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CITY NEWS
Watch This Space.
Burlington Route

Mr. John Sherman and his friend are making a good fight for the nomination.

The 13th will be quarterly meeting at St. Paul A. M. E. church.

A vote for Frank Blagburn means advancement for the race.

Chester Bass of Clive, was in our city last Sunday with his sleigh, enjoying sleigh riding with the young ladies.

Mr. George Alexander, student at Highland Park College was on the Society program last Friday, he did excellent.

Colored voters, read the brief biographies of the different candidates for the various positions, then make up your mind who you shall vote for.

Eagle Coal. Once used always used. Phone 529. 1007 Center Street.

Messrs. Jefferson Logan, Nathan Meddleton and Fred Wright accompanied the Iowa legislators to Omaha last Saturday. They report a good time.

Those that desire to secure a good seat at the song service should come early.

Edward Miller is slowly improving from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mayor John McVicar has opened up headquarters in the VanGinkle building and will push things from now until the close of the primaries.

Mrs. Julia Taylor has been on the sick list with a severe cold or a touch of the Lagrippe.

Wild Rose Coal Co. Lump \$2.50. Fifth and Market. Phone 199.

It is rumored that some of our talent people contemplate on going upon the stage in the near future.

Mrs. P. Cary and M. Farrell of Muchakinock were in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Williams, they returned home Tuesday morning.

A. L. Bell returned last Saturday after a very pleasant visit with his parents. Albert says his arm is doing well as he could hope for.

Mrs. Jannie Mayweather and her two children departed for an extended visit of two and a half or three months with her mother and other relatives and friends in Mobile Ala. the scene of her early childhood.

On last Wednesday evening quite a number of the Afro-American voters were out in the interest of McVicar and Frank Blagburn, speeches were made by John Allen, John Early, Frank Blagburn, T. S. Ruff, John Raily and Mayor McVicar.

Dr. Lawther has been unwell the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Birney is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia this week.

Mrs. Sadie Breeden is quite sick at her home on Grand avenue, at this writing.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes is spending a few days in Oskaloosa this week visiting with her mother and friends.

St. Paul A. M. E. King's Daughters will give a masked sociable Feb. 14th. Only the daughters will please mask.

Rev. Wilson, formerly a Baptist minister of this city, spent a few days in our city the past week.

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The two young Mr. Jacksons of Farmington, Ia., are visiting their sisters, Mesdames Henry Sheeley and J. H. McCown. They are thinking of remaining here, also their entire family may buy a home in or near the capital city.

Mr. Daniel Roy, one of our old and reliable tonorial artist has sold his shop on Eighth and Walnut, and re-purchased new fixtures and opened a new shop up on Ninth and Grand avenue. He invites all of his old customers and new.

The H. B. S. R. C. met with Mrs. Barton, after a pleasant meeting, adjourned to meet with Mrs. Lewis, 1112 Mulberry St. Program Feb. 10: Quotation from Whittier; paper, How a Literary Club could be conducted with success, Mrs. W. P. Warricks; History of the H. B. S. R. C.; a solo, Mrs. J. T. Blagburn; on original poem, Mrs. H. H. Lewis; Recitation, Mrs. E. A. Willburn, Oracle, Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. William Coalsen of 2016 Center St., assisted by Mrs. Walter Birney and Mrs. Arthur Williams, entertained at a delightful "sewing" Monday afternoon. The parlors were fragrant with beautiful flowers, pink was the prevailing color. During the afternoon progressive caroms were played, prizes being awarded to the winners. Mrs. Wilson secured the first prize, a beautiful cut glass fruit stand, Mrs. Banks was awarded the second prize, a cut glass cake stand, The Misses Maude Williams and Bess Stewart assisted in serving a six-course luncheon at 5 o'clock, quite a number was invited and a very enjoyable time was had. Those invited were Mesdames McDaniels, Gordon, Henry, Lewis, Wilson, Jackson, Johnson, Reeves, LaCour, Blagburn, Morton, Clay, Smith, Dungee, Mills, Jackson, J. F. Blagburn, Burnnath, Jones, Stewart, Holmes, Birney and Williams, and Misses Bessie Stewart and Maudie Williams.

Last Monday evening a large crowd availed themselves of the opportunity to hear the public program of the P. L. D. society. These meetings are rapidly becoming an entertaining feature in the literary world. The whole program was exceptionally good. The address by Miss Sarah Porter was characterized by good ideas and force of delivery. The violin and piano duet by the Misses Davis and Stewart was well executed. The following program will be rendered Monday Feb. 7: Dickens' Quotations; Biography, Mrs. Mash; Review of Oliver Twist, Mrs. Tolliver; Reading from Dukens, Mrs. Warricks; Instrumental solo, Miss Comley Debate, should the U. S. recognize the Cuban patriots as "belligerents?" Aff. Clara Smith, Neg. J. H. Shepard. Questions, English Liter. Critic, Miss Porter; Journal.

Hair Dressing.
Crimped switches and frizzetts combed done to order.
Mrs D. C. Basfield, 1514 20th St.

Card of Thanks.
I wish to thank my friends and neighbors and the ladies of the Deaconess society for their kindness during the long illness, and death of my husband, Mr. Richard Williams.
Ida M. Williams.

Program of Song Services at St. Paul A. M. E. Church Sunday Evening.
Feb. 6th at 7:45 p. m.
Refuge..... Choir and Congregation
Lead Me to the Rock.....Scott
Rejoice..... Kirkpatrick
Great and Marvellous..... Henry Farmer
Selection by Harmonic male quartet.....
Messrs. Carpenter, Graves, Stanley
Lacey
Double Quartet, Be Merciful Unto Me.....
Williams
Sopr. Mrs. Dr. Johnson and J. H. Shepard.
Alto. Mrs. R. Bell, Miss Beatrice Hicklin, Tenors, Geo. I. Holt, Wm. R. Foster. Basses I. E. Williamson and E. S. Willett
Honor and Glory.....Dumas Chorus Club
Tenor Solo, Babylon..... Watson
Mr. Douglas Miller
Sopr. Solo, Only Thrd.....C. A. White
Mrs. J. T. Blagburn
Trio, O Lamb of God.....Leslie
Sopr Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Bar. Dr. Johnson, Tenor, Geo. I. Holt
The Heavens are Telling.....Creation
By the Rivers of Babylon.....Kirkpatrick
Miss Bessie Stewart, Organist
Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Asst. Accompanist
Geo. I. Holt, Director.

O. M. Homan has moved to 516 East Locust street, where you can go and get the best meal in town for 20c. Call and see him and don't forget the number, 516 East Locust street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The ladies Afternoon Social Club met with Mrs. L. Austin with a large number present. A pleasant afternoon was spent; at 5 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. B. J. Holmes Feb. 10th. The ladies have issued invitations for a reception Feb. the 17th.

The meeting of the Sherman men at the Baptist church, corner School and B streets, Thursday evening, was well attended. A Sherman club was organized. Messrs. Sherman, Myerley, Bowen and Dr. Campbell addressed the meeting. After the speaking quite a number joined the club. They will hold another meeting at the same place next Thursday evening.

Obituary.
Richard Williams died at his home on Cherry street, Friday afternoon, with hemorrhage of the lungs. He was born in Fayette, Missouri, in 1855. He had been a long sufferer, which he patiently bore without murmuring. He embraced the christian religion some time ago, and was baptised in the Methodist faith by the Rev. Reeves. The funeral was conducted at St. Paul A. M. E. church, Rev. Reeves preached a very impressive sermon to a very large audience; he was assisted by the Revs. McCraven and Johnson.

Alderman of the Fourth Ward
Mr. J. G. Beak, a young, active, hard working republican from the First of the Fourth ward is a candidate for alderman. He was born in Boone, Iowa, in 1868, and has lived in this city since Sept. 1868, where he has worked in and around the coal mines. He has the business management of the Wild Rose Coal Co. He is in favor of municipal ownership as soon as practicable and will abide by the results of the republican primaries; few if any better man could be found in the Fourth ward that will meet the approval of the masses of the people than young Mr. Beck.

T. L. Barnett one of the best known colored men of Chicago died last Sunday morning at his home 2939 Princeton Ave. He was 85 years old and had lived in Chicago for the past 35 years, he leaves a widow with whom he celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary last June. He was the father of T. L. Barnett the noted lawyer and politician and also the assistant State's Attorney. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ransom at the Bethel church.

ALDERMAN OF SECOND WARD.
Ed. Bystander; As you so kindly tender the column of your paper to every Republican who is such in reality, will you please pardon me when I say, in my judgment one that can show a clear record from Abraham Lincoln's first campaign to the present time is entitled to be called a Republican in reality and we both are willing and ready to abide by their decision. Kindly let me ask all laboring men, who is better fitted to represent the needs of the masses of the people than the man that has been in close touch with them for twenty-five years and have visited many hundreds from the humblest cot to the palatial palace; has visited many of the largest cities all over the country, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, London, Birmingham and many others and has heard the cry for bread the urgent demand for municipal ownership and reform as to the manner of conducting the work of the cities in many country of this globe.
Dr. U. A. Rice Republican Candidate for nomination for Alderman Second Ward, Third Prec.

