NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Moore's food kills worms and fattens.

Fire escapes for buildings at Bixby's.

Passepartouts, C. E. Alexander & Co.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

Judson, pasturage, 929 6th ave. Tel. 248.

A. T. Flickinger is confined to his home by illness.

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

M. F. Rohrer and Frank Rohrer are enjoying an outing at Noble's lake.

Mrs. Steinkopf is reported seriously ill at her home on Washington avenue.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.

Charles A. Beno has returned from his western trip much improved in health.

John Bennett, formerly of this city, now living in St. Paul, Minn., is visiting old time friends here.

W. A. Maurer yesterday paid into the customs house of this city $900 on imported goods from Germany.

Mrs. Louisa Schuler, who tried to commit suicide at Maxwell, Ia., two days ago, was a former resident of this city.

An adjourned meeting of Lily camp, No. 1, Royal Neighbors of America, will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Officer Slack is filling the position of day sergeant at the police station until a successor is appointed to Tom Comte.

Encampment No. 8, Union Veteran Legion, will meet in regular session tonight in the hall of the Western Iowa Business college in the Eiseman building.

Mrs. Mary McMenomy has returned from Texas to attend to some business affairs in this city. As soon as completed she will go to Kansas City to reside.

The hearing of the arguments in the Shea injunction suit against the city have been postponed owing to the illness of Shea.

There will be a meeting this evening of Local No. 234, Retail Clerks' National Protective association, in Labor hall, 101 South Main street, at 8:30 o'clock.

Rev. G. P. Fry, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, announces that next Sunday evening he will preach on "The Evil Effects of Debased Pictorial Art."

George Emig, hurt by a piledriver on the Fort Dodge & Omaha road grade, was taken to St. Bernard's hospital yesterday afternoon. His injuries are severe.

Sam Wilson and Charles Wilson, alias Hamilton Carter, two negroes, are in custody at the city jail on suspicion of being the parties wanted in Omaha for highway robbery.

Hazel Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will give an entertainment this evening for the members and their families. Refreshments will be served and a musical program rendered.

Thomas Brown, arrested for breaking into a house occupied by two women near the Rock Island depot, has been released by Justice Vien, no information having been filed against him.

Prof. W. J. McDonald, principal of the schools in Minden, was in the city yesterday. He denies being an active candidate for the democratic nomination for county superintendent of schools.

Nels P. Thompson, who was a member of the Third Nebraska volunteers, has taken out his naturalization papers in the district court here, with the intention of enlisting in the regular army for service in Manila.

Jack Shields was arrested yesterday evening on complaint of his wife, who charged him with stealing her earrings and other articles of jewelry. The charge of larceny from a building was placed against his name on the blotter at the police station.

County Attorney Kilpack, Clerk of the District Court Freeman Reed, Dr. V. L. Treynor, coroner, and F. F. Everest, chairman of the republican county central committee, attended the funeral yesterday in Oakland of the late J. H. McArthur, editor of the Oakland Acorn.

Ed Dailey and Isaac Kreidler, two of the three boys who ran away from their homes in Carroll, Ia., to see the exposition, were sent home yesterday evening. Charles Nichols, the other of the trio, is being held at the police station, as no word has been received from his parents.

Mrs. Lena Jensen commenced suit in the district court for a divorce from Andrew Jensen, to whom she was married May 21, 1888, in Winthrop, Ia. Her petition is based on the allegation of nonsupport and cruelty. She asks for the custody of their two children, Albert, aged 11, and Vernon, aged 7.

Another attempt was made about midnight Tuesday to burn the remains of the old Hood laundry building on West Pierce street, but after the kerosene burned out the flames died down without igniting the woodwork. The agents for the owner of the property have offered a reward of $50 for the capture of the firebug.

The case against Charles Brattain and Mrs. Jane Taylor, charged by the latter's husband, J. W. Taylor, with adultery, was dismissed in Justice Vien's court yesterday on motion of Assistant County Attorney Kimball for lack of evidence to convict. Mrs. Taylor was brought back from River Sioux Tuesday night.

