman, and, after consulting with her, apologized for the mistake.

"You see, sir," he explained, "the lady who took the order didn't quite understand what the girl said."

A somewhat similar story was told of a remark made by a Yankee servant of the family of John Lothrop Motley, the historian. On one occasion, when the historian was at home on the ancestral estate near Boston, and when his brother James was also there, an intimate friend of the family, who was sojourning at the house, came out from Boston on a late afternoon train. The family coachman met him with a carriage at the station. On the way to the house the guest said to the driver:

"Did any one come out on the earlier train?"

"Oh, yaas," said the coachman, "the' was four; the' was John and Jim and two ladies."

The guest knew that "John and Jim" were the historian and his brother, but he wondered who the ladies were. Afterward he found out that they were a seamstress and a new chambermaid.

The most extraordinary use of the term that we are likely to find any record of is related from England. The house surgeon of a London hospital, we are told, was attending to the injuries of a woman who had been badly bitten on the arm. As he was dressing the wound he said:

"I cannot make out what cort of a creature bit you. It is too small for a horse's bite and too large for a dog's."

"Oh, sir," said the patient, "it wasn't a hanimal—it was another lydy!"

CLEAR HEADS FROM ONIONS.

A Couple of Enthusiasts Tell of the Brain Food from Bermuda.

"How does this strike you?" asked the bartender, as he took a bite from something that looked very much like an ordinary sandwich of some sort and then glanced over his shoulder at the clock in a stalsfied manner. "That? Why, that's a sandwich; only instead of ham or beef between the slices of bread I have—guess what. No, it isn't cabbage or sauerkraut. It's plain white, raw Bermuda onion all sliced up."

"Shouldn't think you could stand anything like that in any quantity," said one of the listeners. "You won't have any tears to weep if you keep that up long."

"That's what they all say at first," replied the bartender, "but you can never know until you try. You soon get used to onions, and after that you wouldn't give 'em up for anything. Let me tell you how I acquired the onion habit—for it's a real habit, and, what's more, a mighty good habit.

"I used to mix drinks at one of the big uptown hotels, where a number of men who followed the races gathered nearly every night to have a small game, with a moderate amount of drink to carry things along. About 2 o'clock every morning, never ten minutes later, those four or five men would order a big platter of raw sliced onions with a few slices of white bread. Then they'd open the windows to clear the smoke out, and they'd set the platter of onions on the table; each man would take a fork and they would eat until the onions were gone. I didn't understand that at all when I first went there, but pretty soon, after I got to know those men fairly well, I asked them about it.

"'What on earth do you eat those raw onions for at this time of night?' I asked.

"'Here's a chance for another convert,' said one of them. 'Why don't you know that's there nothing like a raw onion to clear your head at night. Just help yourself and try it. "Why, man, after you've been working your brain all day and half the night and maybe have drunk a little and smoked a little, you are in no condition to get a good rest for the night. Now, there's nothing like a raw onion or two to start you right on your night's rest. Two of these onions, sliced up raw, will clear your head and brain, and finally, and most important, although you may not believe it, will put your stomach in the right condition.'

"Of course I tried it too, but at first I could no more eat one onion than I could fly. They all kept at me, however, and in a week's time I was an onion enthusiast and ate two or three onions every night just before I shut up shop. I really believe I couldn't work at night without getting ill if I didn't eat those onions. Just try it some night and keep at it for three or four days; at the end of that time you'll be willing to swear that you'll never give up the habit."

That ended the barkeeper's story. There are many others, reports the New York Sun, who will say the same thing. Over on Brooklyn heights there boards an old Irishman who is in a business that keeps his brain working hard all day. He takes a brisk walk just before his dinner at night, eats slowly and then after desert pulls a raw onion from his pocket in a clandestine manner and slices it and eats it. In the morning the old Irishman rises early, takes his cane and starts out for a walk. He carries a raw onion with him, and every five minutes or so takes a bite from it. He is well dressed always, and passers-by watch him eating onions with some astonishment, but he doesn't pay any attention to them. And if anyone asks him why he eats onions he will say:

"Nothing like it, sir, to make a man feel as if life were worth living. I haven't missed my onion for twenty years, and, God willing, I shan't miss it for ten or twenty more. Don't ask why it does it, for I don't know that. I only know the effect."

The Mind-Healer's Fee.

Some years ago a young friend of mine went to a mind-healer for a lark, relates Leslie's Weekly. There was nothing in the world the matter with him, but he pretended to be the victim of terrible headaches. The wonderful healer asked no questions as to the cause of the ailment. He did not care about that, for he had one panacea which sufficed for every ill. Said he to the young investigator: "Go home, and whenever the headache comes on sit down and put your whole mind on it, thinking with all your might that you have not got a headache. Then you will not have it and will be cured."

"That's easy," said my young friend. "What is your fee?"

"Five dollars."

"Well, sir, put your whole mind on it and think with all your might that you have this five dollars. Then you will have it and will be paid."

Merchants' Beau Club Notice.

A new rule has been adopted that no person can deposit more than three coupons with any one merchant on the same day.

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