NOTICE.
Holt & Pierce, lawyers, are now prepared to make small loans, at reasonable interest. 607 W. Walnut st.

CONSISTENCY THOU ART A JEWEL.

Our street corner politician who has tried so hard to deceive the people with the cry of give the young men a chance, turn down the old men this youth of forty under the pretence of fighting the battle for the young Afro Americans into securing their clerical positions, and to accomplish this, he must assail the character and good name of some of the best citizens, such members as C. W. Henry H. H. Lewis, Jeff Logan, H. Clay, Wm. Coalsen, when they undertook to honor the memory of the Hon. Frederick Douglass and Alexander Clark, by trying to secure money enough to pay for the Photo of these two distinguished men to hang on the walls of our beautiful State house, he said that they were not the one that the people should allow to do this work and again he attack R. N. Hyde, B. J. Holmes, C. S. Stewart, E. T. Banks, J. E. Todd, J. H. Shepard, T. E. Barton and a host of others, men who have made for themselves a name that any honest man should cherish, with the cry that they are not fit to fill such places. One evening last week quite a number of the Afro American meet in a mass meeting and among other things they agreed to a man, with the exception of this self style Moses of the young men, to support Frank Blagburn as their candidate for market Master and every loyal race man was pleased with the selection of that mass meeting and they will do all they can to nominate him. The Moses comes out on the Street and said that young Blagburn would never get the nomination, he said there was other young men that wanted the indorsement; a friend of his said he was the young man that wanted the place. Why should Mr. Blagburn be knifed on the street, he is as good a man as can be found he is above an honest citizen, we say let the honest men old and young show their patriotism by helping to nominate and elect young Blackman as Market Master.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Herbert T. Granger the subject of this sketch was born Oct. 3d. 1857 in Canada moved to Iowa more than 18 years ago working out as a farm hand in Adams County was admitted to the bar and has been a practitioner for 17 years, located in Corning Ia. until 1893 when he moved to Des Moines where the field larger for legal development. He is a hard working active republican was a member of the State Central Committee while in the 8th. dist.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

A party of young ladies took advantage of the snow, last Friday evening and enjoyed a sleigh ride.

Mr. Geo. Johnson has returned to the city from Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Spotts has moved to Mendota, Ills.

Miss Dora Smith has returned from a three month's visit with relatives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Kansas City, Mo.

Professor Demorest of I. W. U. occupied the pulpit A. M. E. church last Sunday forenoon. He delivered an able discourse which was appreciated by all who heard him.

Little Joe Jones attempted to start a fire with kerosene last Sunday forenoon, and was so badly burned about the face that he was compelled to stay out of school a week.

The Lockout prayer and social committee of Y. P. S. E. will meet this week for the purpose of transacting business.

Quite a number of Miss Dora Smith's friends gave a pleasant surprise party last Tuesday evening.

Tolliver's Parlor Minstrels will give a performance at the Grand Opera House, Thursday, Feb. 17th. Prices 25 and 35c. This Minstrels are composed of home talent.

BURLINGTON BRIEFLETS.

The weather has been very cold for the past few days.

Sleighting is all the vogue here, and a nice party of young folks were out Monday night.

The Olive Baptist church is progressing nicely at this writing. Rev. A. Coalsen is filling the pulpit.

Mr. Guy W. Tucker is in our city again after an absence of several months.

There has been considerable excitement in our city the past week, over the murder of Mrs. Rathburn and daughter (white).

Mr. John Simmons has been busy the past week in transferring wood to this city from Ills.

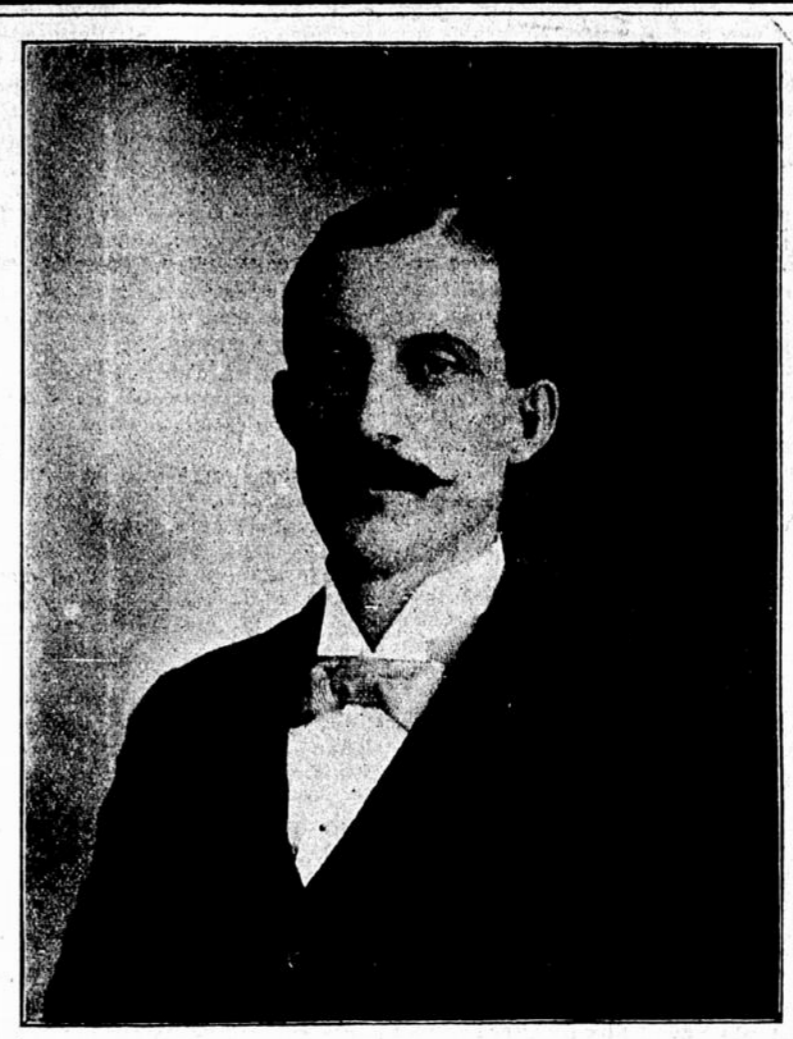
The K. of P. order is drilling and getting in readiness for the Grand Lodge, which convenes in Oskaloosa, July 4th and 5th, '98.

Mr. Harry Irvin has been complaining of late. Should Mr. I. get sick the city would suffer the absence of one of her best chefs.

There has been somewhat of a dispute in Burlington as to who should be the correspondent of the Solicitor, of Oskaloosa. The result of this has been that the items for Burlington are much condensed.

Mr. Geo. Parker was quite sick on Tuesday evening. Better now.

The farmer of the United States ought to be pretty well satisfied with the record of the first year under the McKinley administration. The money they received from abroad for breadstuffs alone was more than was received for breadstuffs in the year 1894 and 1895 put together; while that receive for nearly every article of farm produce was also far greater than in 1896. The following table



CITY SOLICITOR.

and has been a delegate to a number of state, Congressional and Judicial Conventions. The first public speech that he made was at an emancipation celebration the 22nd of Sept. 1879 at Corning, his being the only speech that was published in full. He is a true friend of the colored race and all who know him will verify the statement, he is not an office seeker the first that he has ever ask and voters will find no better man to vote for then Atty. H. T. Granger.

shows the value of farm products, by articles exported in the calendar year 1897 compared with 1896.

	1897.	1896.
Breadstuffs.....	\$243,121,108	\$176,278,405
Cotton.....	223,776,966	191,164,549
Provisions, including cattle and hogs.....	171,524,766	162,216,070
Wheat.....	98,512,460	59,832,680
Wheat flour.....	57,611,059	56,480,718
Corn.....	58,690,793	42,889,238
Oats.....	18,861,535	7,746,058
Barley.....	6,750,213	6,457,708
Rye.....	5,096,973	2,266,908
Corn meal.....	1,306,760	534,024
Oat meal.....	1,201,405	980,626

For Assessor.

Mr. F. A. French, the subject of this sketch, was born in this city in 1829, and has lived here ever since, working on the fruit farm until his health failed, and in 1881 he was employed by the Iowa Pipe and Tile company; later he was connected with the Iowa Seed Co., as head salesman. In 1896 he was elected assessor of the Second District, and has brought general satisfaction. His district is one of the largest in the city. He is honest, industrious and a social man to meet; a strong republican, and if nominated will make a good assessor; his past history merits the support of all republicans.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Josie Meadows of Muchakinock spent Sunday at the parental home and acted as organist at the A. M. E. church.

Messrs Sim and Ben Jeffers of Marion Co. spent Sunday in our city visiting their many friends.

Mr. C. G. Tolson spent Sunday with his family.

Frank Bryant of Osceola spent a few hours in our city.

