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CITY NEWS

Watch This Space.

Burlington Route

Mrs. G. W. Denny is convalescent.

Read the brief history of the candidates for the various city offices.

Frank Blagburn is making friends each day.

Sunday will be quartly meeting at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Margaret Montague of Ley St. is quite sick.

Mrs. Alice Newton is visiting a few weeks in her old home, Burlington.

W. H. Humbert is slowly improving, after a serious illness.

Rev. F. Lomask is improving from a severe spell of sickness.

J. W. Bates of Ellsworth, Kan., has accepted the position as traveling agent.

Miss Maud Clegg contemplates spending the spring and summer with relatives in Adrian, Mich.

There will be a Grand rally at the east side Baptist church the first Sunday in March.

It is reported that Mrs. James Ward Renix, of Oskaloosa, is very ill yet, and is failing each day.

A burglar broke into Jas. Props' shoe shop last Thursday night, he was frightened away before he got anything.

Sunday School at the A. M. E. church will be at 2:30 so as to give way for sacramental services.

Mr. Herbert T. Granger will lecture at the east side Baptist church Tuesday the 15th. Mr. Wm Foster will read a paper.

Kings Daughters will give a masquerade party Monday evening, Feb. 14th. Admission: Ladies, 15c; per couple, 35c. Eaty & Camp, on 6th and Walnut.

Mrs. Walter Birney, who has been very sick for the past two weeks is improving slowly. She is able to sit up. It is the hope of her many friends that she will recover soon.

The Stewardess board will give an entertainment at the A. M. E. church Thursday eve Feb. 17th admission free. Supper will begin at six p. m.

Will E. Battle of Garden Grove, is in our city. He contemplates remaining here indefinitely. He is quite proficient in music, as he used to teach the Coal Palace Band, of Oitumwa.

Herbert Wright, a well known politician, of Marshalltown, was a capital city visitor this week. Herbert was file clerk of the 25th General Assembly of the house. He is feeling well over the republican success in Iowa.

The Ladies' Afternoon club met with Mrs. B. J. Holmes, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. Chas. Woods. The ladies passed a very pleasant afternoon, at 4 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. Club adjourned to meet with Della Comley, Feb. 24th. The ladies will entertain a number of gentlemen on the evening of the reception, complimentary to their husbands.

The republican caucus will be held on the 28th.

Mrs. Susie Broeden is still quite sick at her home on Grand Ave.

Rev. Bundy, presiding elder, will conduct the services at the A. M. E. church next Sunday.

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

Mrs. C. H. Richardson, J. H. Shepard and J. L. Thompson, was suddenly called to the sick bedside of her mother, Catharine Thompson, in Oskaloosa, last Saturday. At this writing she is no better; very low.

Miss Bertha Bowers, of Creston, will preach at the First African Baptist church School and B streets, at 8 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 13th. She is a good speaker. All invited.

Mr. J. T. Blagburn makes a specialty of toilet soap, he can sell you the best soap from 10c to 30c per box, single cakes from 5c to 10c. Send in your order and it will be delivered promptly, 379 School street.

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

Mrs. Birney, who was taken sick a few days ago, so as to alarm her friends, is growing better and her many friends will be glad to learn that she is on the road to health.

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.

At Burn's m. E. church 2d and Des Moines St. Gramophone and Literary and chicken pie supper Thursday evening Feb 17. Mrs. Ella Wilburn will read; Mrs. Wilburn has proven to be a successful reader, come out and hear her.

Mrs. Dickenson, of East Sixteenth-st., died last Monday evening, Feb. 7th, of consumption. She leaves a loving husband and baby fifteen months old. The funeral was held at the Burns' M. E. church, Des Moines; Rev. T. A. Clark, pastor.

Archie Pergerson has purchased the boot black establishment of Dan McJain will continue business at the old stand. We hope that the colored friends that would like to see him make a success in this effort to call in and get their work done. Ladies can get first class work done at that place, come or send your work to 215 W 5th street, Archie Pergerson, prop.

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

Song Services.

At St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

On last Sunday evening, as was announced through the columns of this paper, occurred the first of the series of concerts, under the direction of Prof Geo I Holt. At a very early hour the church was filled to standing room by the music loving people to catch the first note from the choir; that have made a name for themselves in the art of singing.

They were supported by the Dumas chorus club of which the Prof is very proud of as he was the first and only teacher that this society has ever had, for the want of space we are obliged to omit naming each one and the part that each took on the program, their singing shows what they have accomplished by hard and diligent study. All those that admire the forward policy in music will welcome the coming of the next concert

For Alderman.

The name of Peter Lambert for Alderman of the First Ward, will meet with general approval by all who know him. He was born in Germany in 1885, came to Iowa in 1897, enlisted in Co. A, 19th Iowa Inf., in 1892, mustered out in July, 1895; has lived in the Second of the First Ward for 27 years; is a successful landscape gardener and florist, has been Supt. of Woodland Cemetery for ten years. He is an influential republican; a good business man, thoroughly identified with the interests of the city, and will make a good alderman for the first ward, if elected.

## Accident--Sudden Death

Mr. Allen one of our most prominent citizens, instantly fell dead last Saturday afternoon, while walking down Ninth street in company with W. L. Tomlin just as they were passing the Central Church of Christ, at the time of the accident Mr. Tomlin's attention was directed to a passing team, and when he looked toward Mr. Allen he he was laying flat on the walk. The fall was with such great force, that his neck was broken. He was taken in the church and Dr. Rood called, he examined the injuries and pronounced him dead. Mr. Allen lived with his family at 1115 Park street. He was born in the fifties, which would make him nearly fifty years old. He was an industrious, hard working man, and bore an excellent reputation as a good neighbor. He was always active in politics, when the interest of his race demanded it. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and three daughters and a host of friends. The funeral occurred from the St. Paul A. M. E. church at 2:30, where a very large number of his friends had gathered to pay the last sad rite. The Rev. Timothy Reeves preached an excellent sermon for the occasion. We join the many friends in extending our sympathy to the grief stricken family.

Local Political Meeting

Held Last Night--Frank Blagburn's Ovation.

A large meeting of colored voters was held at the court house on Thursday evening in the interest of Frank Blagburn candidate for market master.

Mr R. N. Hyde was elected president of the meeting, W. A. Frazier Sec., speeches were made by Geo. Taylor, Alex Gordon, Jas. Miller (white), also A. P. Chamberlin, then Mr. Frank Blagburn thanked the meeting for their endorsement. J. M. Pierce and E. T. Banks spoke briefly. They appointed committees to work in each precinct and adjourn to meet next Thursday night.

For Police Judge.

Mr. J. J. Moore, the well known G. A. R. veteran of Lee township, is a candidate for Police Judge. He was born in Ill. in 1839, came to Iowa in 1849, and has lived in Des Moines for twenty-seven years was Justice of the Peace in Dallas county for eight years and four years Justice of East Des Moines. He comes from that strong abolitionist ancestry known as Quakers, which assisted fleeing slaves to Canada. He was a member of Co. D, 9th Iowa Inf. A past-commander of Kinsman post; is a staunch republican, and is interested in various enterprises for the development of our city. Colored voters will make no mistake if they should vote for Mr. Moore.

FOR ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE.

Mr. Geo. Garver announces his name in this issue of the Bystander as a candidate for re-nomination for Alderman of West Side. He was born in Ohio in 1834, came to Des Moines 28 years ago, and has been identified with the business interests of our city the entire time, being a coal operator the most of the time. He served three terms as Alderman-at-large from Lee township; one term as Alderman of the second ward and one term as Alderman-at-large of the West Side, which he now asks for re-nomination. He is an active republican and his years of service to the public demonstrate his worth and honesty. He will no doubt if elected, make a good alderman, and his friends are working very hard for his nomination.