The police are looking for Charles Wilson, a Swede section hand in the employ of the Milwaukee railway. Wilson signed the payroll and drew the check, amounting to $40, that was coming to Magnus Iverson, another member of the section gang. The mistake was not discovered until after Wilson had cashed the check at the First National bank and left for a more congenial clime. He forged the name of Iverson to the pay check.

Mrs. Mary Edith Shoemaker, wife of J. Shoemaker, died yesterday morning at her residence, 210 Thirteenth avenue, aged 40 years. Death was due to consumption, from which deceased had been suffering for two and a half years. A husband and two sons and two daughters are left to mourn her loss. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Francis Xavier's church and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

The financial report of the Christian Home for the last week, just issued, shows that the receipts continue on the upward tendency. In the general fund the receipts amounted to $479.47, being $279.47 above the estimated needs for the current expenses of the week and clearing the deficiency in this fund as reported last week. The grand total received in the manager's fund amounted to $58.95, being $23.95 above the needs of the week and decreasing the deficiency in this fund to date to $95.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

There was received at the customs house yesterday a consignment of imported goods from Germany for W. A. Maurer, upon which duties amounting to $900 were paid.

Bon-Ton Millinery Store removed to Bellinger block, 618 Broadway, opposite P. O.

Sale of Liquor at Manawa.

The suit brought in the district court by I. L. Milner to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors at the Grand Plaza, Lake Manawa, was dismissed yesterday by consent of the plaintiff. Immediately following the dismissal of the case another suit was brought of a like character, in which M. Cleveland appears as plaintiff. He likewise asks for an injunction to restrain the sale of liquors at the resort. One of the attorneys who appeared for the lessees of the Grand Plaza in the Milner suit is the attorney for Cleveland in the present proceedings.

Wanted, carriers for Bee routes. Apply at Bee office.

Welsbach burners at Bixby's. Tel. 193.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES BOUGHT
For Cash or Loaned On.
E. H. SHEAFE & CO.,
5 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

CASE AGAINST LANE DROPPED

Friends Furnish the Money Requisite to Settle His Shortage.

ALL CONCERNED ARE WELL SATISFIED

L. H. Greer of Rock Island is Booked to Take the Position Formerly Held by Mr. Lane.

The case against John M. Lane, charged with embezzlement by the Milwaukee railway, was dismissed in Justice Ferrier's court yesterday afternoon. At the eleventh hour the friends of the former freight and ticket agent came to his rescue and furnished the money, enabling him to settle the shortage complained of.

When the case was called both Auditor Robertson of the Milwaukee and H. L. Geddes, agent of the bonding company, appeared and asked that it be dropped, saying that the case had been settled and the railroad company had no further desire to prosecute. Lane's attorney notified the court that his client would take care of the costs and that they need not be taxed up to the county.

Both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Geddes expressed themselves well pleased that the case had been disposed of, as they regretted extremely that circumstances had been such as to compel the prosecution of Mr. Lane. The full amount of the shortage, it is understood, was paid over to Auditor Robertson yesterday morning by Lane's attorney.

Neither Mr. Robertson nor Mr. Geddes was willing to discuss the matter beyond stating that the case had been settled satisfactorily to the railway company. Auditor Robertson said he expected to return to Council Bluffs next Monday to check in L. H. Greer of Rock Island, who will succeed Lane at this point as freight and ticket agent. Mr. Greer holds a similar position with the Milwaukee road at Rock Island.

The Daughters of Rebekah will give a literary entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening, July 29. Miss Lottie L. Tillatoon, the noted elocutionist and impersonator, has been secured and none will regret an evening spent with her. Everybody cordially invited. Admission 25 cents.

Davis sells paint.

Lowest prices, easy terms. The best and largest stock of pianos at Swanson Music company, Masonic Temple.