Mrs. Evelyn Brummer, age 38 years died of consumption at her home Saturday evening. The body was interment in Oak View Cemetery Monday. She was an earnest christian being a member of the A. M. E. church for fifteen years. She leaves a mother three brothers and two children to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Dora Bartlett had a stroke of paralysis Saturday afternoon, from which she is slowly recovering.

Rev. A. Ford assisted by Elder Jason Buddy held his first Quarterly meeting for this year. The Elder preached an able sermon in the morning and Rev. Ford in the afternoon.

Little Mable Parker is canvassing with several small articles in our city. This shows an entergetic spirit, we hope she is successful.

OSKALOOSA NEWS.

A. G. Clark and wife who went to Muscatine to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law Geo. Appleton has returned to the city and Mrs. Clark remained in Muscatine for a few weeks.

Mary Lorell and brother-golden have returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Missouri.

Henry Darry is in Des Moines visiting at the home of his sister for a few weeks. Henry passed a very creditable examination for mail carrier under the civil service law not long ago.

Lewis H. Wallace has returned from Washington where he attend the Booker T. Washington's lecture.

Mrs. Catrheine Thompson is still quite ill she doesnot make the improvement in health that her friends hoped for.

Mamie Steel is convalescet from a severe illness.

W. K. Perry is critically ill with pneumonia his wife who has been to Omaha was called home a few days after he departed.

Our lyceum is meeting regularly every Wednesday night the interest is maintained although the many members who are absent on account of illness detracts from the attendance.

The A. M. E. Sunday school board met at the Parsonage home last Wednesday to elect officers for the ensuing year the following were elected: S. Mitchell, Sub't;

Mrs. Joseph H. Shepard will do fashionable dressmaking at her home 1058 W. Fifth street and also teach the improved Capitol Tailor System. Ladies are invited to call.

Georgie Blackburn, Asst. Sup't; Lucy Buckner Sect., Mrs. Clark Treas.; Georgie Blackburn will have charge of the music and Miss Laura Schofield will look after the library. The following members were appointed as teachers No 1 Rev. White, No. 2 Georgie Blackburn, No. 3 W. G. Black and No. 4 S. M. Cratic the intermediate department Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hackady. This Sunday school has meet with grand success during the past year and it show that the opening year promise to be a grand success.

KNOXVILLE NOTES.

Miss Jessie M. Jeffers of Ottumwa who was hastily called to the bedside of her sister returned home Sunday.

Mr. Ambrose Morris came home Saturday and moved his family to Ottumwa Wednesday.

Golda Jeffers who has been lying nearly at death's door is slowly recovering she was troubled with lung fever.

John Griffin is visiting relatives in the country and city.

Mrs. W. P. Bird is on the sick list.

Genora Jeffers has been acting as nurse for her cousin Golda.

Mrs. Lucinda Cooper has been troubled with throat trouble.

Hallie Bird was very sick last but is much improved.

Examination is over and all the colored children were promoted, Mattie Jeffers made two grades.

Xenia Jeffers and Myrtle Cooper are the only colored scholars in the High School.

Master Roy Bird celebrated his tenth anniversary last Wednesday.

Rev. H. S. Skaines celebrated last week by having a large number of his friends and relatives at an opossum dinner.

Master Vdell Tomlin will celebrate his tenth anniversary this week.



For Assessor.

IOWA LEGISLATURE,

SENATE.
Des Moines, Jan. 28.—Ellison introduced a bill providing that when a criminal has been convicted more than twice for burglary, grand larceny, counterfeiting or similar crimes, after the third conviction, he be sentenced to not less than fifteen or more than thirty years in the penitentiary. Mitchell's bill permitting counties to receive interest on money deposited in banks was passed. Adjourned till 2 p. m. Monday. The senate committee on constitutional amendments reported a substitute for Senator Titus's resolution to have state elections biennial. There is no material change in the substitute from the original resolution.

HOUSE.
House passed senate bill granting railroads till January 1, 1900, to equip their cars with automatic couplers. Joint resolution to redistrict the state into representative districts passed. Adjourned till 2 p. m. Monday.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Jan. 31.—The greater part of the session was devoted to Senator Perrin's bill to cut down the grass and weeds in the public highways. The bill originally made it mandatory upon the township trustees to see that the weeds are cut down. The committee reported a substitute making it discretionary. The senate finally adjourned without any action being taken.

HOUSE.
Smith, of Greene, reported house file 44, to repeal section 144, relating to reductions in the price to be paid by the state for printing and binding for passage. Hinkson's bill increasing school boards from three to five members in independent school districts passed. Prentiss's bill dividing the state into seven districts for the selection of members of the board of health passed. Bill extending the time for working out poll tax in cities and towns until November passed. Carr's bill to confine incorrigible girls in the state reform school until they reach the age of 21, instead of releasing them at the age of 18, as is now the law, passed.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 1.—Perrin's bill requiring grass and weeds to be cut in public roads was recommitted. Carney's bill to correct an omission in the new code by which such officers as notaries, public justices of the peace, etc., are deprived of the power to acknowledge written instruments other than those of real estate, passed. Cheshire's bill to allow \$5,000 for clerical expenses to counties with a population of 40,000 or over, also passed. Bill to prevent the adulteration of oil and deception in the sale of linseed or flax seed oil was passed, after having been amended so as to put the enforcement of it in the hands of the oil inspector under the direction of the board of health.

HOUSE.
Among bills introduced was one by Bird to provide cheaper text books and uniformity of the same and one by Nolan making the closed season for duck shooting from January 15 to September 15. A veto by the governor on the Smith bill putting the new rates on printing and binding into effect at once instead of on January 1, 1899. Blake, of Webster county, was the lone opponent of the measure when it came to passage. A bill by Ladd, of Butler, extending the certificates of insurance companies until March 1, was taken up as a special order, and passed.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 2.—Eaton introduced a bill to regulate primaries as follows: It provides a penalty of \$100 or thirty days in the county jail for its violation, and gives authority to the presiding officer of the primary or to any judge of the primary to administer an oath and examine into the facts in the case of any person attempting to vote whose vote is challenged. Pusey introduced a bill prohibiting adulteration of candy. Hobart presented a bill providing that towns of from 2,500 to 5,000 population may have a school at a 63 per cent. petition be secured. At present 50 per cent. is required. Emmert's bill to provide for the inspection of imported cattle was debated a while and then recommitted.

HOUSE.
The bill to regulate primaries, presented in the senate, was also presented in the house, as was also the bill to prohibit the adulteration of candy. Bill to permit counties to draw interest on bank deposits was recommitted for indefinite postponement. Two or three bills of minor importance were passed.

SENATE.
Des Moines, Feb. 3.—Byers introduced three bills in the senate to make changes in the pharmacy laws. They are inspired by the troubles of certain druggists at Charleston, four of whom have managed to get indicted for illegal selling of liquors. The amendments proposed to loosen the law. A bill by Mitchell permits the practice of osteopathy. Hawman's bill assigning to the State Agricultural Society the rooms now occupied by that society in the capitol, passed, 31 to 11.

HOUSE.
A resolution passed requiring the state printer and binder to report to the legislature the cost of preparing readers for the public schools. Downing introduced a concurrent resolution memorializing congress for an increase of the currency. Bailey introduced a bill in the house making an appropriation of \$20,000 to erect monuments to the Iowa soldiers on the ground where they fought at Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Chattanooga. Carr introduced a bill to amend the law taxing insurance companies one per cent of their gross receipts. The amendment makes the tax apply to net receipts. Potter introduced a bill requiring fraternal insurance companies to have 200 members before a charter can be obtained, the same as other companies of similar nature. The bill to permit counties to receive interest on bank deposits, recommended for indefinite postponement, was debated at length, but not disposed of.

Must Not Use Dredges.
Stockton, Cal., Jan. 23.—Information has been received here by C. M. Hamilton, who wrote the Canadian government to know what steps he should take to be allowed to dredge the streams in the vicinity of Dawson City, notifying him not to attempt to use a dredger on British territory, as it is strictly forbidden. Dredgers have never been used in Canada, and there are no laws governing them at present. This will probably cause many of those who are outfitting expeditions for the north to change their plans or remain away entirely.

Italy Seeking Reciprocity.
Rome, Jan. 23.—Public opinion strongly favors granting to the United States a reciprocal treaty as one of the most favored nations, but the government is likely to demand increased facilities for emigrants.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

PAY TAXES UNDER PROTEST.

Insurance Companies Are Paying Their Taxes Under Protest.

DES MOINES, Feb. 2.—A short time ago the attorney general in response to a request from the auditor of state for an opinion as to whether, under the new law, insurance companies are to be taxed on their gross receipts for the whole year of 1897 or for only that portion of the year after October 1, the date the code went into effect, decided that the companies should be taxed upon the gross receipts of the whole year. The companies are paying their taxes under this ruling, but many of them are doing so under protest and are insisting the receipt for their taxes be endorsed by the state treasurer "paid under protest." As to whether or not the insurance companies intend to carry the matter into the courts it is not known, but it is clearly evident that they intend to take some action in the premises.

IOWA MURDER MYSTERY.

John Brennan is Found Dead in Bed at Dycart.