ALDERMAN OF THIRD WARD.

Among the candidates for Alderman of the Third ward is J. M. Orvis one of the best known men of the north part of the city. Mr. Orvis was born in New York in 1837 came to Mahaska Co. Ia., in 1866 and to Polk Co. 16 years ago, he has been a resident of Des Moines for sixteen years. He has been for years interested in the building up of North Des Moines and has a large real estate investment as well as a good retail dry goods store at 1407 Six Avenue. He has paid thousand of dollars in taxes in this city and has seen the whole of North Des Moines built up from a small village to a town of large proportion that is now one of the most important sections of the capital city. He is a rank republican worker and has been since the organization of the party in 1856.

## Candidates for Nomination at the Coming City Primaries.

FOR TREASURER.

Mr. A. B. Elliott is announced as a candidate for the city treasurer. Mr. Elliott is just completing his first term in that office. His friends are satisfied to make the campaign on the record he has made. It is true that a more business like administration of the office was never enjoyed by the tax payers of the city. Not only have the affairs of the office been kept properly, accurately and openly but the management of the finances of the city has been admirable in every way. For fifteen years Mr. Elliott has worked for the success of the party. He was twelve years connected with the American Savings Bank and resigned to become treasurer two years ago.

FOR CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. L. Higgins whose announcement as a candidate for city Engineer. He is the present incumbent, a good active republican and above all has one colored man employed in the person of Tracy Blagburn as an assistant in the office which the colored people appreciate very much moreover Mr. Higgins has reduced the expenses of the department 15 or 20 per cent during his incumbency and the expenses are about two-fifth only of what they were under Democratic management four years ago. He in addition to his regular work has completed the plans for a municipal water plant. The forthcoming report will include the detailed plans. Every detail in the project has been worked out and as soon as Des Moines is able financially to proceed to the work the plans for the plant are at hand.

FOR CITY TREASURER.

Mr. Joseph W. Geneser a well known business man, announced his name this week for City Treasurer few if any better man could be found for the treasurership then Mr. Geneser. He was born in New York and came to Iowa about forty years ago first working on a farm later on his father's brick yard where he worked about 18 years and is a member of the "Brick Layers Union" now, has worked in the bank for about 23 years from the lowest to cashier of the German Savings Bank. His integrity for truth and veracity cannot be questioned, has always voted the republican ticket and has never held an elective office in his life and for forty years has been identified with the upbuilding of our city and its interest. He is generous kind sociable and gentlemanly to meet a vote for Mr. Geneser would be no mistake, he stands high among the colored people.

For Police Judge.

Mr. J. H. Maley announces himself as a candidate for Police Judge. Mr. Maley is one of the leading attorneys of the East Side, a graduate from Cincinnati Law school in 1860, admitted to practice law in Illinois, in the Summer of 1860, and has been a practitioner ever since; came to Iowa in 1865, and has been a working republican. In 1881 he moved to Des Moines, was a Justice of the Peace in Lee township two terms, the only office he has ever held from the party. Mr. Maley is gentlemanly, courteous to meet, and if elected will make a good judge. He will give close attention to his business and to the welfare of the city. He solicits your vote.

FOR AUDITOR.

Mr. B. O. Hanger is a candidate for renomination for his second term as City Auditor. Mr. Hanger is so well known to the people of Des Moines that it is hardly necessary for us to give a brief history of him, however he first saw light in Ohio in 1844, came to Des Moines in 1860 and has been engaged in the business and commercial enterprises of our city for twenty-five years, he was manager of the Continental Clothing store and while manager he employed the first colored man that worked in that store, his honesty and integrity and punctuality to business and his economy of the Auditor's office has been shown by the reduction of expenses in the office, no better man for place could be found and we hope at the Republican Convention that he will be nominated by acclamation for his second term. He is a member of the G. A. R. and listed in Co. D, 10th Iowa Inf., and spent four years in destroying treason and saving our union. He's sociable friendly and equal to all classes of people.

## JOHN McVICAR, Candidate for Mayor.



Mr. John McVicar candidate for reelection for his second term as Mayor of our city; came to Iowa from Pennsylvania 16 years ago and settled in Des Moines. He has been engaged in various enterprises, particular in the wall paper business, at which he employed a large number of workmen. He was elected Mayor of North Des Moines in 1889, when North Des Moines was separate from the city of Des Moines. He was elected Mayor of Des Moines in 1896, upon a platform pledged to do all he could in levitating the tax payers from corporation ownership, and to allow the city to own her own electric plant, gas lights, electric street cars, water works and etc., and the past two years he has tried to keep his pledge so far as consistent with public policy and public interest. It is true there has been antagonistic elements operating against his plans. He is an able speaker, a active worker, gentlemanly and courteous to all. His aim and desire is to give Des Moines the best government that can be had. In the past he has treated the colored voters with the same respect, and has shown no partiality, and will appreciate any assistance that his friends may render.

## Geo. W. Randall, Candidate for Police Judge.



Mr. Geo. W. Randall, a candidate for Police Judge, at the coming convention, was born in New York Sept. 3d, 1846, came to Iowa in April 1866 and settled in Des Moines. He immediately found work with Loughron & Hillis, later he was book-keeper for A. M. Vorse, the implement dealer. In June 1877 Mr. Randall purchased Mr. Sibley's share in the implement business, and for 20 years was connected with the house as a member of the firm. Mr. Randall is an active republican worker and well qualified for the position he aspires for; being so well identified with the interest of Des Moines, and by his experience, he would add dignity to said position. His friends are making a strong effort for his nomination.

## FOR POLICE JUDGE.

Captain A. H. Botkin is a candidate for Police Judge, he is an old citizen in our city having settled here immediately after the war. He was elected Justice of Peace in Lee township in 1881 and re-elected in 1882 and was also elected City Marshall for two years each of those office he filled with honor to himself and the party. He is a member of the Kingmans Post G. A. R. and was Captain of Ohio Co. C. 79 Volunteer Inf. The Captain is very sociable and a very pleasant man to meet, and will no doubt make a good judge if elected.

## FOR ALDERMAN.

Adam Hafner a well known citizen of Des Moines who has resided here for 40 years, is a candidate for Alderman of the 4th Ward. He is a thoroughly republican and was elected City Marshall several terms, also a member of the city council for two years, which he filled both office with credit to himself and party; an all around good business man well equipped to discharge the duties of Councilman and if elected will watch the interest of the people.

## FOR CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. Geo. M. King, a bright young man, seeks the nomination on the republican ticket for City Engineer. He is a Des Moines boy, born in 1868, and has lived here all his life, has 11 years experience in the engineering business; was first assistant under Mr. Pelton when he was city engineer; is the son of Prof. J. W. King, a successful teacher in our city schools. If Mr. King is elected will do all he can for the best interests of the city. He is honest, capable and energetic; always republican.

## ALDERMAN AT LARGE EAST SIDE.

Mr. John Loveridge the subject of this sketch was born in England 1847, came to the United States in 1872 settling in Des Moines, Polk Co. Ia., the same year he learned the stone-cutting trade in London England and has for the past 15 years been contracting in cutting-stone business connecting with the firm J. Francis and Co. He furnished the stones for the Christian church on 9th and Pleasant also the several other large building in our city. Mr. Loveridge has never held an office and has always been a good republican worker and is in every way fitted and well qualified to hold the place that he is aspiring for, to honor to himself and party.