BICYCLE ORDINANCE DISCUSSED.

Members of the Leading Wheel Clubs Want Some Changes Made.

The bicycle ordinance introduced at the meeting of the city council Monday night has been the subject of much discussion among the wheel riders of the city and especially among the members of the Ganymede and Owl Wheel clubs. The club members are not expected to oppose the passage of an ordinance, but are divided in opinion as to its provisions. It had been reported that the Ganymede club was the father of the lamp provision in the ordinance, but this is not the case. The ordinance was drawn up and presented at the suggestion of Mayor Jennings, a number of complaints as to reckless riding on the business streets, especially after dark, having reached him. It is likely that at the next meeting of the council the two leading wheel clubs of the city, the Owl and the Ganymede, will submit a number of suggestions which they desire incorporated in the bicycle ordinance if one is passed.

They will ask that there be a provision that in the sprinkling of the streets of the city a three-foot dry strip be left next the curb on each side of the street. Wheelmen claim that a large number of people ride bicycles in going to and from their places of business and that at present the streets are so sprinkled as to make riding a hazardous matter by reason of their slippery condition. They further claim that the mud fouls their wheels in such a way as to impede their movements. They will also ask that a provision in the ordinance be included to require all vehicles to keep to the right side of the street, especially on paved streets. The practice of riding and driving on the left side of the street has, they claim, been the cause of a number of serious accidents in this city. People who willfully or ignorantly disregard this custom should, they say, be summarily dealt with.

The provision in the ordinance as introduced last Monday in regard to the placing of glass, tacks, etc., on the streets should, they say, also include rubbish of every character, especially wire, bricks, sticks, stones, peelings of fruit and any and all other articles of like character. The reasons for this, they say, are self-evident.

The speed limit, which for bicycle riders is fixed at ten miles in the ordinance, they will recommend be made to apply to all vehicles. This speed, they say, is slow enough to effectually prohibit "scorching" and is not so fast but that a wheelman can have his machine under perfect control at all times.

Another suggestion they will make is that the leaving of drays, trucks, wagons, etc., on the street, except when in use, should be prohibited, also the stopping of vehicles on the street in such a way as to impede the passage of vehicles. They will make no suggestions as to the provision requiring the carrying of lamps at night by wheel riders, as the general understanding is that such a provision is in the interest of the public generally.

Supervisors Hold Short Session.

The Board of County Supervisors held a short session yesterday morning at which a few minor matters were disposed of and then adjourned. It was decided that the county should assume control of the court house at Avoca. No rent is to be paid for the building, but the county is to keep it in repair, furnish heat and light and pay the water rental.

County Recorder Smith submitted his report for the quarter ending June 30. It shows collection of fees amounting to $1,231.30, divided as follows: April, $471.95; May, $387.65; June, $371.70. Clerk hire for the quarter amounted to $356.50.

Scientific optician, Wollman, 509 Br'dway.

O. Younkerman & Co., grape baskets, barrels, and all fruit packages.

Ordered to Furnish New Bond.

An order was received yesterday from Judge Green of the district bench requiring Slack Peterson, the plaintiff in the injunction suit brought against the Board of Education to restrain it from building the new high school on the Oakland avenue site, to furnish an increased bond of $700. The order requires that the bond be furnished in five days from the date of the order. This increased bond is to protect the school district from any loss that it may incur by reason of the delay in erecting the school house caused by the injunction. The amount of the bond is considerably less than the board expected, it having applied to Judge Green to make it $5,000 on account of the bonds having been sold and that there was a possibility of the district being compelled to pay interest while the money was lying idle in the treasury. The hearing before State Superintendent Barrett in Des Moines in the T. W. Smith site appeal case will be held next Monday.

Due to Real Estate Deals.

