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CITY NEWS.

Mr. M. Jones spent a few days of last week in Buxton.

Rev. O. A. Johnson was in Oskaloosa this week.

Miss Louise Clay will entertain some of her young lady friends to-night.

Mrs. L. Courtney left Friday night for Texas to visit her husband.

Mrs. Claude Harris of 773 9th street who has been sick for some time does not improve very much.

J. L. Thompson had legal business in Chariton this week at the Lucas Co. District Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Phelps after a few weeks visit in Keokuk and Peoria, Ill., have returned home.

Miss Mable Mitchell Wednesday morning over the Rock Island for Denver, Colo. Miss Mable was a lovely young girl and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

The Appomatox Whist Club was entertained at the home of Mr. Lee B. Hagburn at 379 School street Wednesday the 9th Messrs Arthur Jones and Lee Hagburn being hosts of the evening.

The **BYSTANDER** holiday number will appear next week look for it.

Rev. T. L. Griffith was called to Buxton to preach Mr. Carey's funeral.

Levi Riley one of our policemen went to Clinton this evening to attend the funeral of Captain Milligan Saturday.

Rev. N. E. Stewart a Baptist minister from Indian Territory was in our city this week, he at one time lived in Clinton, Ia. He says that the South-west will soon become a great place for the colored man.

The sad news of the death of an old Des Moines man, **Captain C. Milligan** reached our office this morning. He died in California, his home was in Chicago and the body will be brought to Clinton his old home for interment.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.
On December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 the Minneapolis & St. Louis, R. E. will sell reduced rate excursion tickets at one and one-third fare. Final limit for return leaving destination January 4th. For particulars and folders call on agents.

The reception in honor of **Rev. E. G. Clark** pastor of Paritan Congregational church, Charleston, S. C. and which the ladies of Paritan Congregational church had planned to hold at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coalson December 15, 1903, has been postponed until a later date.

FOR RENT—Several good rooms furnished for gentlemen only, down town; bath, etc. For further particulars inquire at **BYSTANDER** office, room 405 Mainquard block.

The North Star Lodge No. 3 will celebrate St. John's Day by giving a Mason's Love-feast to its members and their wives at their hall on 10th and Center streets on Tuesday evening December 29th. A short programme in connection with an address by Grand Master Brown who will be present on this occasion. All members and their wives are requested to come with filled baskets and enjoy yourself, by order of H. Gould W. M.

Mrs. Geo. I. Holt was hostess of the H. B. S. R. C. Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3. The entire membership was present except Mrs. Palmer who was ill. The programme was rendered with credit to the members who taken part and a general discussion which was enjoyed. At five o'clock a four course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. L. R. Palmer will be the next hostess Thursday Dec. 17.

ALBIA NEWS.
Mrs. C. Thomas and Mrs. M. F. Ward returned this week from a pleasant visit in Muscatine.

Mrs. Nora Grayson of Hiteama was in town this week.

Mr. John Mines returned from a visit with his daughter in Cleveland this week. Miss Allie Keager started in the Albia high school in the ninth grade this week. Little Letta Johnson of Hooking spent a week with Mrs. Spoddy in Albia. Quite a few strangers are in town.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.
(Last Week.)
Mrs. I. Thomas and S. Ward were the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. Thomas during Thanksgiving. They returned home Sunday.

There has been quite a number of Buxton people in our town the past week.

Mrs. Susana Jones returned home last Thursday from the East, where she spent the summer.

Mrs. Sadie Hopkins is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. Jones.

Mrs. E. Thomas entertained in honor of Mrs. Ward and Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lervey and Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams Thanksgiving evening.

Mr. M. Johnson, Will Screen and M. Henderson were visitors in our town last week.

The wedding bells will soon ring again.

but say mister please make them as cheap as you can, for money is getting scarce with me, is what one of our young men told the clerk a few weeks ago.

Last Saturday evening a number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Larson to a surprise party, which his wife had so nicely arranged for him. They all departed at a late hour, wishing that Mr. Larson's birthday would happen twice instead of once a year.

Last Monday a young man, stranger, visited our town, and while assisting Mrs. Windsor to put up a stove in the restaurant his hungry eyes rested upon a chicken which was more than his fingers could resist. He pecked the chicken up and disappeared, but did not get far before a number of our heroes had captured the young fellow and had him safely lodged in jail that night.