## FOR CITY SOLICITOR.

In this issue of the Bystander, we present the name of a rising young Attorney candidate for City Solicitor, Mr. B. F. Marlowe who is forty years old and has lived in our city for a number of years, a graduate from the Iowa College of Law in the class of 1884. He has been an active republican worker from his infancy up, was president of the Young Men Republican Club when that organization was extended to every precinct in this county. He was a member of Grant Republican Club also the Lincoln Republican Club and for several years a member of the Republican County Central Committee, has been a practitioner for 14 years in this city, a good friend of the colored race and will do justice by them if elected.

## FOR Assessor.

Mr. S. A. Kelsey is a candidate for assessor before the republican primaries he has been in Des Moines since 1861 and is now employed as the assessor for the 8th., District, having held that office for six years which have demonstrated his integrity, good judgment and impartiality to all in his district. Before elected as an assessor he was in the manufactory business of pottery, he is an active republican worker, having assisted many a fugitive from slavery in the under-ground railroad which is better known to the veterans of the 50's and 60's. Voters should consider Mr. Kelsey's claims before voting at the city primaries. He is honest and capable to fill the position.

## ALDERMAN AT LARGE EAST SIDE.

Mr. John C. Loper the popular alderman from the 6th Ward has announced his name as a candidate for Alderman at large for the East Des Moines. He was born in Ohio 1834 and came to Des Moines 28 years ago where he has been identified with the up building of our city, was elected Alderman of the 6th Ward three terms which his service speaks volumes for him, and the higher step of Alderman at large would only be a recognition of his worth. He is very popular and is at the present time brigadier general of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias of Ia. and Lieutenant colonel of Third regiment I. N. G. No. mistake will be made in nominating Colonel Loper to represent the East Side of the river and a nomination would be equivalent to an election.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Sherman club of the third precinct of the Fourth ward was held at School and B streets last night. Speeches were made by Mr. Sherman. Frank Blagburn, candidate for market master, J. N. Miller, candidate for alderman at large, J. Campbell candidate for alderman from the Fourth ward, Rev. Lomax and J. M. Orvis candidate for alderman the Third ward who spoke in vigorous terms for Mr. Sherman. President F. L. Barnett appointed his executive committee and the meeting broke up after electing for one new members making a membership of 149.

## FOR ALDERMAN OF DES MOINES TOWNSHIP.

H. G. McElderry has been a residence of the city for nearly twenty years and have nearly lived all his residence in the city and been in the coal business of which he is a recognized and representative man. He has been a member of the city council of this city before and was always found to be a true representative of his constituents and always for the best interest of the city. In regard to municipal ownership he will always be for the city either owning the franchises or having such franchises or the city cannot take advantage of paying as large a revenue into the city treasury as these franchises can consistently pay and do business.

## For Alderman Third Ward.

Mr. Frank G. Kiest, one of the wide awake young business men is a candidate for alderman of the Third Ward. He was born in Chicago forty years ago and came to Des Moines in 1886, and has lived in the Third Ward precinct ever since working in the real estate and loan business. He is a young man well qualified in every way. A good republican worker all his life and is making a strong fight for the nomination.

## MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Mrs. E. McNeal is able to be around in the house again.

Rev. Bates, of Ill., occupied the pulpit at Second Baptist church last Sunday.

The P. E. committee gave a chicken pie social last Thursday evening. It was a success financially and socially.

The S. S. board of A. M. E. church met last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- Supt. .... Henderson Tansil
- Assistant Supt. .... Geo. Mason
- Secretary .... J. W. Fidler
- Assistant Sec'y .... Viola Harris
- Treas. .... Louisa Mason
- Librarian .... Rena McGragor
- Teachers: Dora Smith, Lida Bartlett, and Ida Godfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. St. Clair have adopted little Percy Tillman, of Washington, D. C.

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Prison Henry is the power behind the throne infinitely smaller except as to speech-making than the throne itself.

The greatest men are not always in the most exalted offices. It is often with men as with building stones; the greater they are, the harder it is to elevate them to high positions.

The clergyman who returned a check from the many hall for the poor of his church wrote an explanatory note in which he referred to the many of the most insulting words at his command. Perhaps he was right, but the poor who were thus robbed of fifty dollars may not think so; and if all the money were to be returned because of the fifty avenues through which all money goes all of us might starve to death. And, after all, is courtesy a lost art?

The London Times says: "The extension of orchard land in Great Britain, which has been in continuous progress during recent years, has been further emphasized in 1897, the total area now amounting to 224,116 acres, or 15,168 acres more than in 1892, when the aggregate area was 208,950 acres. The three western counties of Devon, Somerset and Hereford alone—pre-eminently our older counties—contain 73,217 acres of orchards, representing 55 per cent, or more than one-third of the orchard area of Great Britain."

According to the seventeenth annual report of the United States geological survey the area in which glauconite is found covers a considerable territory in the Uncompaghe Indian reservation and extends fifteen miles over the state line into Colorado. There are seven distinct veins, which vary from one to eight feet in thickness, and it is estimated that their total contents will amount to 23,745,523 tons. The same report quotes the price of this material in Chicago at \$40 to \$50 per ton, gross value, which would make the estimated contents of the seven veins worth over \$1,000,000,000.

Wheat reached its highest point in years last week on the Chicago market, selling at \$1.10 a bushel. There is a growing belief that this figure will be surpassed by May wheat. September wheat touched \$1.05, December reached \$1.09 and January added another cent Friday of last week, with two more days to beat this record. Everything points to a great scarcity abroad, and the suspicion is growing that so much wheat has been exported as to leave no surplus at home. Experts submit the following figures: Wheat crop raised in United States last year (government estimate, 530,000,000 bushels; left over from previous crop, 30,000,000 bushels; total available, 560,000,000 bushels; exported since July 1, 145,000,000 bushels; consumption to July 1, 1898 (government estimate), 340,000,000 bushels; seed, 60,000,000 bushels; total, 545,000,000 bushels; balance left over, 15,000,000 bushels. Not less than 12,000,000 bushels of wheat are now owned by Joseph Leiter, who declares that his wheat is worth not less than \$1.25 a bushel.

Alexander Porter Morse, writing in the Albany Law Journal, says regarding the submarine cables traversing the Atlantic between 60 and 40 degrees north latitude: "Eleven connect the Canadian provinces and the United States with the territory of Great Britain; two (one American, the other Anglo-American) connect France. Of these seven are largely owned, operated or controlled by American capital, while all the others are under English control and management. There is but one direct submarine cable connecting the territory of the United States with the continent of Europe, and that is the cable owned and operated by the Compagnie Francaise Cables Telegraphiques, whose termini are Brest, France, and Cape Cod, on the coast of Massachusetts. All these cables between 60 and 40 degrees north latitude, which unite the United States with Europe, except the French cable, are under American or English control, and have their termini in the territory of Great Britain or the United States. Across the South Atlantic there are three cables, one American and two English, whose termini are Pernambuco, Brazil, and St. Louis, Africa, and near Lisbon, Portugal, with connecting English lines to England, one directly traversing the high seas between Lisbon and English territory and one touching at Vigo, Spain, at which point a German cable company has recently made a connection. The principal and most important submarine cables traversing or connecting the great oceans are owned and operated by private corporations or companies. They are in number 310, and their length in nautical miles is 133,754. The length of cables owned or operated by state governments is, in nautical miles, 18,132."

