## NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

# COUNCIL BLUFFS

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Pyrography outfits and supplies. Alex-nder, 333 Broadway. Miss Arkwright's china sale, December 3 to 19, 604 Mynster street. The regular monthly session of the city ouncil is scheduled for tonight. Missouri oak dry cordwood \$6 cord delivered. Wm. Welch, 16 N. Main st. Tel. 128.

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An important meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held this evening in the office of H. W. Binder.

We havely positive all position that We hereby notify all parties that owe us old standing accounts to come and settle at once, do, this and save costs. George S. Davis.

The Ladies' Aid society of the People's Union church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Copeland, 2731 Avenue A. The Ladies' Aid society of the Swedish Baptist church will meet Thursday after-noon at the home of Mrs. G. Landstrom, 1402 Fairmount avenue.

1402 Fairmount avenue.

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The meeting of St. Agnes' Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church, to have been held this evening at the home of Mrs. H. A. Quinn on Oakland avenue, has been postponed until next Monday.

The fifth annual state convention of "The poned until next Monday.

The fifth annual state convention of "The Gideons," a religious organization of commercial traveling men, will be held at Fort Dodge, December II and January I. Charles E. Barker is president and M. E. Griffith, secretary of the state organization.

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Several of the teacher's of this city have places on the program for the lowa State Teachers' association meeting, to be held in Des Moines, December 27 to 28. Miss Cora Treynor is down for a paper on "The Value of Excursions." Mrs. Emma Ingalis, superintendent of drawing and penmanship, will have a paper on landscape work and Mrs. A. D. Card is secretary of the kindergarten round table.

M. D. Nelson, M. C. Hanson and John Hanson, who came from Harian, Ia.. Saturday to take in the sights of this city by gas light became involved in a row early Sunday morning in a Broadway resort and were arrested. Nelson was struck over the head with a beer bottle and received a bad scalp wound. He had to be attended by City Physician Tinley at the city jail and it required a number of stitches to sew up the wound. The three later secured their release on cash bonds.

### Society Elections. These organizations elected officers Sat-

These organizations elected officers Saturday:

Abe Lincoln post, No. 29, Grand Army of the Republic: Post commander, Edwin J. Abbott: senior vice commander, Elmer Pickard; junior vice commander, Joseph S. Davis; quartermaster, Samuel Johnson; chaplain, John Hutchings; surgeon, John Aten; officer of the day, R. E. Williams; officer of the guard, George W. Dalrymple; trustee for three years, Joseph S. Davis; representative, Wallace McFadden; alternate, Elmer Pickard.

Encampment No. 8, Union Veteran Legion: Colonel, L. Sherwood; Heutenant colonel, D. C. Reynolds; major, Enoch Hees; quartermaster, D. A. Heisler; chaplain, Rev. G. W. Snyder; officer of the day, William Rolph; historian, A. B. Nichols; daughter of the regiment, Miss Sylvia Snyder.

The Woman's auxiliary, No. 14, Union Veteran Legion: President, Catherine Hess; senior vice president, Martha Willetts; junior vice president, Blitha Dalton; chaplain, Agnes Rolph; treasurer, Frances Foster; secretary, Fiducia Williams; conductress, Ada Martin; guard, Isabelle Dorsett; color bearer, Sarah Hayden.

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Funeral of Mrs. Meneray.

The funeral of Mrs. R. C. Meneray from the First Baptist church yesterday morning was attended by a large gathering of the friends of the deceased and the bereaved family, the members of Rebekah, Royal Neighbors of America, Rathbone Sisters and American Yeomen, to which Mrs. Meneray belonged, being present in a body. The floral offerings were many, among the number being beautiful set pieces from the four lodges. Interment was in the esmetery of Crescent City, the former home of the family, where the services at the grave were conducted by services at the grave were conducted by

with our tears and inspire our hearts with the remembrance of the love and loyalty of the ritual of the order.

Plumbing and heating. Eixby & Son.

Debate on Trust Question.