CEDAR FALLS, Feb. 1.—The dead body of John Brennan, of Dycart, was found in the quarters of Shorty Sweeney, with whom Brennan was last seen alive. The cause of his death is indicated by marks on the stomach, where Brennan had apparently received a hard blow. When found the body was lying on a bed, life having been extinct for some time. According to Sweeney's story he and Brennan, in company with John Ahlers and Jack Mathieson, had been together at Sweeney house and at the time imbibed considerable liquor. While in a state of partial intoxication Brennan and one of the party engaged in a hard scuffle. Shortly after Brennan disappeared in company with others and was not seen again by Sweeney until he found the dead body as described.

COLLISION ON GREAT WESTERN

Freight Train Telescopes Another—One Killed, Three Injured.

CEDAR FALLS, Feb. 3.—A blinding snow storm was responsible for a fatal wreck on the Great Western at Fredrickburg, a little station nine miles west of Sumner. A south-bound freight running at a high rate of speed struck the rear end of a train standing in front of the depot, telescoping the way car and burying its occupants beneath a mass of wreckage, where they were held while broken boiler pipes emptied their steaming contents upon them. Engineer Grim received injuries from which he died. A. E. Ferguson, of Dubuque, and a traveling man named Johnson were badly crushed and scalded. The fireman had a leg broken and was badly burned.

SUFFRAGE DISCUSSION.

Hearing on the Question Held Before the Senate and House Committees.

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the house and senate committees on woman suffrage a large number of ladies of prominence were in attendance. Speeches were made in favor of suffrage by Mrs. Evelyn Belden, of Sioux City; Mrs. Mary G. Coggeshall, president of the Des Moines Equal Suffrage Club; Mrs. Nellie Purcell, of Des Moines; Mrs. Prof. Wright, of Cedar Falls; Miss Hay, of San Francisco. Speeches were made against the measure by Miss Emily Stowe, Mrs. Martin Flynn, Mrs. H. A. Foster, of Des Moines.

TWENTY-THREE FIED.

State University Faculty Punishes Hazards Severely.

IOWA CITY, Jan. 31.—The faculty of the State University of Iowa has suspended twenty-three students, both young men and women, for participating in the annual "scrap" between the sophomores and the freshmen, practically a hazing escapade. The freshmen gave a banquet and in order to prevent the attendance of certain students the sophomores kidnaped many of the older classes. Several of the freshmen were carried 15 miles in the country and reached home, have frozen, at 2 o'clock the next morning.

CAN ALL HAVE A DAILY.

Farmers Should Get Mail Every Day.

DES MOINES, Feb. 1.—By taking turns in going to the postoffice, leaving mail in boxes along the highways, farmers can have daily papers and know as much about the markets as townspeople. The movement in this direction, started in Van Buren county a few years ago, has been greatly stimulated by the reduction of the Des Moines Daily News to \$1 a year, placing it in every farmer's reach.

OTTUMWA DOCTOR ARRESTED

Charged With Causing the Death of Ellen Nicholson.

OTTUMWA, Jan. 31.—Dr. Whitaker and William Saunders have been arrested, charged with the murder of Ellen Nicholson. The coroner's jury held them responsible for a criminal abortion. Saunders was engaged to the girl. All the parties are well known.

Coroner's Jury Censures.

MARSHALLTOWN, Feb. 4.—The coroner's jury sitting on the case of Mrs. Mary Rumbaugh, who died after being treated by K. C. Roberts, a Christian scientist healer, returned the following verdict, which leaves the question open to further prosecution, if desired: "Said jurors, upon oath, do say that we have taken testimony in the case of Mrs. Mary Rumbaugh, and are satisfied that she came to her death from heart disease, but we ensure her brother, Gregory Granville, and Dr. K. C. Roberts, for neglect of proper medical attention."

Probably Fatally Burned.

CHARITON, Feb. 3.—Orion March, the 12-year-old son of John March, was seriously and probably fatally burned by gasoline. He attempted to light the fire with it, when the can exploded, burning his clothes from his body and terribly burning his chest, face and hands. It was extinguished by rolling him in a snow bank, but he now lies in death's door and his recovery is doubtful.

DOUBLE IOWA MURDER.

Mrs. Fannie Rathburn and Daughter Killed at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Jan. 31.—The dead bodies of Mrs. Fannie Rathburn and her 13-year-old daughter Mary were found frozen stiff in pools of blood at their home just west of the city. The woman had been struck in the head with an ax, which was found leaning against a near-by wall. Her head was split open. The body of the child was found in a bedroom with her throat cut from ear to ear. Proof of a terrible struggle for life was visible on all sides. It is thought the crime was committed nearly a week ago, as the woman had not been seen since that time, the neighbors thinking they had gone to the country. Four men have been arrested, being men who had visited her from the neighborhood of Greenway township.

BURLINGTON, Feb. 1.—Abe Stormer, one of the parties under arrest for the crime, confessed to Chief of Police Greiner and the county attorney, after a long siege in the sweat-box, that he murdered Mrs. Fannie Rathburn and her daughter Mary, giving the complete details. He says he killed the mother first, in the cellar, and then entered the little girl into the bedroom above, and, after an attempt to outrage her, cut her throat.

Mangled by a Mining Machine.

CENTREVILLE, Feb. 2.—Tim Higginbotham, while running an electric mining machine in Baker's mine, had his right hand torn off by getting it caught in a cog-wheel in the machine. His arm was almost torn from his body, so terrible was his effort to free himself from the machine. Had he not seen himself loose he would have been ground to pieces in a few moments.

IOWA CONDENSED.

At Mason City recently the Union block, owned by James Rule and A. H. Gale, was badly gutted by fire. Watson's shoe store, Kurtz's bakery, Dr. Stockman's and Dr. Huntley's offices and Kirschman's law office were badly wrecked. The approximate loss is \$30,000.

It is announced that the Minnesota supreme court has decided one point in the suit of the American Book Company vs. George A. Gates of Grinnell college. The company sued Gates in Des Moines for \$1,000,000 for libelous statements said to be contained in the pamphlet, "A Fox to American School." The Kingdom Publishing Co. of Minnesota, which printed the pamphlet, was sued also in an action for an injunction to stop the circulation of the pamphlet. The lower court overruled a motion of the defense for a more specific statement and the supreme court sustained the ruling.

One of the busiest places in this state at this season of the year is in the Iowa Seed Store, of Des Moines. During the spring they receive 1,000 to 1,800 letters per day, and a large force of clerks are kept busy filling orders from all parts of the world, and mailing thousands of their beautifully illustrated catalogues. This catalogue might really be called a complete garden guide, as it gives directions as to the manner of planting, and care of the various kinds of crops, and it contains hundreds of illustrations. These books cost about 15 cents each, but the publishers inform us that they will mail a copy free to any of our readers who ask for it.

Des Moines dispatch: About 100 members of the Iowa legislature, with other members of the state's official corps, newspaper men, and a number of ladies, making up a party of 150, went to Omaha Saturday on a special train furnished by the exposition officials, and visited the Trans-Mississippi exposition grounds, after which they were banqueted by the exposition management. The trip was taken with the object of informing the legislators on the merits of the Iowa commission's request for further funds with which to secure the proper representation of the state at the exposition. At the banquet addresses were made by President Wattles, of the exposition company, Governor Holcomb, of Nebraska, Governor Shaw, of Iowa, and several others.

A few days ago the famous cases brought against the Sioux City & Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern railroads by several prominent hay shippers in northwestern Iowa to recover for alleged extortionate, unreasonable and illegal freight rates were decided by the supreme court in favor of the plaintiffs. The court handed down a very long and detailed opinion in the case, the substance of which is that when railroads voluntarily establish joint rates all patrons must be given the same rate and there must be no discrimination. In the cases in question the plaintiffs were charged a rate which was less than the joint rate determined by the board of railroad commissioners of Iowa, but at the same time the rate charged the plaintiffs was more than the rate charged other parties, and the court holds that it was discrimination.

While men were engaged at Columbus Junction in putting in the piping for a new acetylene gas plant in the drug store of T. P. Hendricks, leaking gas caused a terrific explosion which blew out both ends of the building and wrecked the interior, smashing show cases and bottles and doing two or three thousand dollars' worth of damage. There were thirty or forty people in the store and on the sidewalk in front of it at the time of the explosion, all of whom were knocked about in confusion. T. P. Hendricks, the proprietor, had his eyebrows burned off and head badly cut by glass. James Connor, of Muscatine, who was superintending the work, was badly cut and bruised. W. W. Wilton and H. F. Novy, of Columbus Junction, sustained severe cuts and burns. The other persons were more or less shocked, but not injured. The drug store was the finest business house in the city. Two hundred dollars' worth of crockery was smashed in the china store of Julia Williams near by. The explosion was heard for blocks and caused great excitement.

ARE YOU TO LIVE IN ALASKA?

Some Requirements That Will Be Found Indispensable.

The universal article of diet in that country, depended upon and indispensable, is bread or biscuit. And to make the bread and biscuit, either in the camp or upon the trail, yeast cannot be used—it must be baking powder; and the powder manufactured by the processes of the Royal Baking Powder Company, miners and prospectors have learned, is the only one which will stand in that peculiar climate of cold and dampness and raise the bread and biscuit satisfactorily.