There is no need to come to our town and play bad for our boys' own good for it.

Mr. J. H. Lewis was an Oskaloosa visitor Thursday.

Mr. Roma Jones is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Meace is the guest of her daughter Mrs. M. Burkett.

Miss Kitty Jones was the guest of Mrs. E. Thomas Thursday.

Mrs. Rosa Carter and **Kitty Jones** were Oskaloosa visitors this week.

CLINTON ITEMS.
Rev. Jas. Robinson of Lyons preached at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday morning. In a sacred concert was given by the choir. The following program being rendered:
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name—Congregation.
Scripture and prayer, by pastor.
Solo—Henry Henderson.
Antem, Rock of Ages—Choir.
Solo—Grant Dozier.
Song, Never Alone—Congregation.
Anthem, Beacon Light—Choir.
Solo, Selected—Mrs. Mary Williams.
Quartet, Lord of the World Above—Messrs. Bush, Dozier, Henderson, and Speese.
Solo, Holy City—Rev. W. H. Speese.
Offering Stepping in the Light—Congregation.
Rev. P. P. Taylor, is a new subscriber to the BYSTANDER. The BYSTANDER is getting quite a large list in Clinton.

The funeral service of the late David Green was held at the church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Speese officiating.

Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor is reported as being quite ill.

Friends in this city regret to hear of the severe illness of Mrs. McGaw of Davenport.

Wm. Emerson is reported on the sick list.

Mr. Nick Smith and wife are now nicely situated in their home on Fifth Ave.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar literary society met last week and spent an enjoyable evening.

A mistake was made in the name of the members of the concert committee last week, it appearing as Miss Ruth Chinn, when it should have been Miss Bush, chairman.

CLINTON ITEMS.
The holidays are near at hand and everybody is wondering what Old Santa will bring them.

Mrs. Nina Williams returned home last week after visiting two weeks with her grand parents at Canton, S. D.

Mrs. Alberta Murray has been ill the past week.

Mr. J. H. Baker had the misfortune of having several articles stolen out of his home by one of his roomers, Mr. E. M. Watkins.

Died at the St. Joseph hospital Dec. 3, at 6 a. m., Mrs. Martha Wanser of dropsy. She was a member of the A. M. E. church. While she has been a long sufferer, yet she was patient during the ordeal of sickness. She leaves one son, Walter, in mourn her departure. The funeral service was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; Rev. E. G. Jackson officiating. Interment in Floyd cemetery. He has our sympathy.

THE DOCTOR'S MISTAKE.
The board of health returned a death certificate to a careless physician for correction, with a politely worded note to the effect that while the board did not question the correctness of his diagnosis it was thought he might like to revise his version of the cause of death before the certificate was published. The doctor had written his name in the space reserved for the disease from which the patient died!

Bones of Kings.
Cardinal Ferrari, who attended the German Catholic Congress, took back with him to Milan as a present the bones of the three kings, Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar, which were the most famous relics in the Cologne cathedral. The legend is that the relics were taken away from a Milan church by Frederick Barbarossa's men, and the gift is intended as a restitution.

Drummers Are Exempt.
Commercial Agents who travel in the British Isles are exempt from all taxes and special trade licenses or concessions, except in case of those commodities for the sale of which special public license is requisite. In the latter case foreign agents are subject to the regular trade regulations governing the sale of excise commodities.

New South Wales Business.
All business, or nearly all, in New South Wales is conducted through "trade industrial unions." Up to March, 1903, 108 unions of employees and eighty-two unions of employers had been registered in the arbitration court. When a union has been duly registered it becomes amenable to the arbitration law.

Problem Puzzled Youngster.
Here is a dialogue which took place between Prof. Van Dyke of Philadelphia and his little daughter: "Papa, where were you born?" "In Boston, my dear." "Where was mamma born?" "In San Francisco." "And where was I born?" "In Philadelphia." "Well, papa, isn't it funny how we three people got together?"

A Serious Condition.
Ethel had heard her Sunday school teacher speak of backsliders, and one rainy Sunday morning when her mother thought it best for her not to attend Sunday school, she said: "I've just got to go, mamma, 'cause teacher says if we don't come every Sunday our backs will slide!"

