POSTOFFICE NOTICE

Orleans and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at ‡1:30 p. m. and ‡10:30 p. m.; Sundays at ‡1 p. m. and ‡10:30 p. m. (connecting mail closes here Thursdays at ‡10:30 p. m.)
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The schedule of closing of Transpacific Mails is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit to port of sailing. The final connecting mails (except Registered Transpacific Mails, which close at 6 p. m. previous day) close at the General Postoffice, New York, as follows:
NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA (except West), NEW CALEDONIA, SAMOA, HAWAII AND FIJI ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. November 28 for dispatch per s. s. Sonoma. (If the Cunard steamer carrying the British mail for New Zealand does not arrive in time to connect with this dispatch, extra mails—closing at 5:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m. and 6 p. m.; Sundays at 4:30 a. m., 9 a. m and 6 p. m.—will be made up and forwarded until the arrival of the Cunard steamer).
HAWAII, JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA AND PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. November 28 for dispatch per s. s. Korea.
FIJI ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA (except West) and NEW CALEDONIA, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close at 6 p. m. December 2, for dispatch per s. s. Moana.
JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and specially addressed mail for PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Seattle, close at 6 p. m. December 4 for dispatch per s. s. Lyria.
HAWAII, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 5 for dispatch per s. s. Alameda.
HAWAII, JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 8 for dispatch per s. s. Gaelic.
JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Tacoma, close at 6 p. m. December 18 for dispatch per s. s. Yangtsze.
JAPAN (except Parcels-Post Mails), KOREA, CHINA and specially addressed mail for PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close at 6 p. m. December 20 for dispatch per s. s. Empress of India.
TAHITI and MARQUESAS ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 26 for dispatch per s. s. Mariposa.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and GUAM, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 26 for dispatch per U. S. Transport.
MANCHURIA (except Newchwang) and EASTERN SIBERIA is at present forwarded via Russia.
NOTE—Unless otherwise addressed, West Australia is forwarded via Europe; New Zealand via San Francisco and certain places in the Chinese Province of Yunnan, via British India—the quickest routes. Philippines specially addressed "via Europe" must be fully prepaid at the foreign rates. Hawaii is forwarded via San Francisco exclusively.
EDWARD M. MORGAN,
Acting Postmaster.
Postoffice, New York, N. Y., November 28, 1904.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1904.—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., until 2 o'clock p. m. January 9, 1905, for the construction of an outlet tunnel about 125 square feet cross section and about 500 feet long, and two vertical shafts, in solid granite, to serve as a diversion tunnel for the Pathfinder dam, about fifty miles southwest of Casper, Wyo., on North Platte river. Forms of proposal, plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, Washington, D. C., or at the office of the United States Reclamation Service, Chamber of Commerce building, Denver, Colo. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for $1,000, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Interior, as a guaranty that the bidder will, if successful, promptly execute a satisfactory contract, and furnish bond in the sum of 20 per cent of the contract price for the faithful performance of the work. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, to accept one part and reject the other and to waive technical defects as the interest of the service may require. Proposals must be marked "Proposals for Pathfinder Tunnel, North Platte Project." Bidders are invited to be present. THOMAS RYAN, Acting Secretary.
Nov. 29 D1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 21, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received here until 10 a. m., central standard time, December 12, 1904, for constructing a cast-iron water main at Fort Mackenzie, Wyo. Full information furnished on application to this office, where plans and specifications may be seen, or to the quartermaster, Fort Mackenzie, Wyo. Proposals to be marked "Proposals for Cast-Iron Water Main," and addressed to Major M. GRAY ZALINSKI, Chief Quartermaster.
N. 28, 29, 30; D. 1, 9, 10

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska will receive bids for the furnishing of stationery, office supplies and printing, etc., for the coming session of the legislature. Specifications will be on file in the office of the secretary of state on and after December 1, 1904. All bids must be filed with the secretary of state by noon of December 5, 1904. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

TIN CUP TO BE ABOLISHED

Members of Board of Education Object to it on Health Grounds.

CHARGE IT WITH TRANSMITTING DISEASE

"Bubbling Cup" is Suggested as a Substitute in All of the Public School Buildings of the City.

School Director George W. Gorman sees danger to the pupils of the public schools in the use of the common drinking cup and he has a plan in view which it is said will entirely eliminate all opportunities of the children contracting contagious diseases at the drinking fount. If his suggestion is carried out the old water bucket and tin drinking cup are to be things of the past in the public schools of Council Bluffs. At his request the Board of Education has been called to meet in special session this evening at the high school to consider this with one or two unimportant matters.