It is only logical that the tramp who starts out simply to enjoy idleness should gradually and almost insensibly degenerate into theft and thence to burglary. The dividing line between begging a living and stealing a living, is also between petty theft and petty burglary that always endangers the comfort of families and at times their lives is so narrow that the transition from the tramp to the burglar is hardly perceptible to himself, and the only way to halt the professional tramp is to punish to the utmost the crimes his calling logically leads him to commit.

The editor of a Missouri paper confesses to dyspepsia as a result of too much roast sheep at a recent festival. Probably the general reader will recall the occurrence. It was feared at one time during the festival that the rash man would go the entire animal.

It may be significant, now that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., has returned from his wedding trip, that he has entered upon a three years' course in philosophy at Yale. It is not known that he felt the need of being trained to be philosophical before.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

PLAN BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Sub-Committee of the Iowa Senate Agreed On Essentials. DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—The senate sub-committee of the ways and means committee held a meeting to consider the matter of a board of control for state institutions, those present being Funk, Berry, Carney, Junkin, Healy and Everall. The meeting was more or less informal, but resulted in the following conclusions as to the provisions which ought to be in the bill for the board of control: A board of control with administrative and executive powers; the board to be composed of three members, with minority representation; the board to have control of all charitable and penal and reformatory institutions; the members of the board to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate; one to be named by the governor as chairman and two associates; term of office to be six years; the first appointments to be for two, four and six years so as to make a rotation; the board is to select the superintendents and principals of the various institutions; the superintendents are to select the minor officers and employes; all the present boards of trustees to be abolished; the superintendents of the institutions are to be directly responsible to the board of control; the board of control is to report to the legislature through the governor; the three educational institutions, the State University, the Agricultural College and the Normal School, are to be left as they are, under trustees and regents. These recommendations are made unanimously. There were a few minor differences, but the foregoing were all agreed upon without dissent in the sub-committee. Senator Healy was ordered to draw up a bill embodying all of the above points and to report the same to the sub-committee as soon as possible.

URGES ECONOMY.

State Treasurer Herriott's Advice to the Appropriations Committee. DES MOINES, Feb. 10.—State Treasurer Herriott transmitted an important communication to the appropriations committee and the same was considered with deep interest by the gentlemen upon whom devolves the task of saying just how much each of the state institutions shall receive from the state. It will be seen by the treasurer's statement that the total revenue covered into the state treasury in 1897 was some \$134,000 more than in 1896. Also it will be seen that according to his estimate there will come into the treasury the present year some \$300,000 more than was received in 1896. But the treasurer asserts that all this will be absorbed in redeeming warrants outstanding and unpaid for want of funds, and he cautions the committee against extraordinary appropriations. If such a course is to be followed it will be necessary to increase the tax levies. There will be a falling off in the state's revenues in 1900, for the reason that, beginning next year, the assessed value of property will be returned at 25 per cent of its actual market value.

NO LENIENCY IS SHOWN.

Suspended University Students Must Take Their Medicine. IOWA CITY, Feb. 7.—The final and decisive step in the university kidnaping case was taken when Dean Currier announced that the faculty refused to mitigate the punishment of the twenty-three students suspended for abduction. The resolution and petition of the 1,000 students, assembled in mass meeting, were presented by a committee of five, and the following resolution was adopted by the faculty: "Resolved, That the several petitioners be informed that their respectful representations have received the most careful consideration. The faculty feels compelled, however, in the interests of discipline and in spite of a strong feeling of personal sympathy for those who are undergoing punishment and for their friends, not to reduce the period of suspension."

WANTED TO LYNCH HIM.

A Blood-Thirsty Mob Forms to Lynch a Burlington Murderer. BURLINGTON, Feb. 11.—A mob gathered here for the purpose of lynching A. B. Storms, murderer of Mrs. Rathburn and her daughter. The authorities learned of their intentions and quietly removed Storms from the jail to a private house and later conveyed him to Mediapolis, where a train was taken for Anamosa. The mob scoured the town for Storms, who had left the jail but twenty minutes when the would-be lynchers arrived.

Boy Killed by Collar Button.

FOUR DODGE, Feb. 9.—The 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tomlinson, of this city, met with a strange and sudden death. About 1 o'clock he happened to put a common bone collar button in his mouth and in some way it slipped down, entering his epiglottis and catching in the vocal cords in such a way that it could not be dislodged for several hours. After it had finally been removed the boy seemed to improve, excepting that the presence of the foreign substance in his throat had so disturbed the delicate membranes that inflammation set in. About midnight he was given a drink of water. It was called him. He took a few sips and immediately his throat swelled up, and in a few moments he was dead, dying not from the button itself, but strangling from a sudden swelling of the membranes. It is a case such as is seldom met with by the medical fraternity.

New Hampton Tragedy.

NEW HAMPTON, Feb. 11.—Spurred on by a terrible tragedy at the Booshouse, about 5 miles west of New Hampton. William Christopher shot Miss Lena Boos, and later fired two shots into his own body. Both Christopher and Miss Boos are in a critical condition. There is no hope for Christopher, but Miss Boos may possibly recover.

Suicide of James S. Howard.

FOREST CITY, Feb. 5.—James S. Howard, a barber committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. He had quite a reputation in the north-west as a crack pigeon shot. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

AN INSURANCE DECISION.

Husband and Wife Held to Have Died at the Same Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Judge Dewey decided a case that will attract the attention of the legal fraternity all over Iowa. It is the first case of the kind ever tried in the state. Last summer Rev. Mr. Hyatt and wife were drowned while out boating, and the question arose as to who would inherit the husband's life insurance. His mother sued the life insurance company and Judge Dewey decided the case in her favor, holding that the death of Rev. Mr. Hyatt and wife occurred simultaneously, and, therefore, neither side inherited as survivor, in which case the husband's heirs inherited the insurance. It being the first case of its kind in Iowa, it will be appealed, and as a "leading case" will attract attention throughout the United States. Only two similar cases are on record, one in Pennsylvania and one in Maryland.

KEEP YOUR BOY AT HOME.

Make Home Attractive for Him. DES MOINES, Feb. 8.—It is believed that the cheapening of daily newspapers will go far toward solving the problem of keeping boys at home, as nothing brightens a home more than a carefully edited daily paper. The reduction of the price of the Des Moines Daily News to \$1 a year is regarded as a long step in this direction.

IOWA CONDENSED.

The jury in the Stacy case, on trial at Hampton, after being out six hours, returned a verdict of "guilty of assault with attempt to commit murder"—the crime charged.

Des Moines dispatch: The Associated Tourists' Company of Des Moines is a new corporation which filed articles with the secretary of state on the 3rd. The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000, and the business of the company will be arranging and conducting excursions and tours in this country and abroad, and to also deal in tourists' supplies and outfitting materials.

Joseph Arrowood of Des Moines has had the sheriff serve notice on Jacob DeVault and Lizzie DeVault that he will shortly file a petition in the district court claiming of them \$10,000 damages, alleging that he suffered in that sum by reason of their representations to him regarding their daughter, Mary, whom he married, and from whom he was recently divorced. The couple was married March 7, 1896. He alleges that he was defrauded into the matrimonial venture under false pretenses.

It is asserted that the enemies of the saloon as represented in the Iowa Anti-Saloon League want the question of prohibition sent back to the people. If the legislature will grant this, well and good, but if it refuses, the Anti-Saloon League leaders say that they will take advantage of the constitution, which provides that every ten years the people shall vote upon the question "Shall there be a constitutional convention called?" They propose to stump the state in 1900 for such a convention, as provided by the constitution and laws of the state.