These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some one to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when he opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in that to experiment in food, or to try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or that will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experiences. Mr. McQuesten, who is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of a proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but the Royal. It is stronger and carries further at first, but above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the arctic region."

It is for the same reasons that the United States government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic traveler, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.

The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of levitating agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the outfit to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

PEDDLERS IN MEXICO.

Why an Old Woman Wouldn't Sell All Her Honey at One Time.

"While traveling in Mexico a few years ago I had a funny experience with a Mexican vender which goes to show what little business ability the lower classes have," said E. F. Guignon of St. Louis. "I was en route to look at some mines away up in the mountains. At the station where we left the train to take the stage I saw an old woman selling some honey. She did not have more than ten pounds of it altogether, and as it looked so good I wanted to buy it all to take along with me. I asked my interpreter to buy it. Much to my surprise the old woman would sell him but two boxes, claiming that if he sold it all to him she would have nothing to sell to other people, neither would she have anything else to do during the remainder of the day!"

FADS IN FLOWERS.

Florists' shops abroad are much different from the ones in this country. In London, for example, funeral wreaths and emblems are displayed in the windows, with their prices attached. Some are attractive, others very hideous. Lichen is fashionable there for crosses and wreaths, and from this grisly-gray background calla lilies and white roses peer.

Set pieces, the "gates ajar," broken columns and floral pilrows, are always painful, for, in the first place, the natural grace and beauty of the flowers is destroyed, and in the next there is no excuse for the emblems. Flowers for the dead should be scattered in careless handfuls—then only are they comforters, with their graceful beauty unimpaired. The modern custom of adding to a death notice the words, "Friends will please omit flowers," may be traced to the reluctance of the survivors to be confronted with those ghastly set pieces which have ragged so long.

The best artists have always recognized that flowers should be allowed to arrange themselves. Basketfuls, armfuls or great bunches of loose flowers are justifiable, but crushing their beauty into any systematized outline is unforgivable. Florists abroad have a frightful habit of "making up" button-roses for men's coats, and these bunches of three or four violets a spray of fern and a branch of forget-me-nots are seen on the lapels of the men who do not appreciate true fitness. A single gardenia tuberose or a knot of mignonette is better than one of these horrible mixtures.

EFFECT OF COLORS.

Green needs sunlight to develop the yellow in it and makes it seem cheerful.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD

THREATENING MOVE BY RUSSIA

Ten Thousand Troops to Be at Once Sent to China.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Odessa correspondent of the Times says a volunteer fleet will convey in the quickest time practicable over 10,000 Russian troops to the far east. The first cruiser, with 2,000 men, will leave within a few days. The Daily Mail says it learns from a source "hitherto accurate" that China is inclined to make the best possible bargain with Russia, whose diplomacy appears to have triumphed at Peking, England having resolved to force a conflict by further opposing Russia's claims at Port Arthur and in the Liao-Tung peninsula. Japan, says the Daily Mail's authority, "has been thrown into a state of consternation by the British setback and has accepted a more friendly attitude toward Russia." This statement, however, the Daily Mail admits is "incredible and probably a bluff, with a view of forcing England to take decided steps." The Daily Mail counsels its readers not to be alarmed.

PEKING, Feb. 1.—It is supposed that Great Britain's withdrawal from Port Arthur and ceasing to exert pressure for the opening of Port Talien Wan, is owing to the disbelief in the existence of a secret treaty between Russia and China. The Chinese government, however, quotes this treaty as the reason for Russia's presence at Port Arthur and Russia's dispatches to the Chinese foreign department allege the occupation of Port Arthur is in accordance with the treaty.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Nagasaki says: "The far eastern situation is very serious, and it is believed that Japan is actively preparing for war."

THE SITUATION IN HAVANA.

Consul General Lee's Report Quite Different From Spanish Reports.

Washington dispatch: Advice from Consul General Lee show an entirely different state of affairs existing in Havana from that pictured by the Spanish dispatches. He represents the situation there as very bad. General Lee with emphasis says that the Spanish authorities are sending out false reports about the insurgents weakening and about autonomy opinion. He expresses very plainly his opinion that the autonomy experiment is a failure, and that nothing is to be expected of it. He represents the insurgents as holding their own and resisting the attempts to bribe them. The consul general's report is of such a character as to inspire the feeling that the administration has not acted prematurely in sending a warship to Havana. In the report received, General Lee expresses more unreservedly than ever before his conviction of the hopelessness of the Spanish cause in Cuba. He goes further than he has hitherto done in his opinion that intervention must come.

SPAIN WILL BE ASKED TO PAY.

Claim of \$75,000 for the Killing of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald another demand is to be made upon Spain for the payment of \$75,000 indemnity to the widow of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz for the murder of her husband in Guanabacoa jail. The state department is preparing an instruction to Minister Woodford, which will be sent to that official in a few days, in which he will be directed to call the attention of the minister of foreign affairs to the fact that this claim was presented last summer; that it has not yet been paid; and, in fact, has a detailed answer been received to the note addressed to the late Minister Canovas. The only reply made has been a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the claim. There is reason to believe the instructions which the department is preparing will be more vigorous in character than those submitted last summer.

SECRET NOW OUT.

McKinley Planning Quietly to Intervene on Behalf of the Cubans.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Tribune's Washington special says: Secret negotiations are now actually in progress between the state department and the insurgents of Cuba, looking to a stoppage of the war on some financial basis to be agreed on later. The Tribune adds that the massing of a fleet of warships within striking distance is part of the plan, and that the United States will have warships in the principal Cuban ports ready to co-operate with the insurgents when the time comes for action.

Iowa Patent Office Report.

DES MOINES, Feb. 2.—Ten patents were issued last week to Iowa inventors by the acting commissioner. In the court of appeals Judge Morris has recently given the following: "The fact that a party does not know that a rival has entered the field is no excuse for delay, since the risk that a rival may appear at any time is something which any inventor is bound to contemplate and to anticipate, and in this lies the fundamental reason for the requirement of due diligence." The earlier an inventor can complete his invention and get his application for a patent on record in the United States Patent office, the better. When, however, the invention is not complete "but shows patentable invention we can prepare and file applications incomplete and add improvements within a year from the date of filing so that the record evidence will afford a good degree of protection to the first and earliest part of an invention to which improvements are subsequently made to perfect it." A number of such applications for different subjects have been filed by us in the U. S. Patent office this week and will await further actions of the inventors to complete and prosecute their claims.

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AGAINST AMERICAN FRUITS.

Prussian Minister of Finance Issues Prohibitory Decree.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The Prussian minister of finance has issued a decree prohibiting the importation of every kind of American fresh fruit on the ground that California and other vermin threaten the German trees and fruit. Sixteen thousand barrels of apples were forbidden to be unloaded at Hamburg and two train loads of American fruit were forbidden to cross the frontier at Emerich. United States Ambassador White has sent an energetic protest to the foreign office.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Further advice have been received from Ambassador White as to the nature of the decree excluding American fruits from Germany. The important facts that were established by the last advice were: First—That the decree of exclusion uses the word "American," as descriptive of the place of origin of the fruit, which would seem to include Canadian fruit without question. Second—That the decree instead of applying only to fresh fruit, as was at first supposed, includes in the prohibition all dried fruits from America. It is gathered that the basis of the decree, or rather the reason officially to be set out by the Prussian government for the exclusion, is that some shipments of American apples, coming from California, have been discovered to be affected with the disease known as the San Jose scale, but just how German apples are endangered, even if this fact should be established, is not made plain. State department officials have not yet recovered from their surprise at the method adopted by the German government of accomplishing its object in this matter, and undoubtedly the correspondence to follow will set this out very clearly. It is said to be entirely without precedent, and discourteous toward the American ambassador at Berlin, to make the decree and put it into effect without the slightest warning to him and stopping all fruit in transit, thereby working a great injustice to shippers.

SHERIFF MARTIN'S TRIAL.

Great Interest in the Trial of the Officer Who Ordered Strikers Killed.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Not since the trials of the Molly McGuire's has a case attracted so much attention in the coal regions as that of Sheriff Martin and his 82 deputies, which has begun in the Luzerne county court. The prosecution committee, which had its headquarters at Hazleton, claims to have sufficient evidence to convict fifteen of the defendants. It is alleged that everyone of the fifteen made threats on the morning of the shooting. It is also claimed that Sheriff Martin had an understanding with the deputies. It has been claimed all along that the sheriff never gave the order to fire. The prosecution says that this may be true in one sense of the word, but the sheriff gave a signal which was just as effective as a word of mouth order. The signal was for the sheriff to pull his revolver. The instant he did this the posse was to fire. The lawyers for the defense say no witnesses will be found to testify to such facts but the attorneys for the prosecution say there will be.