Director Gorman is of the opinion that the practice of children drinking from the same cup is a dangerous one and should be stopped. He now proposes that the drinking cup be done away with altogether and that the child be compelled to slack his or her thirst by drinking direct from the faucet. The system which he seeks to have installed in the school buildings of the city is known as the "bubbling cups" arrangement, although there are no cups connected with it. Instead of using a faucet the water comes up through a vertical pipe, the flow of which is easily regulated. The child when desiring to slack its thirst applies its mouth to the stream and drinks to its heart's content without the slightest fear of contagion from the previous drinker.

The Bloomer and Avenue B school buildings are the only ones in this city where the children drink from the faucet. In all of the other buildings the primitive bucket, kept replenished by the janitor, still holds sway. The old bucket in Director Gorman's opinion is even more dangerous than the faucet with its tin cup, and if his suggestion meets with approval at the hands of the board he proposes installing the "bubbling cup" system in every school in the city.

The many cases of diphtheria and smallpox now prevalent among the school children of the city is, in Mr. Gorman's opinion, due to the common tin drinking cup. It is said that Mr. Gorman has given this matter careful study and investigation before deciding to bring it before the board.

Another matter to come before the meeting this afternoon is that of providing Prof. Thomas of the high school faculty with a workshop. It is proposed by Director Gorman to convert one of the uncompleted rooms in the attic of the high school building into a workshop for Prof. Thomas at an expenditure of several hundred dollars.

State Wants Decree Modified.

Secretary of State W. B. Martin has filed in the United States court here a motion asking for modification of the injunction secured by John A. Creighton and others of Omaha restraining the survey by the state of Iowa of the land in East Omaha which it is claimed belongs to this state and which C. R. Hannan and others proposed purchasing from the state.

The modification of the decree is asked on the grounds that permission to complete the survey would in no way affect the question of title, neither would it have any bearing on the merits of the controversy.

The secretary of state has also filed an answer in which he reviews in detail the history of the land now in controversy claiming that it is an accretion to a sand bar in the center of the Missouri river instead of to the Iowa shore and that by reason of this it became the property of the stae of Iowa and is consequenly subject to sale by the state.

Canning Company Organized.

The canning company promoted by Charles Schmidt, jr., of Avoca is practically organized and articles of incorporation, it is said, will probably be filed within a few days. The capital stock of $50,000 is almost all subscribed and the balance, it is stated, is assured.

Associated with Mr. Schmidt in the new company will be Ernest E. Hart, president of the First National bank; H. A. Searle of the Monarch Manufacturing company, State Senator C. G. Saunders, T. N. Peterson of the Peterson-Schoening company, City Treasurer F. T. True, F. J. Daly and others.

It is understood that this company contemplates securing the plant of the Smith Refining company and will remodel and enlarge it besides installing new and up-to-date machinery.

More Coal Stealing Cases.

Informations were filed in police court yesterday against Charles Franks, Mahlon Bethers and Dude Thacker, charging them with stealing coal from Illinois Central freight cars. The accused are young men about 20 years of age and too old for prosecution in the juvenile division of the district court, where the informations against five younger boys were filed Tuesday.

Addition to Hughes Hall.

The Danish societies of this city, which recently purchased Hughes' hall, have let the contracts for the addition to the building to Anderson Bros. The addition, which will be of brick, 40x52, will be one story high, with an open basement, and will join the building on the south. The new portion will contain a dining room and kitchen, a women's parlor and several ante rooms. The interior of the old portion of the building will also be remodelled and this part, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy by January 1.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee November 30 by the Title Guaranty and Trust company of Council Bluffs:

George S. Wright to city of Council Bluffs, lots 2 to 12, block 38, Central subdiv, q c d	$ 1
William McGee and wife to T. C. Alexander, se¼ nw¼ 18-75-39, q c d	50
Mary Curtis and husband to Willard E. Curtis, part nw¼ se¼ 13-75-44, w d	350
Lars Jensen and wife to Thomas French, lots 9, 10, 11, 12, block 11; lot 14, block 10, Omaha add, q c d	725
E. J. Burns to Hans Bremer, part out lot 12, Neola, w d	2,300
Five transfers, aggregating	$3,426

Rooms and cafe. Ogden hotel.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Victor P. Laustrup, Council Bluffs	26
L. Marie Platner, Council Bluffs	22
F. F. Schweder, Mills County, Ia	25
Anna T. Thieschafer, Mills County, Ia	23
Ernest McClain, Omaha	22
Minnie Deutch, Omaha	18
B. I. Newton, York, Neb	34
Fonnie McConnell, York, Neb	28

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Illustrated Poetical Recitation.