The annual joint program of the Philomathian and Delta Tau Literary societies of the high school will be given is the high school auditorium Friday evening of this week. The program will include competitive orations, declamations and the debate of the question, "Resolved, That trusts are more detrimental than beneficial." The Delta Taus will take the affirmative and the Philomathians the negative side of the question. Louise Stephan, Edith Organ and Virgie Myers will be the debaters for the Philomathians. Flora Cooper and James Sims will be the orators and Hazel Brown and George Phelps will deliver the declaand George Phelps will deliver the declamations.

## A SENSIBLE MOTHER

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## MEMORIAL FOR DEAD ELKS

Council Bluffs Lodge Holds Its Annual Service in New Theater.

MUSICAL FEATURES ABOVE ORDINARY

Charles M. Harl of This City and George W. Egan of Logan Deliver Feeling Addresses Sultable for Occasion.

Council Bluffs lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Eiks, in common with order throughout the country yesterpaid tribute to the memory of its deceased members. The exercises held in the afternoon in the New theater were most elaborate and rarely have so many excellent vocal numbers been presented on such an occasion in Council Bluffs. The exercises attracted an audience which completely filled the lower floor of the theater and a large part of the baleony, the front seats in the parquet being occupied by the members of the lodge.

The stage was tastefully decorated with alms and ferns, relieved by immense unches of yellow and white chrysanthemums, while the colors of the order, ple and white, predominated through it the The officers of the lodge occupied ing knight, in the absence of Exalted Ruler A. Searle, presided. The vocal numbers were rendered by the Elks quartet, condon, Dr. Claude P. Lewis and J. R. Gerke arrested. and Mrs. Zoe Pearl Park of Chicago, Mrs. Park is possessed of a magnificent 'contraito voice, sympathetic and showing highwhat few singers possess, a perfectly clear Mr. Haverstock, when they sang Nevin's beautiful duet, "The Twilight." As a final With Me," assisted by the quartet, when she again demonstrated the remarkable range of her voice. Mr. Haverstock's rendition of Dudley Buck's "Remember Now Thy Creator," displayed his baritone voice to the best advantage. Other features of the musical program were the singing by the quartet of "Lead, Kindly Light," and A. A. Covalt's cornet solo.

with our tears and inspire our hearts with the remembrance of the love and loyalty

shall give ourselves.

The order teaches fidelity, the pole star of exalted character; fidelity to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves; fidelity to every duty and to every trust; fidelity in every walk and relation of life. It implies lofty ideals and inflexible purpose.

## Eagan Pays Tribute.

Mr. Egan in his address held that hono nd integrity in the individual, sanctity and purity in the home, were the sentiment and religion of the order, and that without the "educated man" these could not be attained. In part he said:

On this day all true Eiks are met in solemn conclave to contemplate the spotless lives, the beautiful characters, the sacred memories of their departed brothers, and the excellent teachings of their benevolent order. On this day we say with pride to the Grecian Pericles, "We know nothing of the envy you describe for the heroes of this occasion were our brothers; their victories are our victories, their suffering and achievements are our blessings, for they died nobly and left to us the sacred heritage of inspiring memory."

We meet today for a purpose that has the dignity and solemnity of funeral rites without their sadness; it is not a new becavement that calls us here. We meet not at a newly opened grave. Over the graves of our brothers nature has cast the testimonials of her love. Above every tomb her daily sunshine has smiled, her tears have wept. On this day all true Eiks are met in sol

her daily sunshine has smiled, her tears have wept.

One of the great tenets in the creed of our order is that we shall cherish and preserve the memory of our deceased brothers. It is the hope of every human heart to be remembered just as the old man dying said, "Lord, keep my memory green." We are grieved this day at the loss of our brothers, but we are comforted in the thought that they fought a good fight in the ranks of the common citizens. They lived honorably, they died nobly, and by their upright lives they gave us courage and inspiration; by their death we have the lessons taught by the painful longing for the friendship and faces that were but are not.