Decline of a Great University.
The University of Valladolid, Spain, was once famous and was founded by Ferdinand the Saint in the 12th century. It attained its greatest importance in the 16th century, when there were 6,000 to 7,000 students upon its rolls. Nowadays they number about 1,000.

An Impassable Barrier.
When an Arabian woman does not wish her husband to enter her apartments she puts her slippers outside the door. This is such an ancient and inviolable law, albeit an unwritten one, that he would be a bold man who would transgress it.

Long Day.
Prof. Schuman of Cornell is reported to recommend eleven hours for study, two for meals, three for athletics, one for recreation and the remaining eight for sleep. The trouble about this program is that it calls for a twenty-five-hour day.

High Prices for Pigeons.
At a sale of pigeons in Manchester, Eng., attended by buyers from all over the kingdom, one bird realized £60 and two others £50 each, while the net result of the sale of seventy-one birds was £886 12s. 6d.

Age of the World.
In an article on "The Age of the World," Sir Edward Fry, the famous English geologist, declares that 450,000,000 years must have elapsed since the existence of life on the globe.

Monument to Pigeons.
A committee has now been formed in Paris to erect a public monument to the memory of the carrier pigeons that rendered such signal services during the siege of Paris.

Cats' Well.
In the south of Ireland, near Inchtelgelah, is the "Cats' Well," the waters of which are supposed to exert marvelous remedial effects upon ailing tabbies.

When the Flood Began.
Compilers of ancient calendars declare that No. 5 was the day on which it began to rain when Noah's flood resulted from the steady downpour.

REV. G. V. CLARK.



The above cut is a true likeness of **Rev. G. V. Clark**, the new Congregational minister of Charleston, S. C. who arrived in our city yesterday to organize a Congregational church which will be the first colored Congregational church in Iowa. Rev. G. V. Clark comes very highly recommended. He was born in Oxford, Ga., 1851, receiving a common school education. He entered the Atlanta University from which he graduated, later going to Howard University where he took the Theological course, graduating with honor. He taught school in the college at Athens, Ga., and also preached, he was soon called to the Second Congregational church in Memphis, the first being a white congregational church, later he was elected as field missionary in the South where he worked for nearly fourteen months, then he was called to the First Plymouth Congregational church in Charleston, S. C. He is a man of broad experience, having traveled and lectured in many states. He will preach Sunday morning and evening and several nights next week. All are invited.

We received the sad news of the death of **Mr. W. W. Carey** of Buxton, who met with an accident in the mines last Saturday from which he never recovered, he died Wednesday. Funeral was Friday conducted by Rev. T. L. Griffith of this city.

Mrs. Eliza Signor is suffering from burns she received from the explosion of a gasoline stove last Sunday evening, but as she is under the care of Dr. Edwards will not be long ere she is well again.

Mr. E. L. Mayfield of Neabright, Tenn., who lectured last Friday night at the Y. M. C. Auditorium under the auspices of the Parks lecture bureau was not well attended; the lecturer delivered a tolerably well written article.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyed White was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Williams Sunday. Mr. White is an old friend of Messrs Geo. Wilson and William; while out in California.

When in Chariton, Ia., stop with **Mrs. M. A. Shelton** for good rooms and meals, two and half blocks south of the depot, across from the foundry.

The members of the Congregation church will hold services at the Odd Fellows' Hall corner of 6th and Walnut streets, Sunday morning and evening, Sunday School from 12:00 to 1:00. All are cordially invited.

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In writing to a friend in this city, Mr. L. E. Walker of Colfax who is now in Boston Mass attending the medical department of Harvard says "He attended the annual foot ball game between that university and Yale which was one of the best games he ever saw and Mr. Arthur Payne formerly a member of the Orpheus Jubilee Singers but now a student of the Boston Musical Conservatory are rooming to gather.

Attend services on Sunday at the First African Baptist, Rev. N. E. Stewart will conduct the services of the day. Come to hear him. In the morning at 11:00 A. M. Subject, Consecrating Christ before Men; text Matthew 10:23. In the evening 7:30 P. M. subject, The Opportunity of the Indifferent church; text, Rev. 3:28 and Matt 22:10. Sunday School at 3:00 P. M. F. L. Lomack, Pastor.