Longfellow's beautiful poem of "Hiawatha," recited by Mrs. Katherine Ertz-Bowden and illustrated with moving pictures, afforded a most pleasing entertainment to a large audience at the high school auditorium last night. In the afternoon Mrs. Bowden was also greeted by a large audience composed mostly of the children of the city schools.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Leffert's glasses fit.
Stockert sells carpets.
Domestic cooking, 33 No. Main st.
Duncan sells the best school shoes.
Night school at Western Iowa college.
Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl st.
For rent, modern house, 723 Sixth ave.
Duncan does the best repairing, 23 Main.
Mrs. G. W. Davis of Lyons, Neb., is the guest of Council Bluffs friends.
New stock of pictures and moldings. Borwick, 211 So. Main st. Tel. 683.
Captain L. B. Cousins is home from a visit to the St. Louis exposition.
20 per cent discount on picture moldings this week. C. E. Alexander, 333 B'way.
Missouri oak dry cordwood $6 cord delivered. Wm. Welch, 16 N. Main st. Tel. 128.
The South Side Improvement club will meet at the new fire station this evening.
Mrs. Swift of Los Angeles, Cal., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. W. S. Baird and family.
Platte Overton, formerly of this city, and now in the lumber business in Reger, Mo., is in the city visiting friends.
Mrs. D. W. Keller and Mrs. V. Battin are home from Colfax Springs, where they went for the benefit of their health.
Sixty-two marriage licenses were issued during the month of November by F. L. Reed, clerk of the district court.
The Household Economics department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will meet this afternoon in the club rooms.
There has not been a death in the city for the last ten days and the undertakers consequently are enjoying a rest.
The Oakland Avenue Reading club will be entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. Cutler, on Bluff street.
LeRoy Campbell received word yesterday that he was one of six heirs to a large estate in New Hampshire, left by his aunt.
Mrs. J. Hydinger and daughter of Hamburg, Ia., were guests at the Grand hotel last night enroute to California to spend the winter.
Camp No. 7151, Modern Woodmen of America, will meet in regular session this evening in Marcus' hall for the annual election of officers.
The Ladies' Aid society of the Union Christian church, Thirty-fifth street and Broadway, will give a bazaar and supper today in the church.
Joppa council, No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, will meet in special convocation this evening for work in the Royal and Select Masters' degree.
The regular meeting of the West End Improvement club will be held this evening in the county building, corner of Twenty-fourth and Avenue B.
Board and room, by young man in private family, in walking distance from Milwaukee railway depot. Good references. Address C, Bee, Council Bluffs.
The Royal Sewing circle of Oak Leaf camp, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet at the home of Mrs. Jessie Wade, 120 Platner street, this afternoon.
Colonel C. G. Saunders is home from St. Paul, Minn., and other northern points, where he went on business connected with the Modern Woodmen of America.
2,000 lbs. to the ton guaranteed. Morton & Bridenstein, the new firm. Prompt service, best coal and wood, lowest prices. Yards, 14th avenue and 6th st. Tel. 182.
The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a social tomorrow afternoon in the church parlors, when the annual election of officers will take place.
F. H. Hill is home from attending the convention of the National Hardware association in Atlantic City, N. J. Enroute home he visited in New York and Philadelphia.
Earl Hooker has gone to Colorado to assist as draughtsman in building a new sugar factory, to be erected by a company which operates a similar plant in Norfolk, Neb.
These cases of contagious diseases were reported to the Board of Health yesterday: Mamie Jewell, 107 South Twenty-third street, diphtheria; Frank Malley, 218 South Nineteenth street, smallpox.
Henry Bailey, charged with stealing fifteen bushels of corn belonging to D. A. and John Adams, farmers living near Manawa, was before Justice Ouren yesterday morning. The evidence reduced the amount of corn taken by Bailey to two bushels, and the court fined him $5 and costs.
During the month of November 130 transfers of real estate were filed in the office of the county recorded, with an aggregate consideration of $131,745.43. This is a slight decrease when compared with the same month last year, when 133 transfers were filed, with a total consideration of $161,065.94.
A. H. Hannibal, a young farmer living in Hazel Dell township, had an aching tooth which needed treatment yesterday morning, so he rode into town on his bicycle to visit the dentist. While he was interviewing the dentist some one rode off on his wheel, which he left standing by the curb.
Dr. J. C. Waterman received yesterday a copy of the Burke Gazette, a paper published by Kinney & Reichman in the new town of Burke, located on what was until recently the Rosebud reservation, and adjoining which Dr. Waterman was successful in drawing a quarter section in the late government land lottery.
The $50,000 personal injury damage suit of Mrs. Lillie Smith against the motor company is still occupying the attention of Judge Green and a jury in the district court. The testimony for the plaintiff is about completed, but as the defense has a long array of witnesses it is not thought the case will go to the jury before the end of the week.
Seats will go on sale for the entertainment to be given by the Council Bluffs Comedy club at the New theater tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. The cast presenting the four sketches will include many of Council Bluffs most talented amateurs and the rehearsals promise an evening of enjoyment for the patrons. The proceeds go to the Creche, to be used in paying for the home at Ninth avenue and Third street.
Victor P. Laustrup and Miss L. Marie Platner were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Platner, on Washington avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. W. Starr, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Laustrup left in the evening for a short wedding trip to Chicago and other points and on their return will make their home for the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Platner.