Since the Council Bluffs lodge of Elks was organized it has suffered the loss of twelve members, and at the opening of the memorial exercises the names of the "abent" members were, as they were called by Secretary Troutman, displayed on an electric cross occupying the center of the stage. The deceased members and the dates of their death whose names appeared in rotation are: James R. Doty, August 12 1901; S. Farnsworth, March 10, 1802; James , some time in conference with the presi- Elkington; secretary and treasurer, Felix M. Fenion, September 25, 1901; H. W. Findlay, March 26, 1908; Fred W. A. Geise, May and Depew also called during the evening, is continued as general counsel. It now has 1904; Samuel Haas, December 16, 1900;

W. E. Haverstock, May 6, 1902; Karl W. Mayne, June 19, 1903; C. C. Potter, October 31, 1994; Dr. F. M. Powell, August 16, 1903 Dr. Theodore A. Trulson, November 15 1963; A. W. Wyman, July 2, 1968.

## RAILROAD AGENT IS UNDER ARREST Company Officials Reticent Concern

ing the Cause. Robert King, said to be an agent for the Northwestern railroad and American Express company, was taken into custody late Saturday night on arrival of Northwestern passenger train No. 5. The arrest was made by the local officers in compliance with a telegram received here from Ames. King is said to have been agent at the station of Buckeye and yesterday Agent Parsons of the express company at Omaha and Colonel Beebee, local agent for the company, visited King at the city jail, but the object of their visit was not made

were found secreted in the lining of his pocket was found to be the hiding place

Word was also sent to Missouri Valley to surveillance until Council Bluffs was two Methodist bishops and a large number reached, when the officers took him into custody. Part of the Journey King is said to have carried one arm in a sling, but when confronted by Detective Flynn he abandoned the attempt at disguise. As to the stage and T. G. Green, esteemed lead- whether King is short in his accounts with Grinnell, but lows Wesleyan has clearly the railroad and express companies officlais at police headquarters claim not to know, but said they infer something is sisting of C. S. Haverstock, W. S. Rig- wrong, otherwise he would not have been

Mrs. Ellzabeth Sherwood Dead Mrs. Elizabeth Sherwood, wife of Lafayclass cultivation, added to which she has ette Sherwood, died yesterday morning. aged 69 years. Besides her husband two enunciation. Mrs. Park is undoubtedly the daughters, Mrs. L. Dwinnell of Lake City, best contraits a Council Bluffs audience has Ia., and Mrs. S. E. Hayden of this city, had the pleasure of hearing in many years. and one son, Henry E. Sherwood of 696 Her rendition of Carrie Jacobs Bond's South Thirtieth Street, Omaha, survive 'Visions," was magnificent and she was her. The funeral will be held Tuesday again heard to excellent advantage with morning at 10 o'clock from the Broadway church, of which deceased was a faithful member for many years, and interment will number Mrs. Park sang Lincoln's "Abide be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. James O'May. The husband, Lafavette Sherwood, is colonel of encampment No. 8, Union Vet-

eran legion. The comrades of encampment No. Union Veteran legion, will meet at their hall Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock to attend in a body the funeral of Mrs. Lafayette Sherwood. The members of the Woman's auxiliary No. 14 will also meet at

### the same time and place. Rooms and cafe. Ogden notel.

WHERE LAWYERS DO NOT AGREE

Strange Complications Arise from Varying Views of Law. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 4.-(Special.)-Since the suits over the destruction of the old Clifton hotel at this place have gone into court, the question of fire protection in the matter of fire escapes has been much discussed and considered, and the city council is at sea regarding the true status that both the state and city laws were; such as Cedar Rapids, and the attorney general holds that the state law is valid and applies to special charter cities. Owners of property know the difference of opinion and refuse to comply with the city's request to supply the buildings with fire a city ordinance combining the essence of both state and city laws on the matter and the ordinance was passed by the council. It is hoped that it is sufficiently binding to compel its enforcement.

## Free Marriages in Atlantic.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 4.-(Special.)-Justice "Whip" Straight comes to the front with a novel and unusual offer. On December 6, 7, and 8, the days on which the Atlantic merchants hold special sales, Justice Straight advertises to perform the marriage ceremony free for all of the victims of Cupid who desire to mate. A boom is looked for in the matrimonial market.