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MARSHALLTOWN NEWS.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cobb entertained Rev. Green and wife at dinner Sunday. Mr. William Pierce returned from Des Moines Saturday where he has been attending to some business.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Niskerson are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mother and daughter doing nicely.

Rev. Green is making preparation for a big dinner and social at the First Colored Baptist church Xmas night.

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FORT MADISON NOTES.
Mrs. Mary Woods is seriously ill at her home on Fifth street.

The A. M. E. choir rendered a beautiful song service Sunday evening.

Mrs. Early of Burlington visited in the city Sunday.

The Baptist church was given a purse of ten dollars for singing at the prison.

Udip has been very active of late. We understand that there will be two wedding suppers.

The A. M. E. and Baptist Sunday Schools are preparing excellent programs for Xmas.

Mr. W. M. Brown of Burlington visited at the home of Mr. Geo. Yeiser last week.

THE NEW IDEA IN JOURNALISM.
A new and pleasing innovation in great metropolitan Sunday newspapers has been introduced by the Chicago Record-Herald in giving away with its Sunday edition The Chicago Record-Herald Sunday Magazine. In The Sunday Record-Herald Magazine readers of The Sunday Record-Herald will recognize the advent of a new epoch in journalism. On December 6th The Sunday Record-Herald began furnishing its readers without extra cost a magazine that surpasses the illustrated weeklies in the beautiful execution of its color pages and equals them in every other particular. The magazine having a minimum size of sixteen pages will be printed on heavy enameled paper. At the present time eight pages will be in colors, four of which will be suitable for framing.

The beautiful highly illustrated pages in colors must be seen to be appreciated. Any newsdealer handling Chicago Sunday papers will be glad to show you a sample of the magazine and the advance pages for next Sunday if you will give him an opportunity to do so.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS.
Mrs. G. Luck is reported much improved.

Mr. J. L. Jones, the chef at the Marchant's restaurant, is home for a short

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SUICIDE OF A COLFAX BANKER

Geo. D. Wood Shot Himself Almost in the Presence of Two Friends.

HIS MOTIVE IS A HIDDEN ONE

He Was Interested in Seven Solvent Financial Institutions in Iowa—Had Worried About His Health, But Carefully Planned Suicide.

Colfax, Dec. 5.—Calling his two most intimate friends to his home and explaining that he felt his mind weakening under the burden of business cares, George D. Wood, cashier of the Bank of Colfax and interested in four other like institutions, yesterday morning drew a revolver and shot himself in the middle of the forehead. He expired immediately.

While no one had ever suspected any such contemplation frequent events now point to the fact that the tragic end came only after the most deliberate consideration. Thursday he sent for his closest friends, R. A. Penquite, with whom he has been interested in the hardware business, and John Maine, who was his partner in the stock business, to come to his home. Mr. Maine was in Chicago and the appointment could not be kept. Again yesterday morning he sent for them and they went together to his home. Thursday he asked his son where his revolver was. When asked what he wished of it he responded he only wanted to have it so he knew where it was.

Calmly sitting in an easy chair Mr. Wood explained to his friends that he has been ill for some weeks. He regretted that he felt so, but said he would no longer bear the burden he had in the past. When he walked he said the base of his brain hurt him. For three-quarters of an hour they talked and the two friends tried to cheer him. He joked with them, but said he felt he was all gone. Mr. Maine made a move to retire when Mr. Wood asked him to wait a minute as he wished to go to the bathroom. As he went through the adjoining room he picked up a revolver and slung the bathroom door he pressed the cold steel barrel against his forehead and fired. The report attracted the friends and they rushed to the room. Throwing open the door they beheld the financier lying on his back with an ugly wound in his head and blood gushing forth. Mrs. Wood, who with her daughter went upstairs, rushed below, but not before the friends had time to close the door and keep her from viewing the awful scene.

The domestic relations of Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been most pleasant. It is believed the purposely called his friends to his side to witness his last act and give out to the world there was no foul play.

Des Moines, Dec. 7.—The State Savings Bank of Baxter closed its doors temporarily yesterday, upon receipt of the news of the suicide of George D. Wood, cashier of the bank of Colfax. George Wood, with his uncle Alex. Wood, was a large stockholder in the Baxter bank. The Baxter bank also had a deposit, amount not known, in the Colfax bank.