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WEATHER IS REMARKABLE

November Breaks the Record for Clear Days and Lack of Rainfall.

CHANGES ON THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Present Constitution of Iowa Open to Same Objection Urged Against Legality of the Biennial Amendment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Director Sage of the Iowa Weather and Crop Service, at the close of the day's record for weather in Iowa, declared that never in the history of the bureau has there been known any such beautiful month of November as the one just closed. The record of the local office was twenty-five of the thirty days were of sunshine all or a part of the day, and eighteen were recorded as "clear." Two days were so absolutely clear that the weather observer failed to find a trace of a cloud. The total rainfall for the month was .06 of an inch, the lightest ever known for the month. On four other years the recorded rainfall was less than half an inch. The present period of dry and steady weather, absolutely free from storms, has lasted since October 20 without interruption. The same condition of affairs prevails all over the state, save that in a few counties along the northern border there was slight snowfall a few days ago. As a result of this remarkable run of fine weather the farmers of the state have gathered nearly all their fall crops and conditions are ripe for a fine business season this year.

Effect of Compulsory School Law.

State Superintendent Riggs has just completed the annual educational directory for the state, with a summary of the leading statistics relating to schools as reported this year. The report shows the good effect of the new educational law in Iowa in increasing the average attendance at school of the pupils of the state. The number of pupils actually enrolled in the schools has not materially changed since last year, but the average attendance went up from 258,000 to 273,000, thus indicating that once the pupils are enrolled in the schools the law has had the effect of making attendance better.

Changes on Education Board.

Governor Cummins today appointed to membership on the State Board of Educational Examiners Miss Maria M. Roberts, associate professor of mathematics at the State college, Ames, to succeed Mrs. Mary A. Altona of Des Moines. Mrs. Altona, the resident member, has acted as secretary the last four years, but under the law members are ineligible for reappointment. Miss Roberts is of the State college faculty and an able educator. The other members of the board are President MacLean of Iowa City, President Seerley of Cedar Falls, O. E. McManus of Council Bluffs and State Superintendent Riggs.

Lieutenant Governor Recovering.

Hon. John Herriott of Stuart, lieutenant governor, was in the city today to consult with physicians. He is recovering from an illness which has kept him quiet most of the last year and he recently underwent an operation in a hospital in Chicago, from which he is recovering nicely.

Might Attack Constitution.

An amusing feature of the attack upon the biennial elections amendment is the disclosures that the form of submission to the voters, which it is now claimed was insufficient for lack of clearness, is the exact form used when the constitution of the state was submitted to the voters in 1857, and if the courts should hold that this form is wrong then it would be possible to attack the constitution on the same ground. The proposition is being discussed, but it is so absurd that nearly all unite in the belief that the attacks on the present amendment will get no further than the newspapers.

Fighting Horse Plague.