British Suffer a Great Loss.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.—Gen. Westmacott telegraphs from Camp Namami that the Fourth Brigade became entangled in a gorge near Shinkamar and suffered serious losses. Lieut. Col. Houghton, Lieut. Col. Swelling, Capt. Hume and Walker, together with five men of the Yorkshire light infantry and three sikhers, were killed; Maj. Earle, Lieut. Hall and seventeen men of the Yorkshires were wounded and seventeen privates are reported missing. The receipt of the dispatch has caused a great sensation here and further details are anxiously awaited.

Burns to Manage the Colts.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The announcement is made that the Chicago club will not renew the contract with Adrain C. Anson and that "Tom" Burns, formerly a member of the Chicago team, will be the new manager of the colts.

Raised \$40,000 for Cuba.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Dr. Sanchez Agramonte, surgeon general in the Cuban insurgent army, has just arrived from Europe, bringing \$40,000 raised in Paris for the Cuban cause. Dr. Agramonte says popular sentiment in France is strong in favor of success for the Cubans.

BREVITIES.

The public prosecutor at Madrid demands a sentence upon Lieutenant-General Weyer of two months imprisonment.

After a hot debate, the Kentucky house of representatives a few days ago adopted a resolution calling on United States Senator Lindsay to resign if he cannot support the money plank in the Chicago platform.

Columbus dispatch: Before the senate committee investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the recent senatorial election, Representative Otis and his attorney, Thos. C. Campbell, testified that General Boyce, who claimed to represent J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, and President McKinley, had offered \$10,000 to secure Otis's vote for Hanna, and that \$1,750 had been paid to bind the bargain, \$1,750 to be paid later, and \$6,500 to be forthcoming upon the election of Hanna. There was nothing in the evidence to show that Hanna or any of his managers were parties to the bribery.

A dispatch received from Chee Foo gives the details of the killing of a number of German sailors by the Chinese. A sailor named Schulz, belonging to the cruiser Kaiser, was assassinated by the Chinese rabble while on outpost duty at Tasio, the extreme German post at Kiao Chou Bay. The head was severed from the body. When the crime was discovered by the relieving corporal and the guard they were also attacked by hundreds of the natives. The guards defended themselves as best they could, but it is reported all were killed after they had killed twelve Chinese. The greatest excitement prevails at Kiao Chou. It is believed the incident will form the basis of further German demands on China.

Always Delicate

But Hood's Sarsaparilla Has Made Her Strong and Rugged.

"My little girl has always been very delicate, and has been using Hood's Sarsaparilla. She has taken several bottles of this medicine, and is a rugged child now. We believe Hood's Sarsaparilla has done what no other medicine could." S. B. CABR, 1318 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

The Way Up.

Another man is rising from the throng. Push him back!

Why should he presume to wish to get along? Push him back!

When, at last you stand upon the lofty height, Work against the wretch who toils with honest might To emerge from neither darkness into light— Push him back!

Another man is crowding to the fore. Push him back!

You're a leader, these must not be any more. Push him back!

Stand together, ye that glitter in the van, Cry him down—the bold trespasser—if you can— If you fail—well, then "all hail the coming man— Clear the track!" —S. E. Kiser in Cleveland Leader.

New Inventions.

Amongst the curious inventions which have just been secured by U. S. Letters Patented may be mentioned the invention of a Nebraska inventor, who has just received a patent for a simple method of cooking any food, which can be employed by any one without special apparatus. The invention consists in encasing an ordinary receptacle in a box or housing, containing stable manure, over which is sprinkled a certain preparation. As soon as the preparation comes in contact with the manure, heat is generated in a sufficient quantity to cook the food. The patent was obtained through Swain & Co., patent lawyers of Omaha. A very unique invention is that which has been secured by a Michigan inventor, which is called a bicycle boot, there being provision made for ten bicyclers, who are positioned within a light boat to be propelled by foot power. Inventors desiring free information may obtain the same in addressing Swain & Co., patent solicitors, Omaha, Neb.

To win a bet, Eli Fahrney of Funks-town, Pa., tried to skin a squirrel in two minutes. With the squirrel on his knee, he started for the collar of "The Fish." Then, with a hasty flourish of his knife, he plunged it downward, missed the squirrel, and inflicted a dangerous wound in his leg.

Rev. Mary A. Hillis the noted Franciscanist writes: "I gladly give my testimony to the healing properties of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. My son had a terrible cough every winter for five years and he took dozens of bottles of the leading cough medicines but nothing seemed to help him or quiet his cough. But two 25-cent boxes of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and his cough was gone. It has also been a great relief to other members of my family when afflicted with colds." We are positive that Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and Dr. Kay's Renovator will cure you. Give you a good cough and various methods of treating nearly all diseases. We will also send a free trial bottle of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and Dr. Kay's Renovator. Address Dr. B. Kay Medical Co., (Western Office) Omaha, Neb.

The difference between an optician and an editor is, the former may wear his glasses, but the latter was never known to read his own paper?

Do You Dance To-Night?
Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Paste, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Expenses never seem to run so high as when one's income is real small.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

How much time busy people have to waste with those who want nothing.

Don't let your feet and toes suffer. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life energy and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Everybody has had some difficulty with somebody.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures whooping cough, soothes a sore throat.

We always wish your wishes always pray longest when we are standing.

Coe's Cough Balsam Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

We are always surprised when a real small man amounts to anything.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure you. The average weight of a man's skeleton is fourteen pounds.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

It seems to us it would be awfully hard to love a girl who can't sing.

"A Perfect Type of the Highest Order of Excellence in Manufacture."

Walter Baker & Co's

Breakfast Cocoa

Absolutely Pure.
Delicious.
Nutritious.

Costs Less Than ONE CENT A COP.

Be sure that you get the Genuine Article, made at DORCHESTER, MASS., by **WALTER BAKER & CO. LTD.**

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is much to the credit of the clergy-men of New Orleans that during the recent yellow fever terror in that city not one of them deserted his post of duty. Yet their congregations diminished alarmingly, and in some cases entirely disappeared.

A secret society, the members of which are bachelors, girls, has been organized at Ponca City, Oklahoma. The members are pledged to remain single, to disclose in secret meeting the names of every person who asks them to marry, and to describe just how each proposal was made, etc.

A young married couple from Northampton, Mass., has an exasperating experience in New York. They came to the metropolis of their honeymoon trip, and in the crowded streets lost each other. After each had vainly spent several hours in seeking the other, they returned home separately.

All Kinds of Seeds.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., which appears elsewhere in this issue. Those who expect to make any seed purchases will make a mistake not to write this concern. They are thoroughly reliable, and are the largest seed growers in America. It is advisable to make seed purchases without further delay, as the season is rapidly advancing. The John A. Salzer Seed Co. will send their interesting catalogue for 5 cents in stamps to defray the postage. They have made numerous offers this year, which deserve consideration.

Hard luck was the fate of a preacher in a Georgia town. Although his congregation had agreed to pay him six dollars a week, he couldn't collect a cent in full payment. "You were in favor of free salvation, and the manner in which you have treated me is proof that you got it!"

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascaret's Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, drug store refund money.

The only people that know how much they don't tell are editors and milkmen.

A New "School of Journalism."

A sign over a weekly newspaper office at Millville, Ga., reads:

Newspaper Business Taught Here. Editors Graduated.

In three weeks, for the cash, make an editor of yourself. On Reasonable Terms!

The sign excited the curiosity of a visitor to the town, who went in and inquired of the editor who proposed to do so much for the country in so short a time.

"No, sir," he said, in reply to a question, "we do what we say. We have graduated twenty editors in the past year, and they're all running flourishing papers an' abustin' of the government. All you needs for enter the class is a pair of whiskers an' six dollars!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

A New Crazy Act in Connecticut.

A lot of families in the state recently imported a lot of rheumatic water locally in the water to "heat her," as they said. She nearly died in consequence. How much better it would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents kidney complaint and remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and nervous substitution. Give it a systematic trial.

Appreciated Their Needs.

"Line up!" shouted the foot ball captain.

"Dad an' it is," shouted a voice from the tubs on the other side of the fence, "an' they're all runnin' flourishin' papers an' abustin' of the government. All you needs for enter the class is a pair of whiskers an' six dollars!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood makes a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascaret's Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day with Cascaret's Candy Cathartic, the best and most reliable of all blood purifiers, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All drug stores, satisfaction guaranteed. 10, 25, 50c.

A deaf man always wants to talk where outsiders will hear what they should not.

Lane's Family Medicine.

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price, 25c and 50c.

All stone fruits are considered to be injurious to those who suffer from the liver, and should be used cautiously.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 28.—After a debate, animated at all times, and occasionally acrimonious, which occupied the greater part of this week, the senate this evening, by the decisive vote of 52 to 32, passed the Teller concurrent resolution. The resolution is a practical reaffirmation of that of Stanley Matthews, in 1878, and is as follows: "That all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued, under the said act of congress, heretofore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States, in dollars of the coinage of the United States, containing 412 2/3 grains each of standard silver; and that to receive in lieu of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

All efforts to amend the resolution were voted down by majorities ranging from five to twenty-nine. Lodge's gold standard substitute being defeated by the latter majority. The vote on the Lodge amendment was: Ayes, 24; nays, 53. Allison did not answer to his name on the roll call, and many republicans voted directly against the amendment.