The deposit of savings bank funds in private banks is not countenanced by the law, but the fact that Mr. Wood was a large stockholder in the Baxter concern probably made it very difficult for the Baxter concern to turn him down. About half of the stock of the Baxter concern was owned by Wood and his uncle.

According to the Bankers' Encyclopedia the name of George D. Wood appears in the following bank directories: Bank of Ira, private; Geo. D. Wood, president; Alex. Wood, vice-president; Chas. S. Weston, cashier. City Bank of Mitchellville; private; Geo. D. Wood, president; Peter Miller, vice-president; E. B. Troukline, cashier. State Savings Bank of Baxter; capital \$25,000; Geo. D. Wood, president; Fred Hager, vice-president; R. L. Arnold, cashier. Bank of State Center; capital, \$50,000; Geo. D. Wood, president; W. N. Gilbert, vice-president; O. F. Ecklund, cashier. Bank of Colfax; capital, \$75,000; Alex. Wilmr, president; Geo. D. Wood, vice-president; A. W. Fref, cashier. Bank of Colfax; capital, \$75,000; Alex. Wood, president; Geo. D. Wood, cashier.

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SEA TABLE EPIGRAMS.

These clever sayings are from "What to Eat":

It is time to leave the table after the tea leaves.

Nervous dyspepsia is one of the symptoms of plutocracy.

A saline solution of griddle cakes doesn't constitute a salt and battering.

When the coffee won't settle, a man thinks he has good grounds for a kick.

A man never knows the value of a wife until he has to get up his own laundry.

If every man got his desserts he would be kept too busy to worry about the soups.

If the baker sends you an over-measure of cakes, have him arrested for larceny.

It's a mighty poor way of showing partiality to save up all the wings for the star boarder.

One way to keep peace in the household is to forget what you intended to say about the steak.

IOWA FARES WELL ON COMMITTEES

Speaker Cannon Announces Committees Which Will Serve in House.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Iowa will have three big chairmanships, a membership on appropriations and a representation upon almost every other important committee in the house, as a result of Speaker Cannon's appointments, which were announced Saturday. Iowa's representatives appear upon committees as follows:

Hedge, first district—Postoffice, coinage, weights and measures and improvements of the Mississippi.

Wade, second district—Naval affairs.

Birdsall, third district—Elections and marshaling of troops.

Haugen, fourth district—Agriculture and war claims.

Cousins, fifth district—Foreign affairs, naval affairs and expenditures in the treasury department, chairman.

Lacey, sixth district—Public lands, chairman; Indian affairs, chairman, and militia.

Hull, seventh district—Military affairs, chairman, and militia.

Reppburn, eighth district—Interstate and foreign commerce, chairman.

Smith, ninth district—Appropriations.

Conner, tenth district—Public buildings, labor and library.

Thomas, eleventh district—Claims and judiciary.

The chairmen of the important committees are as follows: Appropriations, Hemenway; Judiciary, Jenkins; Banking and currency, Fowler; Interstate and foreign commerce, Hoppburn; Rivers and harbors, Burton; Merchant marine and fisheries, Grosvener; Agriculture, Wadsworth; Foreign affairs, Hill; Military affairs, Hull; Indian affairs, Lacey; Postoffice and post roads, Overstreet; Public lands, Lacey; Indian affairs, Sherman; Territories, Hamilton; Insular affairs, Cooper; Public buildings and grounds, Gillett; Labor, Gardner; Militia, Jock; Naval affairs, Halloway; Interstate and Foreign Commerce, District of Columbia, Pattocker; District of Columbia, Babcock; Irrigation of arid lands, Mondell; Immigration and naturalization, Howell; Census, Crumpecker.

FINANCIAL WORRIES CONTRIBUTED TO IT; THE IMMEDIATE INFLUENCE IS UNKNOWN YET BY ANY WHO WILL TALK AT LEAST.

It was rumored in Des Moines yesterday that the act was committed because of Mr. Wood's reaction to the heavy load of obligations that he knew were about to become due, especially referring to the \$10,000 demand made by Polk county officers.

Former Treasurer Al Layman gave Treasurer Murrow a check for \$10,000 on December 2. Mr. Murrow banked it with a local institution. This sent it to Colfax for collection and there it was paid by Wood's bank. "We paid the check," said Assistant Cashier Gill last night. "I had arranged to secure the money of an institution in another city, but before the demand was made Mr. Wood had committed suicide."