## Big Business in Rabbits.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 4 .- (Special.)-J. K. Haughton, manager of a local business house, had entered into a contract to supply a Paris, France, house with 10,000 jack rabbits from the prairies of South Dakota, Mr. Haughton has received letters from scores of towns in Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and other northwestern states asking for information in reference to the matter. He stands ready to purchase all the rabbits that are offered to him, and already hundreds of men and boys are putting in their spare time scouring the prairies of several states in search of the festive rabbit. Mr. Haughton states that the contract is for 12,000 instead of 10,000 jack rabbits, as originally stated. When this number of the animals are received and corded up they will fill four cars. Notwithstanding the magnitude of the order, it is believed the necessary number of rabbits will be himself in his home early this morning. secured within the next few weeks.

## Grand Jury Fails to Indict.

grand jury which is now in session Thomas W. Taubman, editor of the Plankinton Herald, who was charged with libel, This action of the grand jury will be of newspapers in South Dakota, for the reason that it in a measure determines the question of whether or not an editor charged with libel can be made a defendant in any county in which the issue circulates. Taubman resides in Aurora county, and since his arrest his attorneys have steadily maintained that the suit against him, instead of being instituted in Minnehaha county, should have been Aurora county, the circuit court in any other county being without jurisdiction.

## spite the fact that it melted rapidly at more than two inches in many places. The

moisture was needed by the wheat. Snow began falling in Kansas City tonight. Senntors at White House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.-Senator Fair- tion elected as officers: President, 11. B. bolks was at the White House tonight for Hedge, Des Moines; vice president, John dent. Senators Aldrich of Rhode Island E. Haley, Des Moines. Governor Cummins

the latter to pay his respects to the presi-

## IOWA WESLEYANS JUBILEE

ixtieth Anniversary of Founding of College to Be Observed.

OLDEST INSTITUTION OF KIND IN STATE

Iowa Banking Department Takes a New Tack in Checking Reports of the Institutions in the State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 4 - (Special.) - A very nodest Iowa college fays claim to being the oldest college having continuous existence as an educational institution in the Louisiana Purchase country. This is Iowa When searched at the jail King was Wesleyan university, a Methodist college found in possession of \$100 in bills. In one at Mount Pleasant. Preparations are now of his shoes a \$20 bill was brought to light under way at that college for a big event and several bills of a smaller denomination to celebrate the sixtleth anniversary of the founding of the college. At one time when ciothing. Another \$30 bill was found in a it was merely a seminary, and afterward package of smoking tobacco, while a cheese when it had become a college, Senator sandwich which King carried in his coat James Harian was president of the institution. This was long before he was invited into Lincoln's cabinet. It is planned to have the sextennial anniversary next June head off King and when the train reached and to have an efaborate program coverthere Special Officer Flynn of the North- ing nearly a week of events. Three or four western boarded it and kept King under governors of states will be on the program. of the most prominent ministers of the denomination. Committees have already been appointed and are at work preparing for the event. The claim to oldest college in the west has been made by Iowa college established the right to be known as the

## How Banks Are Watched.

The state banking department has within the past year or two established and put into operation a system of checking up the reports of the state banks so as to disclose whether or not they are being properly conducted. One way in which this is done is to note the accounts reported with the city correspondents of local banks and to secure from the corresponding banks verification of the accounts claimed. In this way discrepancies are frequently detected. Several times since the plan was put ! operation the city banks have reported the accounts quite different from that shown on the books of the bank examined in this state. In some cases further investigation has disclosed that there have been shortages not suspected by the bank directors. In the case of the bank at Wapello a few days ago this operation saved the bank because the directors were able to make good the deficit and to make up the impairment of capital before any trouble came. The system is meeting with general commendation among the people of the state.

Bank May Pay Half, A meeting of the creditors of the failed private bank of E. H. Skinner at Birmingnam, Ia., was held with United States Referee Roberts of Keokuk and James V. Kerr, a well known farmer of Van Buren county was appointed receiver for the Skinner bank. Investigation showed that the liabilities amount to \$50,000 and that the assets will probably pay half the amount.

