

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

CONCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockert sells carpets and rugs. Expert watch repairing. Loftorf, 49 Broadway. Officer is selling dwellings cheap. 433 B. Y. Blakes for boys and girls are cheap at Petersen & Schoening Co.

TALK INDEPENDENT PHONES

Representatives of Outside Companies Desire Entrance to the Bluffs.

LOCAL MEN CALLED INTO THE MEETING

Assurances Given that Attempt to Secure a Franchise in This City Had Not Been Abandoned.

In response to the call recently issued between thirty and forty representatives of independent telephone lines in this section of the state gathered at the Grand hotel yesterday and organized the Western Iowa Independent Telephone association, with these officers: H. A. Kinney, Woodbine, president; Charles G. Cockerill, Jefferson, secretary; A. F. Felton, Harlan, treasurer; J. C. Mansfield, Shelby, W. B. Sweeney, Manning; George E. Atchison, Creston; H. A. Kinney, Woodbine (ex officio).

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In the treatment of Private Diseases of Men, to which our practice is limited and to which our exclusive thought and experience has been devoted for more than 25 years. PERFECTLY AND PERMANENTLY CURED EVERY CENT. BLOOD POISON OR REFLEX DISORDERS it will pay you to consult us at office or by letter. CONSULTATION FREE, and if you take treatment charges will be entirely satisfied. CONFIDENTIAL.

Advertisement for Cook Medical Company, 112 South 14th St., Omaha, featuring a portrait of W. A. Cook.

Countess Loses Diamonds

Jewels Valued at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars Are Stolen. The Countess of Carnarvon was robbed of about \$25,000 worth of jewelry, while on the way from Paris to London on Sunday. So far no trace of the thieves has been found.

Robbery Takes Place on a Train

Articles Packed in Dress Basket with Other Things, but How Thief Managed to Secure Them Remains Mystery. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Another big jewelry robbery on trains between Paris and London has upset society.

Wife's Pleadings Potent

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Body Found in the Water

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The body of Adam Gerhardt, who was drowned in attempting to cross Honey creek Saturday night, was found today. The body had been washed some distance down the stream. Gerhardt, in company with George Messinbarger, started to cross the creek with a team and wagon. They were caught by the floating ice and thrown into the turbulent stream. Messinbarger probably managed to get out, but Gerhardt was drowned. He was 60 years of age.

Quarrel Over Division Fence

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FINISHING TOUCHES ON SHIP

Battleship Maine with Steam Up and Guns Aboard Almost Ready to Sail. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The recent order of the Navy department to hurry up the finishing touches on the battleship Maine has been followed out at Cramp's ship yards.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DINNER DESSERT

WINE JELLY. One package lemon Jell-O, 1 pint of boiling water, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of sherry wine. Juice of six oranges. Cut each orange in two, being careful not to break the case. When jelly is partly congealed all cases and set in a cool place. Serve with whipped cream piled on top. May be served in sherbet cups if desired. A delicious wine jelly can also be made by adding one glass of good sherry or port wine to any of the Jell-O favors.

LET A PACKAGE TODAY.

OUR OWN PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ARTISTS

make our illustrations and drawings. They travel to the fairs and stock shows, to the best farms and orchards, in fact everywhere, to get interesting and timely pictures to illustrate THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FARMER. This is only one of the many features which make it the handiest and most interesting American farm journal.

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