So that the belief is held by most people that the Polk county matter did not furnish the immediate cause for Wood's rash deed.

It was said yesterday that Mr. Wood had invested in about 500 head of feeding cattle and the slump of from \$15 to \$20 a head had caught him heavily.

A STRONG ORGANIZATION.

An Iowa Company With Holdings in Cape Breton Creates Much Interest.

Des Moines, Dec. 7.—A financial organization which has recently sprung into prominence here is the Cape Breton Coal & Iron company, capitalized at \$3,000,000. Hon. N. E. Coffin of Des Moines is president, Oregon Coffin is vice president, H. J. Deards Des Moines, secretary, and H. H. Reynolds, Des Moines, treasurer. The company is but recently incorporated being a merger of three very strong Cape Breton companies controlled by Iowa interests. Its offices are at 311 Chicago building.

It is reported that the company own holdings approximating forty square miles of valuable coal and iron land in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, which have increased enormously since they purchased three years ago because of the rapid development of eastern Canada and especially of Cape Breton. The company intends active development of these properties immediately and is reported to have received favorable consideration of areas from eastern interests with the intention of purchasing them.

Stock has been offered for sale at remarkably favorable prices and buying is reported active. Strong conservative business men are behind the organization and a bright future is predicted. It is seldom a success in this line is created in a commercial business that it is worthy of note.

FIGHT PACKERS' TRUST.

To Prohibit Railroads Granting Discriminating Rebates to Combines.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—Iowa grangers who are in this city for the annual meeting of the state grange executive committee are planning an attack on the "meat combine" and the "packers' trust."

The organization, which is one composed of farmers, has a membership in this state of 1,000, and at the meeting here plans are being laid to increase this during the next year. There are twenty delegates at the convention, which is now in session here and they firmly maintain the demand that supply is not governing the price of meats in the country. They have taken a stand against the so-called trust and will demand the legislature this winter to enact a law such as will prohibit all railroads from granting a rebate or discriminating in favor of any persons, company or corporation or locally against another. They wish to make it a state's prison offense for any officer of any railroad company knowingly to permit his company to violate the interstate commerce law.

A failure to do this, they voice the sentiment of government ownership of railroads.

Other legislation which will be asked by the farmers this winter is the enactment of laws which will equalize taxation, pure food laws, the readjustment of railroad laws, a law compelling telephone companies of the state to make connection one line with the other and an amendment to the schools laws so that agriculture will be taught in the public schools.

\$40,000 LOSS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Big Plant of National Biscuit Company Destroyed.

Dubuque, Dec. 11.—Fire last night totally destroyed the local plant of the National Biscuit company. The fire is supposed to have started in the oven, but from what cause is unknown. The building is three stories and covered nearly half a block.

The loss is estimated by the manager as follows: Building, \$15,000; stock, \$15,000; machinery, \$10,000. The company carries eight per cent insurance. The east wall fell shortly after the discovery of the fire and a number of firemen had a narrow escape. The fire had a good start before its discovery and the entire front of the building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived.

A fireman was seriously injured by being thrown from a hose wagon while on the way to the fire.

FRUIT MEN ELECT KINNEY.

State Horticultural Society Selects Him to Succeed Wrage.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—The State Horticultural society last night elected P. F. Kinney of Storm Lake president of the society.

The election of officers followed an interesting meeting and the following were named: President, P. F. Kinney, Storm Lake; vice-president, W. A. Burnap, Clear Lake; secretary, Wesley Greene, Davenport; treasurer, Elmer Reeves, Waverly.

The following directors from the even numbered districts were named: Second district, Mr. Foster, Albia; Fourth district, Wm. Langham, Cedar Rapids; Sixth district, M. J. Graham, Adel; Eighth district, Eugene Secor, Forest City.

Boy Instantly Killed.

Fairfield, Dec. 10.—Herbert Robertson, 12 years old, was struck by a train in the Burlington yards yesterday afternoon. He was instantly killed and his body badly mangled.

THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

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The Settlement With Shanghai Smith

It is easy to understand that there was something more than a flutter in shipping circles in San Francisco, to say nothing of the sailors' boarding-houses, when a telegram reached that city from New York which was expanded as follows:

"Admiral Sir Richard Dunn, whose mysterious disappearance in San Francisco three months ago caused such great excitement, has arrived at California. He was, it appears, assaulted and drugged, and put on board that vessel, and owing to a series of exciting incidents during the passage, finally took charge of her. The admiral is in good health. He states that he has no idea who was responsible for the outrage."

The bartender at Shanghai Smith's house was the first to spot this cable. He put his hand on the bar and hailed it.

"Say, Billy, see this."

He shook up the runner who was taking a caulk on a hard bench, having been engaged between four and six in getting three drunken men on board the Wanderer. He was very tired and sulky.

"Well, wo'd's up now?" he grunted.

"Hell is up, and flamin'!" said Tom.

"You ain't forgot the admiral by any chance, now?"

Billy woke as suddenly as if he had been sleeping on the lookout and had been found hard and fast by the mate.

"Eh, what has the California turned up?"

"You bet she has," said Tom. "And he burst into laughter. 'What d'ye reckon he was on board of her when she came to N. York?'"

"Cook's mate?"

"No, captain, captain! Think of that. And he says he don't know who laid him out and put him aboard of her."

Billy rose.

"Here, gimme the paper. You're drunk."

He read the telegram with protruding eyes.

"By the holy frost, but he must be a dandy. Say, Smith must know this."

He marched to Smith's bedroom and induced his boss to sit up and hear the news. After Smith had used more bad language with his eyes shut than most men in San Francisco could lay their tongues to when wide awake.

"Don't I tell you it's about the admiral," expostulated Billy; "it's about Dunn, as you shov'd on the California."

But now Shanghai was wide awake. He looked at Billy with wicked eyes.

"As I shov'd in the California, eh? Say that again and I'll get up and knock the corners off you. You miserable Tarhead, if I hear you whisper that I had the last joint of the little finger of my left hand in the game, I'll murder you."

Billy fell back from the bed in alarm. Though he looked big enough to have eaten Shanghai Smith, he lacked the "devil" which had made his boss what he was—the terror of the "coast" and of sailormen, and a political power in his quarter of the city.

"Oh, very well then, Mr. Smith, but who done it?"

"Understand that no one knows who done it, you dog," said Smith, reaching for what he called his "pants," "but if any one done it, it was you. And don't you forget it. I hire you to do the work, and I'll see you does it."

"And Billy went back to Tom.

"He's fair lunny, that's what he is."

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The fire started shortly before 7 o'clock. When it was extinguished at nearly midnight, practically the whole interior had been burned, including the millinery stock, the value of which is estimated at \$55,000. There was about \$35,000, possibly \$40,000 of insurance on the building, and \$10,000 of insurance on the stock. The insurance on the stock can be secured tonight.

No one knows exactly how the fire started. There are two theories. There was a lot of stock in the basement near the furnace which supplies the steam for heating the building. This coal was near the foot of the elevator shaft and one theory is that it ignited and that the flames crept up the freight elevator shaft. Another theory is that the dynamo which runs the elevators which had been used a great deal during the day, had in some way become defective or overheated.

Colfax Bank Held Much Cattle Paper.

Newton, Dec. 8.—Sheriff Hook has unearthed \$125,000 in uncanceled mortgages given to the Bank of Colfax by J. B. Ross, a big cattle dealer in Jasper county.

Much of this paper may have been paid, but it is presumed most of it was not. The mortgages were given in the haste when the receiver makes his report.

Treasurer Roberts fears the bondsmen's surety for the amount he has deposited in the Bank of Colfax will be affected if the bank fails and that Jasper county may never see a cent of the money deposited there. The matter is being investigated.

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well-known Tammany man was men-
tioned, "puts up a good bluff, but there
is nothing to him. Open the front
door and you are in his back yard."

Alexander Dumas' good-natured
vanity was so undistinguished that
his famous son once said of him in
his presence. "My father is so vain
that he is capable of standing in
front of his own carriage to make
people think he sports a negro foot-
man."

Madyn Arbuck's, once a great fa-
vorite here with the Frawley company,
recently received a mysterious pack-
age at his hotel in Chicago. It was
about a pint of yellowish scented dust
—evidently a toilet preparation, and
for a week Mr. Arbuck used it after
shaving with a great sense of relief.
He had about exhausted the supply
when he received a letter from the
proprietor calling attention to the box,
and saying: "Now that you have had
a chance to try it thoroughly will you
favor us with a testimonial for our
Great Imperial Breakfast Food—sam-
ple box sent you a week ago?"