Another suit arising out of the real estate operations of John W. Paul in this city was begun in the district court yesterday. The plaintiff is the Interstate Commercial company of Chicago against E. W. Nash. The suit is an attempt to hold Nash liable for a judgment secured in 1896 by A. C. Schroeder against the Union Land and Improvement company.

The petition sets forth that Nash was one of the incorporators with John W. Paul, W. J. Paul, E. L. Magnus and George J. Paul of the Union Land and Improvement company, which was incorporated in 1891 under the laws of Iowa. It is alleged that Nash subscribed for and took $100,000 of stock, but only paid in $30,000, and the plaintiff now claims that Nash is liable for the remaining $70,000. The judgment obtained by Schroeder against Paul and the Union Land and Improvement company, amounting to $18,913, it is alleged, was assigned to the Interstate Commercial company, which now asks the court to hold Nash responsible for. The court is asked to order that all Nash's property in this city be made liable for this judgment and an attachment for $1,666.66 is also asked. This is the first time that the Interstate Commercial company has figured in any of the litigation arising out of John W. Paul's transactions in this city.

Barbers Arrested.

W. T. Silvers, the proprietor of the barber shop on Pearl street, and his brother Frank were arrested yesterday on warrants issued from the court of Justice D. S. Frank of Keg Creek, informations charging them with keeping their shop open last Sunday having been filed by the Barbers' Protective association. They both gave the requisite bonds and the trial has been set for Thursday of next week. This makes the second time that Silvers has been prosecuted and he looks upon the action of the Barbers' association as pure persecution as he alone, of all the bars who kept open shop last Sunday has been arrested. Silvers' defense this time will be that he shaved for charity, as the proceeds of his trade last Sunday morning were given to the hospital fund of Company L, Fifty-first Iowa. Each customer, after having his wants attended to placed the amount due in a box provided for the purpose and marked "For Hospital Fund, Company L."

Davis sells the best hammocks.

THEY WANT MORE TOBACCO

Anamosa Convicts Kick on Reduced Allowance—An Issue on the Inheritance Tax.

DES MOINES, July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A special from Anamosa says the recent order of the State Board of Control cutting down the supply of tobacco issued the convicts in the state prisons from four ounces per week to two for each man and substituting therefor butter is receiving exactly the reception that was predicted for the measure at its inception. The convicts at Anamosa refuse to abide by the regulation and only on promise of relief through the board have operations within the walls been resumed. Warden Hunter is reported as having no sympathy with the order of the board and it is stated that the 300 men who refused to work were induced to resume operations yesterday on promise that when the Board of Control arrives, which will occur this week, an effort will be made to secure a modification of the order.

An opinion was given to State Treasurer Herriott today by Attorney General Remley which will in all probability be presented to the supreme court of the United States for confirmation. It involves the validity and application of the Iowa collateral inheritance tax and raises issues that have never before been submitted to that tribunal. In the present case Hon. Benjamin Sheldon of Rockford, Ill., died possessed of a great amount of real estate in Union, Cherokee, Lyon, Woodbury and Osceola counties and left an estate consisting largely of notes given by parties in Iowa and secured by mortgages on Iowa realty. The collateral heirs offered to pay the tax on all real estate, but declined to pay it on the notes given by Iowa parties and secured by Iowa realty. They wished to transfer the realty and were unable to do so because Treasurer Herriott held their land as security for the payment of the tax on the notes. They then requested that before further action be taken five propositions be submitted to General Remley for his opinion in the hope that it would render further litigation unnecessary. In his opinion, given out today, he decides adversely to their interests and it is believed resort will now be had to the supreme court of the United States.

WALKS FROM TEXAS TO SIOUX CITY.

Experience of a Woman Accompanied by Three Young Children.

SIOUX CITY, July 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Arthur has arrived in Sioux City with three young children, having made the long trip from Texas on foot. She started last March with but $3 in her pocket and her effects, weighing about 150 pounds, were loaded in the little boy's toy wagon. By the assistance of the people along the road she landed here safely at her destination, bronzed, but in the best of health. She was lured to the Lone Star state in the first place by men who told of the great happiness to be obtained in a Seventh Day Adventist colony in Colorado county in that state. She found there was nothing of the kind, and after spending nearly all her money started on the long trip back home.