At Des Moines recently Judge Woolson made an order in the matter of the receivership of the Indianapolis water works that may result in closing down the plant. At present the city refuses to pay water rentals and the works have been compelled to depend on private consumers for revenue. It has been shown that the amount of revenues is not sufficient to pay the operating expenses. The order of the court is that Receiver E. H. Hunter shall give notice to the city of Indianapolis and the citizens for one week that a guaranteed revenue of \$100 a month must be pledged or the works will be closed down.

A shooting affray bordering on a duel was enacted a few days ago near Sexton, in Kosciusko county. Bad blood existed between Albert Rahm and Herman Neckar. The principals decided that there was no other way to settle matters but by bullets. Each watched for the other. Rahm, it is stated, attempted to get the drop on Neckar. Neckar was a little too quick for his assailant and plugged a bullet into him in the region of the heart. Rahm was dazed, but managed to return the compliment with a bullet which lodged in Neckar's abdomen. Both are still living, but are seriously wounded.

Fire was discovered in the general store of F. Z. Whinery at Union recently. Its origin is not known, but it is not thought to have been incendiary. The flames had made such great progress when discovered that nothing could be done to save the Whinery building or contents. The restaurant, which stands just east, soon caught fire and was burned, but little of the contents being saved. It was occupied by Wilber Adams, and he had no insurance. The fire department turned its attention to the surrounding buildings, and the flames were confined to the two buildings, but the damage by water to many merchants is great. The fire is a severe blow to the town. The total loss is not far from \$10,000, and the insurance is probably less than half that amount.

Ottumwa dispatch: Probably the largest private party for this section of the country to visit the Klondike gold regions met in St. Paul yesterday and left for Seattle to embark for Skagway. The party is not only a large one, but it is composed entirely of prominent business and professional men of Iowa, South Dakota and Wisconsin, many of whom are wealthy and all are influential citizens. The party is headed by Charles A. Walsh, secretary of the democratic national committee, and one of the most prominent leaders of the silver forces in the United States. The party formed themselves into a company to be known as the Iowa-Alaskan Mining & Prospecting Co., which is really the party organized by G. M. Starbuck, of Cherokee. Mr. Walsh is secretary of the company, which consists of thirty-seven men and one woman, Mrs. Thomas of Chippewa Falls, Wis., wife of one of the members of the party, who will act as cook.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

A LETTER BY DUPUY DE LOME

Spanish Minister Charged With Heaping Abuse on Americans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A remarkable letter has been given out by the members of the Cuban junta here. It is alleged to be written by the Spanish minister in Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome. It is addressed to Jose Canalejas, the well known Spanish editor, who was on a visit of inspection to Cuba and was stopping at the Hotel Foglietta in Havana, where the letter was addressed. After reviewing the situation in Cuba, it says: "The president's message has deceived the insurgents, who expected something else, and has paralyzed the action of congress, but I consider it bad. Besides the natural and inevitable coarseness with which he repeats all that the press and public has said of Spain and Weyler, it shows once more what McKinley is—weak and catering to the rabble, and, besides, a low politician, who desires to leave a door open to me and to stand well with the jingoes of party." The letter was stolen from Canalejas's papers by a Cuban, who carried it to New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The authenticity of the De Lome letter was at first questioned. Later, however, when the Spanish minister did not deny writing it, Minister Woodford, at Madrid, was communicated with, and it is believed the passport of De Lome will be demanded at once. The letter has created an immense sensation in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Enrique Dupuy de Lome is no longer Spanish minister to the United States government. He cabled his resignation of the post to Madrid upon making the discovery that his letter to Senor Canalejas, reflecting upon President McKinley, had been published. To Assistant Secretary of State Day Senor De Lome admitted that he had penned the note, whereupon the department wired Minister Woodford, at Madrid, directing that he demand from the Spanish government the recall of Senor De Lome. It is said that Senor De Lome will abandon the diplomatic service and seek political preferment in Spain.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—At the meeting of the cabinet it was decided to accept the resignation and De Lome was telegraphed to that effect, at the same time putting the first secretary of the legation in charge for the time being.

RUSH FOR GOLD.

Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan Send 25,000 Men to Alaska. CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Figures gathered by the Times-Herald show that the Klondike fever is the raging epidemic in the middle western states. It is estimated on an absolutely accurate basis that at least 25,000 men in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan are planning to go to the Yukon this spring. The estimate is built upon reports that 2,114 have actually bought tickets and secured their implements and outfits. This company of argonauts is ready to start this week or next, and certainly before the month is up. Iowa leads the list. Information comes from Des Moines that fully 10,000 men in the state have declared their Klondike intentions. The exodus from Iowa during the coming few days will be 285 at the lowest figure. Illinois cities have reported that 704 will leave before ten days are up, excluding the big delegation from Chicago. Indiana will start 204, Michigan 277, and Wisconsin 600. There is nothing of uncertainty in these figures. The messages which brought them also give the names and addresses of the explorers.

BARRIOS ASSASSINATED.

President of Guatemala Killed by a German. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Senor Lajo Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister to the United States, received an official telegram from the minister of foreign affairs of Guatemala announcing the assassination of President Barrios and the succession to the presidency of First Vice President Manuel Estrada Cabrera. The dispatch came from Guatemala City, the capital. It added that entire calm prevails. The assassin was a German named Oscar Solinger.

AWFUL HOLACAUST.

Eleven Dead, Twenty-Seven Missing, Nineteen Injured at Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, Feb. 11.—Fire in the building of W. A. Hoveler & Co. and the Chautauque Ice company destroyed property valued at \$1,500,000, while eleven persons lost their lives, twenty-seven are missing and nineteen were injured. The bodies of the missing are supposed to be buried in the debris.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—Five United States patents were prepared and prosecuted during the week. Three were allowed, but not yet issued, as follows: To J. Stroud, of Paton, for a draft attachment for vehicles that allows the horse in the shafts to walk on one side of the central line of advance, same as horses do when two are hitched on the opposite sides of a pole.

To G. H. Cook, of Des Moines, for a legging in the form of an open-ended boot leg with elastic gores in the sides and lower end to facilitate stretching and adjusting.

To R. Robinson, of Des Moines, for a railway rail joint. Each of the abutting ends of the rails is cut off diagonally from the base to the center of the head and a splice plate has an integral head fitted to the inclined faces of the ends to produce continuity of track and to serve as a solid support for the treatment of wheels and the weight of a locomotive and cars as they pass over the joint.

GOV. BOIES SPEAKS.

Proposes a New Plan for Financial Reform.

FAIRFIELD, Feb. 10.—In an address on the financial question ex-Governor Boies submitted a new plan for currency reform. He took strong ground against the power to issue notes being given to banks. He issued a sound, elastic, convenient national currency can be maintained. He would not retire a dollar of the present national currency, and would change it in the same manner. His method of redemption would break the endless chain, that constant menace to the treasury gold reserve and the stability of the government finances, and would eliminate the flat element from all money. Here is the plan, expressed in brief form:

1. Maintain in the treasury for the redemption of outstanding United States and treasury notes, bullion to the market value of 20 per cent of the aggregate face value of these notes, one-half to be in gold; one-half in silver. Make the notes redeemable after ten years' grace, in gold or silver, at the government's option, bullion at its market value. On the day of redemption, purchase, in open market, bullion to the value of 20 per cent of the redemption of the notes deposited.

2. When gold or silver bullion is presented at the treasury, issue to the depositor a certificate, expressed in dollars, for the amount of the bullion so deposited. Make these certificates, not the bullion they represent, full legal tender and provide for the reissue on demand.