## The bank was a private one and Mr. Skinner alone was interested in it.

Whitecap Cases Ended. An interesting case was tried in court in Crawford county last week involving the of the laws. It has been endeavoring to action of a band of "whitecaps" which terenforce the ordinance requiring fire escapes | rorized a German farmer near Schleswig. on tall buildings, but has been met by a This was Jacob Schaupp, who one night queer combination. Judge Preston of the was dragged from his bed with a rope and district court has ruled that neither the fearfully beaten by a gang of marauders, city ordinance nor the state law is valid; He brought suit against Henry Hendeke Judge Rothrick of the superior court held Jacob Herges and J. A. Southwell for damages and the evidence of himself and mem-Judge Reed of the federal court held that bers of his family was positive that these the city ordinance was valid, but the state men were of the party which committed law did not apply to special charter cities the outrage. They presented an alibi, but the jury found a verdict for Schaupp awarding him damages in the sum of \$900

## Would Reduce Iowa Rates.

W. E. Odell of this city is preparing to push before the next session of the legislature a bill to arbitrarily classify live escapes. City Attorney Hughes prepared stock and packing house products under the lowa law so that an advantage will be given to packing houses within the state. He points out that while the state has been for many years raising and mar keting annually over 7,000,000 hogs, yet less than 1,000,000 are killed in the state each year. He contends this is due to discrim nation in freight rates and that the railroad commission cannot be depended on to keep the classification where the packing houses in the state have opportunity to

## His Ratirond Stock Valuable.

An Iowa man, W. G. Garrett of College Springs, had a remarkable experience re cently in connection with an old investment in bank stock. Many years ago he lived in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Since the announcement was made in and while there bought a share of stock in these dispatches a few days ago that a railroad company for \$50 to help it start, He had forgotten the matter until he returned the other day, when he was in formed that the share, with its secrued interest, was worth \$150. The company officials had long searched for Mr. Garrett and could not find him.

## Ormsby May Be Messenger

It is announced that Colonel E. S. Ormsby of Emmetsburg, who led the republican list of electors at the recent election and received a larger vote than was ever east for any other person, will be a candidate for messenger to take the official lows vote to Washington next month. It has been stated here that Paul Junkin, editor of the Corning Union, is also a candidate for the same place.

### Double Suicide Sensational. Dr. James H. Tucker of this city killer

following the suicide by poisoning of Miss Annie Clark, a domestic, in the same house, The double tragedy following a long life of SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 4 .- (Special.) - trouble for the doctor and a series of events causing trouble in the family. It appears in the state circuit court in this city has that Dr. Tucker and wife had quarreled refused to return an indictment against and she had accused him of showing too many attentions to the girl. Finally she secured a divorce, but continued to live in the same house with her former husband. far-reaching importance to publishers of neither speaking to the other. On Saturday Mrs. Tucker became enraged and broke out into scolding the young girl, accusing her of intimacy with the doctor. She went to her room and took carbolic acid in of his paper containing the alleged libel fatal amount. Dr. Tucker discovered that the girl was dying and went to his room about midnight, where he wrote a letter addressed to his ex-wife in which he tested his love for her. He had been despondent for several days and had tried commenced in the state circuit court for every possible way to get his ex-wife to remarry him, and she did on one occasion. through friends, agree to do so. Finding that he had no hope he shot himself dead in the presence of a number of friends. He KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4.-Snow fell over had been a traveling doctor and was well central and eastern Kansas today and de- known all over the state. He had been an active man and came to Des Moines for first the ground tonight is covered with the purpose of retiring from business and to end his days in peace. He was about &

## Iowa Traveling Men.

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# Holiday Shopping News

# Christmas Buying Headquarters

THE MANY advantages offered by this great store has made it the shopping house for nearly every member of every family around Council Bluffs. It is that place where the people get the benefit of our unequaled assortments to select from and the extreme low prices we quote on dependable merchandise made possible through our strong buying organization. With by far the greatest collection of desirable goods that present themselves as useful and practical gifts, priced lower than ever before. It is no wonder the entire great public turns to this leading and largest store to supply their wants.