MILLS COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEET.

Ticket Placed in Field and Candidacy of Gear for Senator Endorsed.

GLENWOOD, Ia., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The Mills county republican convention held its session here today and a county ticket was nominated. The meeting was called to order by John Y. Stone, formerly attorney general of the state. The nominees are as follows: T. W. Black, Malvern, representative; N. H. Ainne, Silver City, treasurer; William Morgan, Glenwood, sheriff; W. P. Workman, Emerson, superintendent; Fred F. Dean, Glenwood, surveyor; Dr. Whitnall, Hastings, coroner.

The candidate for representative was given instructions to support J. H. Gear for the United States senate and the delegates to the senatorial convention were instructed to the same effect.

Infested with Tramps.

SIOUX CITY, July 26.—(Special.)—Sioux City and vicinity at present is infested with tramps. They make the excuse that they are going through to the South Dakota harvest fields, but it is seldom these fellows do any work when they do get into the grain country. They make it a practice to travel on freight trains in such numbers that the crews cannot handle them, and they make life miserable for the people along the line.

Traveling Man Injured.

CRESTON, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—Henry Niemeyer, a citizen of Creston, who travels for a Burington dry goods house, had his right leg broken between the ankle and knee by being thrown from a buggy near Murray yesterday morning. Mr. Niemeyer was brought to Creston by the noon train and taken to Cottage hospital, where he is receiving the best care and medical attention.

ROADS MAKE A COMPROMISE

Storm Lake Railroad Crossing War Will Be Taken Into Court for Settlement.

AGREEMENT MADE TO AVOID BLOODSHED

Minneapolis & St. Louis Road Will Go on and Make the Crossings—Bitterest Railway Fight on Record.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—The tension of the situation at Storm Lake, where the Minneapolis & St. Louis and the Milwaukee roads have been engaged in a struggle for right-of-way, has been considerably relieved and the Minneapolis & St. Louis is now in possession of the grounds.

Monday morning Judge Cook of Cedar Rapids and R. M. Wright of Fort Dodge, attorneys for the Milwaukee and Minneapolis & St. Louis roads respectively, went out to Storm Lake to take personal supervision of the situation. They found that the feeling between the workmen of the respective roads was very high and that a riot was imminent. So as to avoid any possible danger of bloodshed the representatives of the two roads signed an agreement which takes the settlement of the matter out of the hands of the workmen and places it in the courts.

According to the terms of the agreement it is stipulated that the Milwaukee will withdraw its men and will not interfere with the Minneapolis & St. Louis in the building of its track and the Minneapolis & St. Louis will go ahead and put four tracks over the disputed right-of-way. Both sides agree that neither side will lose any alleged rights by signing the stipulation and that when the matter comes into the courts for settlement they will be exactly where they were before the last part of the struggle commenced.

The Milwaukee men who were in possession of the tracks were withdrawn and the Minneapolis & St. Louis has commenced laying its tracks without having been delayed to any appreciable extent. The fight is one of the bitterest on record and will without doubt be eventually settled in the supreme court. The dispute at the same place between the Milwaukee and the Illinois Central has been settled by the Milwaukee running under the Central.

BLOODY RACE WAR LIKELY

White Miners at Boone Bitterly Incensed Over the Employment of Negro Miners.

BOONE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—The town of Fraser, in this county, is likely to be the scene of a bloody race war between white and colored miners. The white miners formed a miners' union a short time ago, when every man who joined the organization was discharged and several hundred negroes were shipped in to take their places. Since their advent two murders have been committed at Fraser, but luckily both men killed were colored and no outbreak was the result.