3. Preserve the present silver coinage and silver certificates and increase their volume as occasion requires. Give them the full field for minor transactions by retiring all other coins and bills of less denomination than \$10.

It is claimed in behalf of the system outlined that the reserve provided is as large as that required of any solvent bank, and that this nation is as sound as any bank. Bullion received at the treasury would furnish a constant means of increasing the currency four-fold without impairing the gold reserve. The country, with its treasury filled with bullion, would be able to preserve peace because it would always be prepared for war. The treasury would not be drained of gold because silver might be offered instead, and, further, because gold would at no time be worth more than gold in the market. Mining would be stimulated by furnishing a standard market for bullion.

MONEY FOR WAR.

Queen Asks for Gold for Soldiers, Swords and Shields. LONDON, Feb. 9.—The fourth session of the fourteenth parliament under Queen Victoria and of the twenty-sixth of the United Kingdom opened with the customary ceremonies. One of the most significant paragraphs of the queen's speech was the opening one, addressed to the house of commons. It says: "The estimates which will be laid before you have been framed with the utmost desire for economy; but in view of the enormous armaments now maintained by other nations, the duty of providing for the defense of our empire involves an expenditure beyond former precedent." Among matters of legislation to be proposed, the speech says, will be measures introduced for the "organization of a system of local government in Ireland, substantially similar to that of Great Britain."

Train Wrecker Worded Confesses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Salter D. Worden, convicted of wrecking a mail train bearing a guard of United States soldiers near Sacramento, Cal., during the great strike of 1894, and in whose behalf the supreme court of the United States declined to take favorable action in his plea for a new trial, has confessed his crime to Governor Budd, with a view to receiving a commutation of the death sentence from the executive of the state.

Offers To Raise a State Capital.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9.—H. Sheeler, of Chicago has made a proposition to lift the massive capital of Ohio and place another story under the structure. Mr. Sheeler says he will accomplish this remarkable feat for \$300,000, and Senator Miller, of Licking county, has promised to introduce a bill to provide the funds for the undertaking.

Fearful Results of Earthquakes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 9.—Earthquake shocks continue to be felt at Balakisir, Asia Minor, and its vicinity. About 4,000 people have been rendered homeless, some 3,600 houses, thirty mosques and fifteen khans have been more or less damaged or destroyed and 120 persons have been killed or injured.

BREVITIES.

It is announced that the Japanese government is seriously considering the retention of Wei Hai Wei for an indefinite period, even after China pays the war indemnity.

An Athens dispatch says the Turks, after severe fighting, have occupied and burned four villages in the Agraha district, in the north of Acanania, about midway between Arta and Domoko. Eight thousand Turkish troops were engaged in the conflict. It is reported that in the neighborhood of Palaekastron the Turks were repulsed. A panic prevails among the inhabitants of the neutral zone. The Greek outposts have been strengthened and the situation is ominous. It is probable the Cretan question will be dropped until the evacuation of Thessaly has been secured.

The federal council of Germany has overridden the decree excluding the importation of American fruit, issued by Dr. Miquel, the Prussian minister of finance. The action is due in a large measure to the vigorous protest of Ambassador White in behalf of the United States. It has been decided that importation will be forbidden only where fruit is affected by the aspidiotus perniciosus, or San Jose plant bug, which is said to have done enormous damage in the United States. It is believed, however, that the future interpretation of the order will largely correspond with Dr. Miquel's decree.

New York dispatch: A declaration of war from Spain would scarcely have surprised Washington more than the news that the Havana steamship Ciudad de Cadiz is to be transformed at Barcelona into a cruiser, to escort the Spanish torpedo flotilla to Cuban waters. The Madrid government, it seems, intends to utilize the merchant marine in preparing for war. In congressional circles the drafting of the Ciudad de Cadiz is regarded as an indication that matters are progressing toward an open rupture between the United States and Spain. A great majority of the senators and representatives prefer to believe as they hope; they want a speedy settlement of the Spanish-Cuban question and care little how it is accomplished.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—Among bills introduced were two by Lathrop and Hobart amending the code in relation to the conveyance of real estate; one by Pusey, appropriating \$47,400 for Iowa's representation at the Trans-Mississippi exposition; and one by Alexander to indemnify railroads from penalties which may ensue between January 1, 1908, and February 1, 1898, as a result of not putting on patent coupons. Gorrell's bill to tax mortgages was recommended for indefinite postponement. Temple amendment was reported favorably and made a special order for next Wednesday, at 10:30 a. m. Bill appropriating \$6,000 to thirty county fair associations which had been deprived of their \$300 because of a ruling of the attorney general, passed.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 5.—Four bills passed, only one being important. It was the house bill providing for the reduced rates on printing an binding table effect as once and passed off to Blanchard introduced a bill providing for the purchase and removal of the Bonaparte dam. Palmer introduced a bill to provide monuments in memory of Iowa troops at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

HOUSE.

The house, after a warm debate, adopted Farley's resolution requiring Iowa's representatives in congress to use all honorable means to prevent the passage of the pooling and anti-scalping bills. Senate bill as to the thirty county fair associations of the Iowa Agricultural Society to that society definitely passed. The bill granting aid to district agricultural societies passed. Jinkson introduced two bills authorizing the deduction of debts from property liable for taxation.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 7.—Lewis of Powsellick introduced a bill to grant additional compensation to state printer for certain work. Smart presented a bill making it mandatory for mayors to enforce quarantine in cases of infectious and contagious diseases. No business of importance was accomplished.

HOUSE.

Stewart of Polk stated that his vote on the anti-pooling resolution on Saturday had been wrongly recorded in the journal. He had voted no and he was recorded as voting yes. The change which was made tied the vote, and so defeated the resolution. A resolution was introduced by Hinkson of Guthrie requiring the Iowa Trans-Mississippi exposition committee to make a detailed report of the expenditures so far by the committee. A bill listing turtle doves among the game birds was defeated.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 8.—The judiciary committee's substitute for Ranken's bill to permit the use of shorthand notes in evidence passed the senate. The feature of the senate proceedings, however, was the introduction by Cheslow of two bills providing for additional penalties upon the keepers of bawdy and gambling houses. The sum fixed is \$1,000 in each case. Titus' bill providing for biennial elections was recommended to the committee for amendment. House bill allowing boards of supervisors to increase the salary of the treasurers in counties over 30,000 above the present limit, \$1,500, passed.

HOUSE.

Penick introduced a bill requiring express companies to deposit \$3,000 with treasurers of each county as a security for the issuing of money orders. Stallcop introduced another anti-pooling bill resolution. Santee offered a bill bringing private banks under state supervision. Bills passed as follows: To empower boards of supervisors in cities of three thousand to fix additional compensation for treasurers; to exempt associations formed for the manufacture of beet sugar from the 25 tax; postponing qualification for a statement from the Trans-Mississippi commission was passed.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—The Temple amendment passed the senate this morning by a vote of 39 to 4. An effort made to have the bill postponed a day had but four supporters. The bill as passed is the original Temple amendment which the senate opposed so strongly last year. The amendment to curtail the "widow" of the list of beneficiaries of relief insurance was voted down by a large majority.

HOUSE.

Bill authorizing the warden of Anamosa penitentiary to sell refuse stone from the prison quarries passed. Bill by Prentiss, to place a homeopathic physician in charge of the hospital at Cherokee was debated at length. A vote on the substitution of the minority report of the committee for the majority report, which had been passed, resulted in its defeat by a vote of 45 to 42. The bill was not disposed of when adjournment was taken.

SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 10.—Bill in reference to the appointment of police matrons in cities passed. Lots of business was transacted, but none of real importance.

HOUSE.

By a vote of 78 to 16 the house adopted the Stallcop resolution requesting the state's delegates in congress to oppose the anti-pooling bill. An effort was made to have the anti-scalping bill included in the resolution, but failed. After its passage another resolution was introduced by Kelley, of Audubon, requesting the same action upon the anti-scalping bill. Prentiss' action for a homeopathic superintendent at the Cherokee hospital was defeated. A bill was introduced by Farley in relation to passenger fares on railroads. It provides for a rate of two and one-fourth cents on class A roads, two and one-half on class B, and two and three-quarters on class C roads. It also provides for a flat rate of two cents on mileage purchased in amounts of one thousand miles or more. The Smith bill for reduction of the force of the house employes was defeated. Hinkson's bill for the establishment of four normal schools in four parts of the state was reported upon favorably by committee. It proposes that two schools be established this year and two in 1900. The localities to be decided upon later.

KANSAS AFTER RAILROADS.

Legislature to Pass a Bill Conferring Judicial Powers Upon Commissioners. TOPEKA, Kansas, Feb. 8.—Leading populists declare that a special session of the legislature to pass a railroad bill conferring judicial powers on the state board of railroad commissioners will be called by Governor Leedy March 1. It is learned that Leedy already has pledged from twenty-seven of the forty state senators, and assurances from fifty-six of the 125 members of the house that they will vote for his bill. The governor says he will know within ten days just how many votes he can rely upon. The railroad representatives will make no effort to prevent the enactment of such a law, relying upon the federal courts to overturn it as unconstitutional. A measure providing for state insurance will also be one of the bills considered.

Two Hundred Burned.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—Dispatches from Manila, in the Philippine Islands, say that two hundred buildings, some important, have been burned.

Eruptions On the Face

"I was troubled with eruptions on my face. I thought I would give Hood's Sarsaparilla a trial, and after taking a few bottles I was cured. I am now also free from rheumatism to which I have been subject for some time." C. E. BARNY, 728 Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

Realizing on His Investment. "Well, Uncle Reuben, your daughter Keturah has finished her education at West Point, hasn't she?" "Yes, I reckon so. She says like and nuther. Cost me \$1,300, but I guess it's all right."

A PERFECT HOME SECURED AT LITTLE COST.



John and Theodore Strivski, former residents of Michigan, but now living in Alameda, Western Canada, before taking up their home there visited the country as delegates. They reported to the Government of the Dominion of Canada the result of their observations, and from this report extracts have been taken which are published below: "We have visited a number of most desirable locations, and are highly pleased with the country as a whole. It being beyond our highest expectations. We find here a prosperous and well-contented lot of people. They have comfortable homes, and their vast fields of wheat and other crops in addition to their herds of choice cattle, indicate prosperity in the full sense of the word. In conversation with the farmers throughout our trip we learned that the majority of them came here with very limited means, and some with no more than enough to bring them here, and they are now well-to-do. They all claim that this is the only country for a poor man, or one with little means, to get a start and make a home for himself and family. As you are aware, we were a little shaky and undecided before leaving Detroit, but have determined since that we, with our friends, will make this country our future home. It is far from being the wilderness we had pictured it to be; it is, instead, a land having all the facilities required by modern civilization, such as railroads, markets, stores, churches, schools, etc. In fact, an ideal home for those having the future welfare of themselves and families at heart."

The Messrs. Strivski selected the Alameda district, but what they say of it applies in a general way to most other districts in that vast country. They speak of the fuel, which is to be had in great quantities, of the water that can be had by digging from 10 to 20 feet, and of the good grazing land to be had almost everywhere. There is plenty of wood for building timber and for fuel, while coal is convenient, and sells at low prices at the mines. In driving through the country they passed many fine patches of wild raspberries, and saw the great height of their favor, as they could not resist the temptation to stop and eat. Having already transgressed on your valuable space, I shall defer further reference to Western Canada for another issue of the Illustrated pamphlet recently issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, giving a complete description of the country, which will be forwarded free to all who write for it. Yours, WESTERN CANADA.

Almond-meal helps to whiten the neck and hands

A Miss-Understanding. American Tourist... The John A. Salzer Seed Company... Careful measurements prove that the average curvature of the earth in 6.99 inches to the statute mile.

The Lady Was Seized. Traveling on a railway that zigzagged up steep hillsides and wriggled about among precipices, an old lady asked the conductor if there was any "Plenty of four, madam," he said, "but no danger."

AN AFFLICTED MOTHER. From the Times, New York, Ill. A resident of this town who has lost two children during the past six years, by violent deaths has been utterly prostrated by the shock, and seriously sick as a result of it.

ITALIAN LOVE STORY. HOW A YOUNG MAN OF NOBLE BIRTH LOST HIS HEART. Deseret, Aloha in New York—She Saw His Name in a Paper, Wrote to Him, and Now They Are Going to Be Married.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. SENATE. Washington, Feb. 4.—Lindsay, of Kentucky, replying to the resolution adopted by the Kentucky legislature asking him to support the Chicago platform or resign, said his views were those of a majority of his state, and they were well known when he was elected to the senate.

One Entree. An Old Mother Hubbard, beneath the watchful eye of Old Dog Tray, swung wide the cupboard door and revealed only an emptiness of bare boards, her heart failed her.

A LETTER TO WOMEN. A few words from Mrs. Smith, of Philadelphia, will certainly corroborate the claim that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is woman's ever reliable friend.



Beauty is Strong Deep. Clean blood makes a clean skin. No beauty without Cascarets Candy Cathartic... Clean blood makes a clean skin. No beauty without Cascarets Candy Cathartic.

OR, WHAT SPLENDID COFFEE. Mr. Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry costing 15c I grew 300 lbs. of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents a lb."

IS IT WORTH WHILE? Is it worth while that we jostle a brother? Bearing his load on the rough road of life? Is it worth while that we jeer at each other?

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS. We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

Chicago Board of Trade. Chicago, Feb. 9.—The following table shows the range of quotations on the board of trade:

ONE ENJOYS. Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation.

FOR 14 CENTS. Worth \$1.00, for 14 cents. This is the only medicine that will cure you of all the ailments of the stomach, bowels, liver, and kidneys.

THE MAN WHO LIVED. He should have been dead.

But he wasn't, because... "There's nothing succeeds like success." There is no man who should be dead, who is not dead, but who would be dead, but for the preserving medicine.

Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. GUARANTEED TO CURE every kind of Cough, Cold, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Influenza, Catarrh, and all lung and throat troubles. All drugs with the stomach. Safe for all ages.

"THE POT CALLED THE KETTLE BLACK." BECAUSE THE HOUSEWIFE DIDN'T USE SAPOLIO

FARMS. In the South, Cheap, Easy Terms. 230 Bushels WHEAT at 40c a bushel.

HALL'S Sicilian HAIR RENEWER. It can't make a single new root. But if the root is there, it will give you a thrifty, glossy growth.

CURE YOURSELF! Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Influenza, Catarrh, and all lung and throat troubles.

RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, LA GRIPPE CURED BY "5 DROPS"

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago. Dear Sirs:—I thought I would write a statement of my case. I was taken in August with Scleretic Rheumatism, and was treated by one of the best physicians of my country, but it did not help me any.

Change Prescribed. A strong, healthy-looking man like you dying? Tramp—Dat's wot I said. Me efforts to live widout workin' is killin' me, an' me doctor says I need a little change, see?