HOUSE.

The bill to pay the book publishing company of the Methodist church (south) \$288,000 for damages sustained by that corporation during the war, passed, 188 to 67.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Again today amid the entire session was consumed in the discussion of political topics. At times considerable animosity was displayed, but as a rule the debate was conducted with both sides recognizing that it was merely a struggle to score political advantages.

SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Today's session of the senate lasted six hours. Two of the general appropriation bills, that for the army carrying \$23,243,402 and that for the legislative, judicial and executive departments carrying \$21,668,320, were passed. The latter consisting of 121 pages, occupying the attention of the senate during the greater part of the session. After a brief executive session the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The house buried the Teller resolution, declaring the bonds of the United States payable in silver, under an adverse majority of fifty votes. The republicans were solidly arrayed in opposition, with two exceptions, Mr. Linnier, of North Carolina, who voted with the democrats and populists, and Mr. White, of North Carolina, the only colored person in the house who answered "present" when his name was called. The demerits from the democratic side were Mr. McAleer, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Elliott, of South Carolina. Both voted with the republicans against the proposition. The vote was reached after five hours of debate under a special order adopted at the opening of the session today.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate spent all its entire time in executive session debating the Hawaiian annexation treaty. A motion by Thurston to postpone consideration till March 1 was voted down. A member of Connecticut spoke for the treaty and White of California and Pettigrew of South Dakota against it.

HOUSE.

The house devoted most of the session to the District of Columbia appropriation bill, but had not completed it at the time of adjournment. Some politics was injected into the debate just before close.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Beyond the reading of the agricultural appropriation bill and agreeing to the amendments proposed by the committee, the senate transacted no business of importance in open session today. The greater part of the afternoon was passed in executive session, the discussion being upon the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

HOUSE.

The house, after three days spent on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, mostly in political discussion, passed the measure, and then took up the bill to provide fortifications and coast defenses of the country.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 3.—As a result of the German order prohibiting the importation of American fruits, Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, presented a resolution calling on the president for correspondence and other information bearing on the matter. Agreed to. The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying \$8,227,302, after being slightly amended, was passed. A short executive session was held.

HOUSE.

The house spent the day ostensibly considering the fortifications appropriation bill. In reality the major portion of the day was consumed in a discussion of political topics. The existence of a majority in this country was again the main question of dispute.

DESTRUCTION BY A BLIZZARD.

Scores of Lives Lost and Millions of Property Damaged.

Boston, Feb. 3.—A score of persons were drowned and \$2,000,000 loss incurred by the storm that has just swept over eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Four unidentified bodies lie in the coroner's office in Gloucester. Five more are in Lynn, brought over from Little Nahant, where the schooner Charles H. Briggs was wrecked. Twelve unidentified corpses are reported to be at Baker's Island, in Salem harbor. They, too, must have manned some of the schooners which were lost in Gloucester harbor. That there are others in the waters of the bay seems almost certain.

SULTAN IS IN A QUANDRY.

Does Not Want Prince George to Be CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31.—The sultan is much exercised in regard to the governorship of the island of Crete and has repeatedly telegraphed to the czar on the subject, to which the czar yesterday replied through the Russian embassy here, adhering positively to the nomination of Prince George of Greece, which, it is said, is according to a promise which his majesty made to the dowager empress. Italy has endorsed the candidature of Prince George. The palace officials are much depressed. It is believed that the sultan will eventually yield.

A TRAIN GOES INTO A DITCH.

Two Persons Killed and Many Injured. One Fatally.

Old Town, Me., Jan. 31.—The St. John town No. 29, known also as the Provincial Express, was wrecked in a cut at Orono, Maine, Mills and six cars, including the smoker, were turned topsy-turvy into the ditch. One of the passenger cars in which were a large number of persons, was almost entirely demolished. Two persons were killed and more than a score injured, several probably fatally.

A BENEFACTRESS' KIND ACT.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. John Tansley, of 180 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and distress. One that is a mother to those in distress. Her reporter said: "I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about six years of age. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we were of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. I finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told many mothers about this and they have effected some wonderful cures.

"Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for all ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve force."

After a man discovers how little he knows he begins to suspect that possibly others do not know as much as they pretend.

THE LOUD POSTAL BILL.

North Dakota Editor Thinks It Would Injure Country Publishers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—M. H. Jewell, publisher of the Bismarck Tribune, has addressed a letter to publishers of country papers, daily and weekly. The letter is a protest against the Loud postal bill now before the senate, and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—Hereon you will find printed what is known as the Loud bill, relating to second-class postage, which if passed will disastrously affect the publishing interests of this country by cutting off all sample copies, which would include all exchanges, all copies to advertisers and advertising agents, all copies issued and paid for by campaign committees or advertisers, all copies desired to be circulated for the purpose of securing new subscribers, and in the language of the bill would only allow you to send copies of your paper to persons who voluntarily order and pay for the same," except that you do so by paying the rate of postage of "one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof." The provisions of this law can bear no other reasonable construction than that a subscriber must be cut off at the expiration of the time to which his subscription has been paid.

"Mr. Perry S. Heath, who is the first assistant postmaster general, in a personal letter to Mr. Loud has expressed his opinion on the matter, urging an amendment to the bill which would, in his opinion, protect the interests of local publishers.

"Mr. Loud is reported to have said, in conversation with a publisher, that when this bill passed he proposed to introduce a bill prohibiting free circulation of country papers in the country where published. This is borne out by a paragraph in Mr. Loud's report, which reads as follows: 'They (the committee) do not assume that the bill they recommend to you is perfectly remedial. Neither does it wholly remedy the evil. It is, however, a step in the right direction, and goes as far as they thought prudent at this time.' A large amount of advertising contracts are being held up by advertisers because of the general belief among them that the bill will reduce circulation and thus reduce the weekly papers at least 33-1/3 per cent.

"Not the least objectionable feature of this proposed legislation is its effect upon immigration matters. For if the Loud bill were passed, extra copies of special editions of the country press containing that information which prospective settlers and investors all over the country most desire, will be denied the privilege of free circulation. Not even a single extra copy, with some specially marked article descriptive of the country, or of some enterprise or industry, can be sent out except at enormously increased rates of postage. Publishers generally will not fail to appreciate the far-reaching effects of this measure and the importance of securing its defeat or effecting sweeping modifications. We expect your co-operation in an effort to amend or defeat this bill. We urge you to act at once. Telegraph and write your congressman to use his influence and utmost efforts to defeat this dangerous measure. It would materially aid us in our work here if you would mail us a copy of your telegram and letter to your congressman together with such other suggestions as you see fit to make. Please let us hear from you at once."

BEWARE OF MORPHINE.

Mrs. Pinkham Asks Women to Seek Permanent Cures and Not Mere Temporary Relief From Pain.

Special forms of suffering lead many a woman to acquire the morphine habit. One of these forms of suffering is a dull, persistent pain in the side, accompanied by heat and throbbing. There is disinclination to work, because work only increases the pain.

This is only one symptom of a chain of troubles; she has others she cannot bear to confide to her physician, for fear of an examination, the terror of all sensitive, modest women.

The physician, meantime, knows her condition, but cannot combat her shrinking terror. He yields to her supplication for something to relieve the pain. He gives her a few morphine tablets, with very grave caution as to their use. Foolish woman! She thinks morphine will help her right along; she becomes its slave.

A wise and a generous physician had such a case; he told his patient he could do nothing for her, as she was too nervous to undergo an examination. In despair, she went to visit a friend. She said to her, "Don't give yourself up; just go to the nearest druggist's and buy a bottle of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It will build you up. You will begin to feel better with the first bottle." She did so, and after the fifth bottle her health was re-established. Here is her own letter about it:

"I was very miserable; was so weak that I could hardly get around the house, could not do any work without feeling tired out. My monthly periods had stopped and I was so tired and nervous all the time. I was troubled very much with falling of the womb and bearing-down pains. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; I have taken five bottles, and think it is the best medicine I ever used. Now I can work, and feel like myself. I used to be troubled greatly with my head, but I have had no bad headaches or palpitation of the heart, womb trouble or bearing-down pains, since I commenced to take Mrs. Pinkham's medicine. I gladly recommend the Vegetable Compound to every suffering woman. The use of one bottle will prove what it can do."—Mrs. LUCY PEASELEY, Derby County, Vt.

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CANADIAN CREAMERIES.

How They Are Operated and Made to Pay the Farmer.