Dr. P. O. Koto, state veterinarian, went today to Van Buren county, in which part of the state efforts are being made by state and federal officials acting together to stamp out a plague which has been threatening many valuable herds of horses. The authorities have been fighting it for a year and have kept many animals in quarantine. It is now evident that a large number will be killed to save others. The malady appeared nearly two years ago and has already been quite expensive, but it is being kept within bounds.

The Heads Will Recover.

Mahlon Head of Jefferson, member of the Iowa house, arrived in the city today to look after the case of his son, John Head, who tried to kill himself and wife last night at a hotel. John Head was injured more than his wife, but both will recover.

Father Sends for Child's Remains.

Dr. O. A. Norman of Fergus Falls, Minn., today sent to have the remains of his daughter sent there for burial. She was the one-time wife of Frank Billings, the foot-racer, who killed himself and wife in an evil resort last night. She was known as "Cecil Baldwin," and had not lived with Billings for a long time. On her refusal to give him money he killed both. Her father is a respected physician of Minnesota. Billings had no relatives and will be buried here.

Bonus for Bonds.

Iowa bondholders of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge railroad have been notified by President Hawley of the road to present their bonds in New York January 3, at which time they will be paid. In an announcement sent to bondholders in Iowa the Central Trust company offers to pay a premium of $30 on each of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge bonds in addition to the interest coupons now due, provided that a bond of the new issue is accepted in lieu of the old one.

Trouble for Telephone Company.

WATERLOO, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—A lis pendens notice was served today on the United States Telephone and Telegraph company of this city, which states that the action for foreclosing on the bonds of the company would be commenced in the federal court for the northern district of Iowa at Dubuque by the Federal Trust and Savings company of Chicago on the $300,000 worth of bonds which were sold recently in Chicago. According to the notice, a temporary and permanent receiver will be asked, the intention being to foreclose on the company and take possession of all of its properties, wires, fixtures, etc., in Waterloo, Black Hawk county, and Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, Tama, Benton, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Cerro Gordo, Fayette and Floyd counties, in this state. Two Waterloo financiers, Thomas Cascaden, jr., and F. E. Mellheny, are anxious to close out the company, gain control of the whole system and start a new company.

City Official is Missing.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—George Mentzer, city recorder and clerk of the superior court of this city, has been missing since last Friday, when he borrowed $50 and left for parts unknown. His accounts with the city have been examined and found to be absolutely correct in every detail, but his personal accounts disclose an indebtedness caused by unfortunate partnership in a business enterprise. His friends fear that financial difficulties have preyed on his mind so strongly that he has become mentally unbalanced and either wandered away or committed suicide, as no other cause can be advanced for his disappearance.

AWARD CORN PRIZES AT MAPLETON

Monona County Farmers' Institute Closes a Successful Meeting.

ONAWA, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The Monona County Farmers' Institute, just closed at Mapleton, was one of the best held in the county. There was a good attendance and a large display of corn and other farm products. Prof. Holden and a corps of Ames students scored the corn and awarded the prizes on corn, of which there were over 300 entries. D. F. Comte, James Hunt and J. R. Murphy were the committee to award prizes on small grain, fruits and vegetables. Arthur Carhart of Center township won the boys' contest for scoring corn, first prize and a scholarship in the Castana Normal school. Earl Iddings of Mapleton won first prize for a composition on the cultivation of corn. Ora J. Easton of Whiting won the sweepstakes premium for the best corn raised in the county; Perry Livingood of Kennebec township, second; Will C. Whiting of Whiting, third; W. J. Minigar of Kennebec, fourth; John Sundburg of Whiting, fifth; James McWilliams of Ashton township, sixth; Lewis Larson of Ashton township, seventh, and R. W. Cassady of Whiting, eighth.

Reed's Yellow Dent corn scored the highest premium and won out over all other varieties. This was the corn recommended by Prof. Holden in the first corn show held at Whiting some years ago, and it has proven to be well adapted to bottom lands. It may be noted that all prizes on corn were won by corn raisers on the Missouri and Little Sioux bottom lands. Corn raised in the hills failed to win any premiums. The Iowa Silver Mine corn won several of the premiums offered and ranked next to Reed's Yellow Dent.

Will C. Whiting made an exhibit of corn raised from seed found in the Egyptian tombs some years ago, which proves that the ancients had studied "how to save their seed corn."

The Mapleton opera house was finely decorated for the occasion and the exhibits occupied much space and attracted much admiration.