Country Hostess—Have you nice neighbors where you live now? City Guest—Oh, we have no neighbors, none now at all.

DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALMSAM THE BEST COUGH CURE

Best Route to Klondike. Only Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to WYOMING, MONTANA, and VICTORIA. Leave CHICAGO Thursdays.

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Change Prescribed. A strong, healthy-looking man like you dying? Tramp—Dat's wot I said. Me efforts to live widout workin' is killin' me, an' me doctor says I need a little change, see?

Country Hostess—Have you nice neighbors where you live now? City Guest—Oh, we have no neighbors, none now at all.

DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALMSAM THE BEST COUGH CURE

Best Route to Klondike. Only Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to WYOMING, MONTANA, and VICTORIA. Leave CHICAGO Thursdays.

OTTUMWA NEWS.

Mrs. Kate Clark, from Tipton, was in our city, visiting with Mrs. Charles Taylor for the past week. She was entertained by Mrs. Alexander, returning home Monday evening.

MUCHAKINOCK NOTES.

Sam Mease has returned from an extended visit to Colfax, Des Moines, and Marquetteville and has commenced to work at Colton.

CHARITON NOTES.

Mrs. Tiny Martin's baby is very ill with lung fever.

NEWTON NOTES.

Ambrose Cunningham of Des Moines is visiting his brother Olay.

Announcement Cards.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Solicitor, subject to the republican city primaries.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

We are authorized to announce that J. H. Rambo will be a candidate for Market Master, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Treasurer, subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Police Judge subject to the decision of the republican primaries.

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Please announce my name as a candidate for City Treasurer subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman at Large for the East Side subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for renomination Alderman at large from the West side, subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for re-nomination for City Treasurer subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for renomination for City Engineer subject to the decision of the city convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for re-nomination for City Auditor subject to the republican convention.

I am a candidate for the office of City Engineer subject to the decision of the republican primaries.

During my last term in the office I reduced the expenses fifty per cent below what they were the preceding term and if elected I pledge myself to reduce thirty per cent below what they have been during the present term.

I am a candidate for the nomination of alderman at large, subject to the decision of the republican primaries.

I am a candidate for alderman at large for Des Moines township subject to the decision of the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of First Ward, subject to the republican primaries.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the 4th Ward, subject to the republican convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of the 3d Ward, subject to the primaries.

Please announce my name as a candidate for Alderman of 3rd Ward, subject to the decision of the republican city convention.

Please announce my name as a candidate for City Engineer, subject to the decision of the city convention.

Announce my name as a candidate for alderman of the third ward subject to the republican primaries.

Please announce my name as a candidate for police judge subject to the decision of the republican convention.

FOR CONTY RECORDER.

Mr. F. A. Tomlinson of Webster township announces himself as a Republican candidate for county recorder to succeed Mrs. Hepburn.

Mr. Tomlinson is a staunch Republican and is making a canvass upon his merits to fill the position to which he aspires acceptably to the people of the county.

Mr. Tomlinson has never been a candidate before and has every qualification to make an exemplary officer.

While the most of his life has been spent upon the farm he is a thorough business man and fully capable of taking up the work in any of our county offices.

His farm in Webster township is under the direct charge of his son who is successfully looking after his own and his father's interests at home.

Mr. Tomlinson desires to be known as a country candidate and having been so long in the county and his every interest being in the country his candidacy will appeal to the Republicans from the country precincts from whom he expects support.

SAYS HE REDUCED EXPENSES.

Des Moines, Feb. 8.—Ed. Bystander: In announcing myself as a candidate for city engineer I pledge myself, if elected, to reduce the expenses of the office 30 per cent from what they have been during the present term, and to show that I am not making a rash pledge, I give below the footings of the engineer's monthly pay rolls from the commencement of my term to the present time, as I have copied them from the original documents on file with the city clerk:

Table with 2 columns: Month/Year and Amount. Rows include March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, 1894 and 1895-April, 1894 and 1895-May, 1894 and 1895-June, 1894 and 1895-July, 1894 and 1895-August, 1894 and 1895-September, 1894 and 1895-October, 1894 and 1895-November, 1894 and 1895-December, 1894 and 1895-January, 1894 and 1895-February.

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The above figures show a difference in my favor of 1,806.77, but this is not quite half the true difference in my favor for this reason: The special assessment clerk and the driver were both on my pay rolls during my entire term, and their salaries were charged up to the engineering fund.

It will be remembered that Mr. Pelton was the man who first put Tracy Blackburn on the engineer force when he was city engineer.

Mrs. Alexander was out delivering her books also Annie Spencer.

The Misses Carrie Spicer, Hattie Williams and Minnie Fowler are the guest of Mrs. Burse and Mrs. Washington all returned home the 6th reporting a nice time.

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OSKALOOSA NEWS. Presiding Elder Bundy was snow bound in Oskaloosa, several days enroute to Ottumwa and held quarterly meeting in our city there was a fair attendance.

Mrs. S. M. Cratic who has been ailing with symptoms of paralysis, is reported as improving.

Mrs. A. G. Clark is home from Muscatine and Washington She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Mable Appleton, the young lady will remain here for an indefinite time.

They say that there is a marriage approaching very near. A popular young man of this city, and a young lady, who lives in another county seat of the congressional district.

John Lewis is home from a hurried trip to Des Moines. He went around by Newton, on his return trip.

F. A. Brown has gone to good-land Kansas to work for Bebe Coffin. It is said that he is the only colored man on, in the city.

Editor John L. Thompson and J. H. Shepard manager of the Bystander, Des Moines, was in the city over Sunday, to visit their mother, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, who continues quite ill.

Mrs. L. Topson of Des Moines, who was in the city last week called by the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murry, has returned to Des Moines.

T. L. Barnett, was in Sigourney last Saturday.

The Oskaloosa hospital made up of our sick folks, mention in the Oskaloosa items before is discharging its patients with much regularity now, and soon will be in good health.

CECIL RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN. The Light House Society meets Friday night with Mrs. Wade 1016 10th. Ave. They will observe Lincoln's birth-day.

Quirly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. Rev. Bundy P. E. was present and preached two soul stirring sermons, quite a number taken communion and the is still prospering.

The Sunday school board of the A. M. E. church met last Thursday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Supt. E. C. Thomas, Asst. Supt; Mrs. G. H. Wade, Sect.; Luther Lowry, Asst. Sec. Lula Watkins; Treas. Mrs. Holly; Librarian, Clyde Washington; Asst. Lib., Calvin Johnson; Organist, Mrs. Perkins, Teachers, Rev. Rhinehart, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Roberts Mrs. Holly.

Mrs. H. J. Martin is on the sick list. Geo. Martin is in Moline.

The Industrial Worker, of the A. M. E. church will give a grand concert at Valentine eve at the church under the direction of the teacher Mrs. Wade. Admission ten cents every body welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown entertained Rev. Bundy at tea Monday evening.

Mrs. Gable entertained Rev. and wife Mrs. Rhinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Wade and mother Mrs. W. J. Adkerson Tuesday eve at tea.

Moseley & Hughes Tailors, Cleaning, Drying and repairing a Specialty. SUITS \$14.00 and upwards. PANTS \$3.00 and upward. 509 Mulberry Street.

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

MOERSHELL, DUFFY & FOTHERINGHAM 621 Walnut Street. Good News for Everybody! Our 20 per Cent Off Discount Sale. On account of cold weather of last week a great many people had to stay at home. Therefore the 20 per cent off sale will last all this week so as to give every one a chance to buy dry goods and save 20 cents on every dollar's worth purchased.

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