A correspondent of a Brown City, Michigan, paper, writes as follows: "An industry which is proving very advantageous to the settlers of North Alberta, Canada, and is truly a boon to the farmers, is the establishment of creameries by the Government at regular distances apart. The Government furnishes the entire plant, puts it in and operates it without direct cost to the farmer. From the sale of the butter the Government retains 5 cents per pound, and the remainder goes to the farmer. This is continued for three years, when the government turns over the plant and business to the farmers, giving them a clear title of it. Thus these creameries are put in at a minimum cost to the farmer and he receives the full value of his product. When we were there butter was selling at 21 and 22 cents per pound. Cheese factories were being established, too, along the railroad and much of the freight loaded on the cars on our return trip consisted of butter and cheese, as it was in the best season for milk. The produce found a ready market in the mining and lumbering towns and districts beyond the Rockies, through the British Columbia country, where it was, we were told, difficult to find a market for the butter. Klondike is another field now open to the Western Canadian farmer for all produce of the farm, and the officials in the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, are kept busy sending out literature describing the great agricultural country of the west to the Government throughout the United States are also supplied with literature, which they distribute free.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Nicholas Backus, keeper of the water-works crib, had a narrow escape from death Sunday. He started to walk ashore on the ice, when the wind shifted and the ice began moving out into the lake. Backus was on a cake about twelve feet square. Two fishermen saw him and he was rescued when about a mile and a half from shore.

Serious Riots in India.

Bombay, Jan. 31.—Serious riots have occurred at Sinnar in the Nassick district, Bombay presidency, against the plague measures. A mob killed a hospital assistant, burned the segregation camp, wrecked the post-office, and cut telegraph wires. The police were obliged to fire upon the mob in order to quell the disturbance and many of the rioters were wounded.

Will Break All Records.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 1.—The republican state central committee, through Acting Secretary Chris Paulus, has completed the appointment of delegates for the next state convention. It will be the largest state convention in the history of political parties in this state.

Ruiz's Body Reported Found.

Havana, Feb. 1.—The forces of General Valderrama, it is reported, have found the body of Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, who was executed by the late Brigadier General Nestor Aranguren. Further investigation will be necessary before the report can be finally accepted.

Must Not Use Dredges.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 29.—Information has been received here by C. M. Hamilton, who wrote the Canadian government to know what steps he should take to be allowed to dredge the streams in the vicinity of Dawson City, notifying him not to attempt to use a dredger on British territory, as it is strictly forbidden. Dredges have never been used in Canada, and there are no laws governing them at present. This will probably cause many of those who are outfitting expeditions for the north to change their plans or remain away entirely.

Food at English, Ind.

English, Ind., Jan. 24.—One of the most disastrous floods ever known in English was felt Thursday night, when three of the five bridges over Little Blue River were washed away. Fifty persons, who were on Court street bridge when it went down, were saved with difficulty by other citizens. The town during the night was a pandemonium with the cries of horses, cattle and hogs turned loose by owners. Many horses and cattle were drowned. Many of the houses on the low grounds were four or five feet deep in water.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Secretary of the Interior Bills has as the assistants in his department four ex-congressmen and an ex-mayor.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors prescribed a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure by local remedies, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the mucous surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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RACE ECHOES.

Rock Hill N. O. has colored street car drivers and conductors. J. E. Bush has been appointed as Receiver of Public Moneys at Little Rock.

Lemuel W. Livingston has been appointed Consul to Haiti Hayti.

S. B. Turner of Chicago holds a prominent position under the Governor as chief of the sample department of the grain inspection office at Chicago.

St. Louis Mo. pays in salaries to 79 Afro-Americans employed in various positions by the city, \$4,918 per month.—American Eagle.

The amount in salaries paid to colored men holding political positions in Pittsburg Penn. reaches the splendid sum of \$200,000 per annum.—Illinois Record.

Oscar A. Harris assistant ticket agent of the Missouri Pacific railway at Leavenworth Kan. has held that position for 15 years. He has also served as councilman from the ward in which he lives.—Enterprise.

Among the bills introduced in the legislature at Frankfort Ky., Jan. 15, was one presented by Mr. Mount of Oldham to make payment of poll taxes a qualification to vote. It is designed to eliminate the Negro as far as possible as an element in state politics.

Annt Judith Moore the first colored woman admitted to membership in Henry Ward Beecher's church, died at her home in Brooklyn aged 74 years. It is said that Mr. Beecher in his will requested that she be cared for. She was one of the original members of the Christian Endeavor Society.

The will of H. C. Crosby a prominent colored Baptist for 12 years superintendent of the State Negro Normal school at Plymouth N. C. has been probate at Raleigh he was a Raleigh man and a graduate of Shaw University to which he left almost all his property, valued at \$7,500 to found a scholarship for young men.

The supreme court at Guthrie Ok., Jan. 14, promulgated an opinion in which the separate school law passed last winter, making it a misdemeanor for a white child to attend a colored school or a colored child to attend a white school, was declared null and void because of ambiguity, uncertainty and of conflict with both the letter and the spirit of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Governor Wolcott of Massachusetts paid a delicate tribute to the service of Hon. Isaac B. Allen, the first Negro in the United States to occupy the position of governor's counselor by specially honoring him with the gift of the handsome arm-chair he had occupied while a member of the governor's official family.—St Joseph Radical.

Commissioner of Pensions has appointed Dr. Moats of Leavenworth, medical examiner for the district of Lansing which includes the Soldiers Home. The position is a very remunerative one and will not interfere with his practice. Her royal highness, Princess Nellie BoSettemayer eldest daughter of King George of the Galah a powerful tribe on the west coast of Africa is a pupil at the colored normal school of Baltimore she is 18 and very black.—Enterprise.

NOTICE TO REDEEM FROM TAX SALE.

State of Iowa, Polk County, ss: To J. J. Williams: You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1894, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, was sold for taxes for the year 1893 which real estate is described as follows, to-wit: Lot One Hundred and Twelve (112) block six (6) Grant Park. Addition and now forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa. That the same was at such sale purchased by J. H. Phillips and a certificate is issued to him by the Treasurer of Polk County, Iowa, and he is now the owner and holder of said certificate, and the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's deed for said property will be made, unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.

Announcement Cards.

Please announce my name as a candidate for city solicitor, subject to the city convention. A. P. CHAMBERLAIN.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the second ward, subject to the city primaries. Dr. U. A. RICE.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the fourth ward, subject to the republican primaries. J. G. BECK.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Solicitor subject to the decision of the republican primaries. HERBERT T. GRANGER.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Markt Master, subject to the city primaries. FRANK BLAGBURN.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the second ward, subject to the republican convention. C. H. SWEENEY.

Please announce my name as a candidate for city Assessor, subject to the republican convention. W. H. BOYLE.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Police Judge, subject to the republican convention. GEO. W. RANDALL.

Please announce my name as a candidate for re-nomination for Mayor, subject to the republican convention. JOHN McVICAR.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Assessor subject to the republican convention. F. A. FRENCH.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Solicitor, subject to the republican city primaries. J. Edward Merhoun, attorney at law.

I here announce my name as a candidate for City Solicitor, subject to the republican primary. W. A. CONNELLY.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Assessor, subject to the city primary. D. S. CALKINS.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the Third Ward, subject to the primaries. W. G. WORK.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the Fourth Ward, subject to the republican primary. J. A. CAMPBELL.

L. S. Moss, having been endorsed by the republican caucus of the third precinct of the second ward, now announces himself as a candidate for Alderman of the second ward, subject to the action of the republican municipal convention.

We are authorized to announce that Jas. N. Miller will be a candidate for Councilman-at-Large, subject to the Republican primaries.

Please announce my name as a candidate for the nomination as Mayor of Des Moines, subject to the republican primaries. JOHN SHERMAN.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the 3rd ward, subject to the Republican primaries. Charles Butler.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Police Judge, subject to the Republican primaries. L. I. SILVIRA.

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STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

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Table with columns: School Grade, Name, and Industrial Course. Includes names like Newton Rhinehart, Alle Harris, Daniel Early, etc.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION.

STATE OF IOWA, POLK COUNTY, ss: District Court of Polk County, Iowa. Home Savings and Trust Company versus F. A. French, Plaintiff, and William Brown, Mary Brown and William Foster, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON SPECIAL EXECUTION.

State of Iowa, Polk county, ss: District Court of Polk County, Iowa. W. H. Griffith, vs Edward R. Mason, Fannie K. Mason his wife, Frank E. McCrary and Harry L. McClure, Executors of the Estate of Geo. M. McCrary, deceased.

By virtue of a special execution to me directed, issued by the clerk of the district court of Polk county, Iowa, in favor of W. H. Griffith, and against E. R. Mason on a judgment rendered by said court on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1897, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the following described property be sold to satisfy said judgment, to-wit: The North Ten (10) acres of the West One half (1/2) of the East One half (1/2) of the North-west Quarter of section seven (7) in Township Seventy-eight (78) North Range Twenty-four (24) Polk county, Iowa, (except a strip Two Hundred and Twenty (220) feet wide off the East side thereof.

Now therefore public notice is hereby given that unless the said Defendant appear at my office in Des Moines on or before the 25th day of February, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock A.M. of said day at which time said above described property, is hereby advertised to be sold and pay off the amount of said execution, with interest and costs, I will sell said property or sufficient thereof to satisfy said execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House, in Des Moines, Iowa, for cash in hand to pay off said execution.

J. E. STOUT, Sheriff of Polk county, Iowa. By S. Compton, Deputy. Date of first publication, February 4. Published and printed by the IOWA STATE BYSTANDER. Printers fee, \$7.80.

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