Last Friday sixty families of colored miners were shipped here and the excitement was renewed as the men were from Pana, Ill., and Kentucky, and proved to be more aggressive than those who came first. Although the white miners have made no threats and have been peaceable, the operators have armed the negroes with Winchesters and they have been practicing rifle shooting and for two days have been drilling in the public park.

A delegation of Fraser citizens waited on the sheriff and county attorney today and asked protection or the right to protect themselves. One overt act on the part of the negroes will precipitate a bloody battle, and it may come at any time.

Endorse Candidacy of Cummins.

BOONE, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—At the republican county convention today resolutions were unanimously adopted reaffirming the declarations of the national republican platform of 1896 and the state platform of 1898 and congratulating the people upon President McKinley's wise and patriotic administration and the people of Iowa upon the successful and business-like administration of Governor Leslie M. Shaw. They also cordially endorsed the candidacy of A. B. Cummins for United States senator and desired that our representatives use all fair and honorable means to secure his election. Delegates were selected for the state convention and also for the Thirty-first district senatorial convention, which meets in this city on the 27th.

Thrown from a Buggy.

HAMBURG, Ia., July 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. T. W. Sholts and Mrs. H. B. Williams were quite severely injured today by being thrown from a buggy. The horse in some way became released from its bridle, became unmanageable and ran away. The buggy was demolished.

Iowans Nominate Senators.

PERRY, Ia., July 26.—The republican senatorial convention in the Seventeenth district today nominated F. M. Hopkins of Guthrie for state senator and instructed for A. B. Cummins for United States senator.

Iowa Political Gossip.

Correl county republicans indorsed Cummins' candidacy for the senate.

The republicans of Boone county in convention indorsed Cummins for senator.

The Keokuk county republican convention was for Gear for senator, with Congressman Lacey second choice.

The Tama county candidate for the legislature declines to commit himself on the senatorial question. Both the Gear and Cummins men claim him.

The Cummins men were in control of the Pocahontas county convention and it is conceded they will name the candidate for the legislature in the Pocahontas-Humboldt district.

Taking the hold-over members for the senate and the nominations so far made for the senate and house in districts considered sure to return republicans the estimates of the strength of Gear and Cummins are greatly at variance. It is conceded that it will require over fifty votes to nominate in the republican caucus. Cummins men claim to have fifty votes in sight at present, while the Gear men put their strength at about the same figure.

Gustav Willius Named Receiver.

ST. PAUL, July 26.—Gustav Willius, president of the recently closed Germania bank, a state institution, was today appointed receiver at the instance of the public bank examiner in order to prevent preference of creditors through suits at law, as seemed likely to happen if the previous intention to close up the bank's affairs by the bank officials were carried out. In his applications for the receivership the public examiner states that the assets will pay all claims in full.

Marks Beginning of a New Era.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 26.—The seventh annual convention of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations opened today. President Bader in his annual address declared that the meeting marks the beginning of a new era in the popularity and development of the American building and loan system. Secretary Cellarius reported 5,576 focal associations in the United States, with a membership of 1,617,837.

A TORNADO AT FIRST HAND.

Personal Experiences and Observations of a Missouri Author.

"In the Whirl of the Tornado" is the title under which John R. Musick describes, in the August Century, a personal experience at his home in Missouri, last spring.

To stand quietly for even ten seconds and watch the rapid approach of inevitable doom, to look utterly helpless into the face of a devouring monster, and speculate on the chances of being swept into eternity, is enough to turn white the hair of youth. Old soldiers—veterans of two wars and the heroes of scores of battles—assert that they would rather storm a well-defended fort, or lead a forlorn hope, than meet one of those monsters of the air inaccurately spoken of in the United States as "cyclones."

It was my good or ill fortune to be an eye-witness of one of the devastating tornadoes that often sweep American soil.