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Black Coney Scarfs, trimmed with six tails, unusual values, at-

\$1.00-1.50-2.50-3.50 and 3.75

Muskrat Scarfs, trimmed with six tails, excellent qualities, at

## \$2.00, 2.50, 4.00, 5.00 up to 10.00

Opposum, Raccoon, Jap. Mink, French Sable, Marten's and Squirrel Scarfs, ranging in price from

## \$5.00 to 35.00

Ladies, fur coats, in French Coney, Electric Seal, Elusion Seal, Otter and dyed Otter and Wool Seal, ranging in price from

## \$25.00 to 275.00 Children's Furs in Great Variety

Beautiful sets, Muff and Scarfs, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and

Misses Scarfs, with pockets in end and trimmed with Chenile Taps, at \$4.00 to \$10.00.

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## TELLS OF POSTAL EXPENSES

Third Assistant Postmaster General Makes Public His Annual Report.

DEFICIT OVER EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS

Official Refers to Some Cases Where Postmasters Defy the Laws in Order to Increase Their

Salaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 .- (Special.)-The annual report of the third assistant postmaster general shows postal receipts and

expenditures as follows: expenditures as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Ordinary postal revenue, consisting stamps of postage stamps, stamped envelopes newspaper wrappers and postal cards. Second-class postage (pound rate) paid in money.

Receipts from box rents

Letter postage paid in money imade up principally of balances due from forcign administrations)

istrations) cellaneous receipts ...

lines and ponalties Receipts from unclaimed dead 22,202.77 Total ordinary postal revenue \$141,054,221.70 rom money order business... 2,528,402.50

Total receipts from all sources.\$143,582,624.34 EXPENDITURES. Actual amount of expenditures for service of year ended June 30, 1904 (including all expendi-tures on secount of year up to three months after its close). \$162,107,527.30

expenditures during year on account of previous years .... Total ... RECAPITULATION \$152,382,116,70

Total receirts ...... Excess of expenditures...... \$ 8,779,492.36 In his report the third assistant post-

ester general says: The largest increase in expenditures during the year was for the rural free delivery service, the total amount, including the sum expended during the year on account of previous years being \$12.681.876.90, an increase of \$4.579.948.05, or 56.5 per cent over

tion was made on the ground that it was unnecessary, undesirable and impracticable; but the demand for these books has since abundantly justified their issue and has demonstrated most emphalically their utility both to the public and to the postal service. The stamp books sell at 1 cent over the value of the stamps contained therein, and from this source the department has gained, after paying cost of manufacture, a total of \$228.577.54 since the books were first issued on April 18, 1980.

Second-Class Mail.

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Second-class matter mailed at the centaa-pound rate and that free within the
county constituted approximately 67 per
cent of the bulk weight of all the mails,
exclusive of government free matter, and
about 70 per cent of the bulk weight of all
the mails upon which postage was paid,
while the revenue from this source was exactly \$5.67,198.19, which is approximately
one-twenty-fifth of the whole income from
postage. On the other hand, it is estimated
that first-class matter+letter mail—yields
about 78 per cent of the postage revenue;
second-class matter (pound rate), about 4
per cent; third-class matter, about 14 per
cent, and fourth-class matter about 4 per
cent.

There is a steady increase noted in the There is a steady increase noted in the registry transactions in the rural free delivery service. Last year, for each post-office at which rural free delivery was in operation, the average number of letters and parcels registered by the rural carriers was thirty-six, while this year the number is forty. The registered pieces delivered by the same carriers averaged for each office thirty-seven last year, and this year the number is forty-two.

Inflation of Sales. Paragraph 6, section xix, postal laws and regulations of 1902, charges this office with the duty of examining postmasters requisitions for stamp supplies and official envelopes, and "determining whether or not they are drawn in proper amounts." and the legitimacy of postmasters sales of stamped paper." Under this head during the last year an unusually large number of cases of inflated sales of postage stamps and other stamped paper have been investigated. At a number of postoffices of the presidential class, principally in the vicinity of Boston, gross irregularities were found.