William T. Day was elected president for the coming year, but as he is president of the Castana Savings bank and a very busy man, it is feared he cannot serve. W. L. Wiley of Castana was re-elected treasurer. The place of the next meeting lies between Onawa and Whiting. Both towns want it and the executive committee will decide which town is entitled to it later on.

Much good has been accomplished by the institutes held in the county and the farmers have already commenced to pay more attention to seed and improved methods of cultivation. The younger generation is especially awake.

Twenty Years for an Ear.

OSKALOOSA, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—James Ellis must serve twenty years in prison at hard labor for shooting off a piece of Clarence Durfee's ear, about the size of a 10 cent piece. Clarence Durfee was manager of the stores at the Durfee mines and Ellis was employed there. Durfee discharged Ellis and when the miner came for his wages refused to give it to him until he had moved out of one of the company's houses. Ellis pulled a gun and shot Durfee. The latter dodged and lost only a bit of his ear.

Beuthien Back in Iowa.

DAVENPORT, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Arnold Beuthien has been safely landed behind the bars in Scott county. Sheriff McArthur returned with his prisoner last night. Sheriff McArthur paid over $900, the amount of the reward offered for the arrest of Beuthien. Detectives Flynn and McLain of Chicago secured the amount. The detectives refused to give the man up before the reward was forthcoming and the sheriff, in order to expidite matters, sat down and wrote them a check on his own personal account.

Great Northern Buys Lands.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Great Northern railroad has purchased about $250,000 worth of real estate in the eastern part of Sioux City during the last several weeks. It is understood that the property is desired for terminals and that James J. Hill expects to make a connection with the Burlington lines in Nebraska at this point. The negotiations for the property have been quietly conducted and public announcement has just been made.

Stockholders Are Dissatisfied.

ATLANTIC, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Creamery company of this city was held at Mayor McWald's office and the directors were instructed to request from O. W. Brown, the former secretary, a statement of the affairs of the company. It was claimed in the discussion that the books of the concern were in such shape that nothing could be told from them and that Brown had refused to give any explanation.

Bankers Want More Protection.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The council of administration of the Iowa Bankers' association held an important meeting here today for the discussion and formulation of plans for better protection of their time locks. All of the state officers and about twenty-five members of the association from all over the state were present and the visitors were tendered a reception in the Commercial club rooms this evening.

Iowa Women Are Losers.

MUSCATINE, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—By the decision of the United States supreme court upholding the will of Daniel Fayerwether giving $2,500,000 to American colleges, two Muscatine women lost $20,000 apiece. Mrs. Mary W. Achter and Emma S. Fayerwether of Muscatine were nieces of the dead millionaire and under a previous will, which was declared invalid, would have received the amounts named.

Bishop Davis is Consecrated.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Nov. 30.—Rev. James Davis, pastor of Sacred Heart cathedral in this city, was today consecrated with imposing ceremonies as coadjutor bishop of Davenport. Bishop Spaulding of Peoria preached the sermon. Archbishop Keane of Dubuque consecrated the new bishop.

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No more distinguished company of Contributors has ever appeared in a Christmas magazine than those in the DECEMBER METROPOLITAN

W. A. Fraser contributes a story so strong, and so remarkable for its originality and interest, that it was voted the $500 prize in a story-contest open to all writers.

Joel Chandler Harris has an Uncle Remus story, as good as any he has ever written.

E. S. Martin treats sympathetically and happily of "Children and the Christmas time."

Alfred Henry Lewis sums up, and comments upon, the events of world-interest during the past few weeks. This is done in an *illustrated* review.

Thomas Nelson Page contributes a charming article in which he shows us a quaint old neighborhood in Virginia.

Richard Le Gallienne writes a Christmas story which he calls, in memory of youthful days, "Once upon a Time."

20 pages of the issue are devoted to *The Stage at Holiday Time.* Fully illustrated with over fifty pictures of stage celebrities of the day.

The authors of "The Lightning Conductor" continue their mile a minute story,—*"The Princess Passes."*

Jules Guérin, the well-known illustrator, has provided some marvelous colored pictures, illustrating **John Corbin's** "A Boy's-Eye View of the Circus." Something of the fun that we have all had at the circus, in younger days, will return to us on reading this article.

Other short stories and special articles are by Carolyn Wells, Oliver Herford, Broughton Brandenburg, Charles G. D. Roberts, Theodosia Garrison and Clinton Scollard. These articles complete a magazine brimming with interest and Christmas cheer

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