About 6:30 on the afternoon of April 27, 1899, I left my house in Kirksville, Mo., to post some letters. The day had been rather remarkable, alternating between suffocating heat and the chilliness of early spring. Dense black clouds occasionally rolled across the saffron sky, and showers of rain alternated with bursts of sunshine, while the winds had been capricious, at times blowing in gusts and gales, to be followed by a dead calm. It needed no barometer to indicate an impending atmospheric disturbance, for everyone could feel it.

At the time I started from my house a gentle shower was falling, and I took my umbrella with me. As I stepped from the the west door of the veranda, a continuous roaring off to the southwest burst upon my ears and, my house being on high ground, I had an excellent view in that direction.

In the southwest, at the extreme limit of my vision, hung a lowering dark cloud, from which occasional peals of thunder issued. Just below the cloud, seeming to rest upon the earth, was a whirling monster of vapor, dust and smoke, coming apparently toward me with an incessant and steadily increasing roar. The first appearance was that of a huge locomotive emitting black smoke and steam and coming at a tremendous speed. The tornado seemed suddenly to tear itself loose from the black storm cloud and to advance at an increased speed, rotating from right to left.

At the same moment I discovered that the course of the tornado was changed, and that it was sweeping in a northeasterly direction through what is known as Fible's addition to the city. * * * I ran east in the direction of the tornado. It had now grown to such gigantic proportions that it seemed to extend from the zenith to the farthest limit of the eastern horizon. When it struck the densely populated part of the city, the continual crashing and tearing of houses was added to that incessant rumbling and roaring, making an awful sound which swelled in volume until the earth trembled beneath our feet. The air was filled with flying debris. Doors, shutters, roofs, and even whole houses were sent soaring and whirling to a height of 300 or 400 feet. I saw the wheel of a wagon or carriage and the bodies of two persons flying up into the storm-cloud. One house was lifted upward to a height of over 100 feet, when it seemed to explode into a thousand fragments, which went soaring, whirling, and mingling with the other debris. * * *

On it swept in its unswerving northeast course, a great black monster obscuring the eastern sky; a raging, baleful thing; a hateful, devouring devil, tearing up houses to their foundation-stones, roaring, rumbling, crashing, thundering in its awful rage, and yet the most terrifying spectacle man ever gazed upon, until it swept out of sight, leaving a path of smoking ruins in its wake. * * *

An old man was found dead on the wreck, clutching his pocketbook, in which were $900. His wife, who lay dead at his side, had $2,500 sewed up in the skirt of her dress. A woman was found dead, holding in her arms her dead child. Another was found dead, holding in her arms an uninjured infant; and when the men who found these removed the boards and timbers covering them, the babe looked up and smiled as if grateful to its deliverers.

THEY ALL NEED BRACING UP.

After a Night's Dissipation Drinkers Must Have a Tonic.

"I take a drink when I feel like it," said a Canal street business man to a New Orleans Times-Democrat reporter, "and can't see that it has ever done me any harm, but I witnessed a little episode this morning that has haunted me ever since and has forced me to do a whole lot of thinking. I had stepped into a bar early to get a cocktail and while it was being compounded a middle-aged gentleman came and asked one of the attendants to pour him out a little plain whisky. He was carefully dressed and had all the marks of refinement and good breeding and his request was so unusual that I turned involuntarily to look at him. The bartender exhibited no surprise and placed half a small glassful of whisky at his elbow, but the instant he stretched out his hand I saw that the man was on the verge of nervous collapse. He shook like an aspen leaf and when he finally managed to seize the tumbler its contents flew in every direction. "Let me assist you, colonel," said the bartender quietly and, pouring out another drink, he leaned over and held it to his lips. The man said nothing, but gave him a haggard look that went into my heart like a knife. My God! what a look! Shame, humiliation and abject animal terror. It started the sweat on me like water. Well, he drank his whisky, stood still for a minute as if gathering himself together and sauntered out as cool as ever.