Under the law the salaries of postmast-Under the law the salaries of postmasters of the presidential class are based on their receipts, at the smaller postoffices the ratio of salary to receipts being much greater than in large cities, and, therefore, it is expected that the sale of stamped paper will ordinarily about equal the amount of postage on maffings. If at any office the sales exceed the amount of postage on mailings, then at some other postoffice conditions must be reversed and the latter office must bear the burden of handling mailings for which it can receive no

The largest increase in expenditures during the year was for the rural free delivery service, the total amount, including the sum expended during the year account of previous years being \$12.63.576.96, an increase of \$1.79.98.95, or \$5.5 per cent over the preceding year. The increase in the expenditures on account of the last three fiscal years approximated the increase in the deficiency in the postal revenue that the expenditure on account of the last three fiscal years approximated the increase in the deficiency in the postal revenue vident that were it not for its therefore evident that were it not for the rural free delivery service would now be shown self-sustaining.

Frand by Fourth-Class Postmasters. It is astonishing how many nontmasters at offices of the fourth class will resort to adding their accounts for the purpose of incressing their commissions. About \$1.00 is recovered sach month on account of fraudulent returns of husiness.

The compensation of testimasters of the class is based erfucionally uran the amount of postage stamps caused on matter actually mailed at their nestonices. In order to increase their compensation some instances postmisters have actually gone so far as to pay local printers to point status of this multiple status in large actually mailed at their nestonices. In order to increase their compensation some fits and the postage stamps of a business firm located in a large city lave, without the firm's knowledge, been purchased at a sub-urant of the postage stamps of a business firm located in a large city lave, without the firm's knowledge, been purchased at a sub-urant of the fourth class be revised to the receipts at heavy cost to the decartment bear increased to the postage stamps of a business firm located in a large city lave, without the firm's knowledge, been purchased at a sub-urant of the fourth class be revised to the receipts at heavy cost to the decartment bear increased to the care and increased and not non it has wither the sub-urant of the postage stamps of a busin

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Madison Square garden the contestants in the twelfth annual international six-day bleycle race responded to the crack of the starter's pistol, fired by Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, at exactly five minutes after midnight this morning. The garden was thronged for an hour or more before the start and when the champions lined up every inch of room in the building was occupied.

The cheers that halled the start continued until several laps had been reeled off, the backers of the various contesting teams shouting themselves hoarse in encouragement of their farbrites. A large force of police was present and perfect order was maintained. The foreign contingent this year is the largest that has ever started in the race, and it was the general opinion of the experts who witnessed the start that the native champions will have a hard time holding their own. Eighteen teams started from the mark, the California team, consisting of the Downing brothers, being broken up, Cari

# Burton Downing. Middles Select Captain. ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Midshipman Doug-ins Legiate Howard, a member of the sec-ond class, was selected captain of the navy's foot ball team for 1905 tonight by the naval academy's athletic association, Howard played at left end for the mid-shipmen for two years. He is a son of Captain T. B. Howard, U. S. N., who is at present in command of the U. S. S. Nevada.

Limberg of San Jose being substituted for

Long Pine Bents Valentine Long Pine Beats Valentine.

LONG PINE, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—
Long Pine defeated Valentine at foot ball
here yesterday by a score of 17 to 6. The
game was called in the second half because
Valentine ran out of substitutes. Jones of
Valentine received a dislocated shoulder
and chioroform had to be administered before he could be straightened out.

KIPLING TO THE VOLUNTEERS Men Should Know What to Do with Guns When Starting to

Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 3.-(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)-Rudyard Kipling, addressing the local volunteers at East Grinstead this week, said they might be told that there were many more exciting, things than volunteering.

He had noticed, however, that when it came to going into so vulgar a thing as a fight, it was a matter of advantage to the man at the butt end of the rifle to know what to do with the boit. "When people want to know why you volunteer," he said, "tell them it is in

order that you may not have to find out

under fire what to do with your little gun."

Shortage in Funds and Bankers, KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4.—A special to the Times from Ardmore, I. T., says: An investigation of the books of the First National bank at Madill, I. T. shows a shortage of between \$22,000 and 1,001. One of the officers of the bank is missing and the other officials say they do not know his