"I asked the bartender if he had many such customers and he laughed. 'Lots of 'em,' he said. 'There isn't a first-class bar in town,' he went on, 'that don't patch up a few old boys like that almost every morning. They're not drunkards, but they've been at it so many years that their nerves are gone, and, although they don't know it, they are working on absolutely nothing but whisky. As soon as they get a little fresh fuel in the morning they are all right, but they come in scared and out of their wits and thinking they are going to drop dead every minute. I'll bet that gentleman you saw can sign his name without a quiver.' I walked out reflecting. It was a weird sight, gentlemen, and I don't want to witness it again. Suppose we go down and have something?"

MIDSUMMER NIGHT TORTURES.

Country Life During the Hot Weather is Not a Blissful Dream.

The fantasy of a poetical mind, observes the Philadelphia Times, can with very little effort call up for mental review such a fairylike ensemble as Shakespeare has so gracefully depicted in that night and airy creation of his, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but the practical prose slave who sees things only as they actually exist in his own particular circle shrugs his shoulders superciliously and offsets sentiment by a description of a midsummer night reality ungarnished by any decorative frills of imagination. The individual who is envied perhaps by those who cannot, as he does, rush away to sylvan shades at the very first approach of warm weather, frequently appears of a morning as the incoming train a veritable wreck from loss of sleep occasioned by those weird and uncanny sounds that are a foe to the slumber of mortals, though perhaps forming a part of the orchestra which interprets terpsichorean measures for Titanic in the moonlight arrayed in diaphanous garments of cobwebs.

When his tired eyelids suggest the pleasures of his downy couch an owl with persistent mournfulness begins a serenade that grates on the nerves and until its identity is established it suggests the wailings of the banshee. If he is perchance wakeful and in the humor to read he finds that his lamp is the mecca for more kinds of flying things than he ever thought could be reckoned in insectology. To add to his discomfort giant bugs with resounding thuds of the most startling character dash their brains out against the screens in a vain effort to join the circle about the evening lamp, and a bat perchance livens up matters by frantically flying with blind swirls and whirrs over his head until capture or retirement is inevitable. At last in bed the gentle mosquito proceeds to warble near at hand, if a netting prevents a personal caress, just to show there is no hard feeling, and he keeps up a lengthy monologue that were he a dog would cause the sleepless martyr to declare that his bark was worse than his bite. The dog, however, is not to be left out of the midsummer night's reality. He is generally one that sleeps all day long and bays the moon, whether there is one or not, from bedtime to daybreak. An asinine rooster, who unmistakably regards midnight as morning, adds his note to the voices of the night, and when poor, tired humanity thinks at last there is a respite the industrious running fly begs to differ with him, thus finishing what is a truthful picture of what a midsummer night is in reality, with apologies to Shakespeare that there cannot be more found who enjoy the dream and less who wrestle with the nightmare.

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It Has Become Fashionable to Drink Calisaya at the Drug Stores.

The drug store people say the drinking of calisaya is responsible for incalculable misery in this town, says a New York letter. Not long ago a policeman, who drank so much of the stuff he couldn't tell a burglar from a bottle of mucilage, loaded up for one grand, sweet song of finality. He consumed an unwonted quantity of the stuff and he and his family were buried two days later. Sixth avenue talked for days of the man possessed of the little red devil, the man who had suddenly appeared at his home, shot his wife and three children and then received the leaden release himself.

Calisaya makes its subjects want to go out and kindle the fire with the bric-a-brac. A gentleman who makes a practice of drinking large quantities of the stuff becomes possessed of an overwhelming desire to scalp his favorite son and walk across to Governor's island on his hands. He feels like biting his initials in the door knobs and lynching his best friend.

The druggists say they can't stop the thing. They have calisaya for sale at the soda fountains and if anyone with a dime wants a drink, why he gets it, that's all. While they do not exactly defend the character of calisaya, they urge in palliation that there are lots of other drugs in general, but not quite so general, use as calisaya, whose victims are affected as unmistakably as are the slaves of the little red devil. For instance, they say, there is the cologne habit.

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