The Journal des Debats tells a
story of the late Professor Rudolf
Falb. In 1874, he predicted an erup-
tion of Etna on August 27th. He
offered to a Vienna editor to write an
account of it if the editor would send
him to Sicily. Falb was commis-
sioned. When he reached Etna there
was not the slightest sign of distur-
bance. As the twenty-seventh ap-
proached Falb was tortured by an-
xiety, and spent sleepless nights watch-
ing the volcano. Nothing happened
on the twenty-seventh and twenty-
eighth. The following morning his
servant rushed into the professor's
room, shouting, "An eruption, a ter-
rible eruption!" Falb saw the spec-
tacle, and sent off his dispatch.

Commenting on his first meeting
with James McNeil Whistler, Mark
Twain is reported as saying: "I was
introduced to Mr. Whistler in his
studio in London. I had heard that
the painter was an incorrigible joker,
and I was determined to get the better
of him, if possible. So at once I put
on my most hopeless stupid air, and I
drew near the canvas that Mr. Whis-
tler was completing. "That ain't bad,"
I said; "it ain't bad, only here in this
corner—and I made as if to rub out a
cloud with my finger. "D'it
away with that cloud if I was you,"
Whistler cried, nervously. "Gad, sir,
be careful there. Don't you see the
paint is not dry? 'Oh, that don't mat-
ter," said I; "I've got my gloves on."
"We got on well together after that."

Bright's Disease Cured.

Whitehall, Ill, Dec. 7.—A case has
been recorded in this place recently,
which upsets the theory of many phy-
sicians that Bright's Disease is incur-
able. It is the case of Mr. Lon Manley,
whom the doctors told that he could
never recover. Mr. Manley tells the
story of his case and how he was
cured in this way:

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general wreck and at times I would
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CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senate.—The
senate today closed the extraordinary
session at noon and immediately en-
tered on the duties of the regular ses-
sion. The unusual features were the
close of the called session by an-
nouncement from the chair and the of-
fering of two prayers in the senate
within a half-hour of each other. The
business transacted consisted of the
reading of the president's message
and the beginning of the discussion of
the Cuban reciprocity bill. Mr. Cul-
lum, who has charge of the Cuban bill,
made a speech, advocating its passage
in the interest of American trade.

The reading of the president's mes-
sage was concluded at 3:25 p. m. The
senate took up the resolution calling
on the postmaster general to send to
the senate committee on postoffices
and post roads the papers bearing on
the recent investigation into irregular-
ities in the postoffice department. It
was laid over until tomorrow. The
Panama canal treaty was sent to the
senate, but as there was no executive
session after its receipt, it was not re-
ferred to the committee on foreign re-
lations.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senate.—The
recent investigation into frauds in the
postoffice department was the basis of
a sharp debate in the senate today by
Mr. Gorman and Mr. Lodge. The dis-
cussion arose over a motion by Mr.
Lodge to refer to the committee on
postoffices the resolution introduced
by Mr. Penrose looking to a senate in-
vestigation into the conditions in the
department. Mr. Gorman intimated
that the investigation by the depart-
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Washington, D. C., Dec 1.—Mrs. Helen Pitts Douglass, widow of Frederick Douglass, died Tuesday at her home, "Cedar Hill" Anarostia, D. C., age sixty-five.

The mixed marriage caused no end of talk and many prominent persons, white and colored, condensed it strongly.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSONS to travel for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents.

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Edmund Moreland of Davenport returned to that city Wednesday after a pleasant visit with his daughter, Mrs. M. L. Parker.

WANTED—A TRUSTWORTHY GEN- tleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing.

Where Sheep Have Pastured. It takes six years for grass to grow where sheep have pulled it up and trampled it.

Hawaiian Farm Wages. In Hawaii the average wage of a farm hand is \$20 a month.

Bellevue Sea Serpent Exists. The naturalist of the Belgica expedition lately told the Zoological Society of France that he believes the sea serpent to exist, and that it is not at all an imaginary creature of song and story.

A statistician has discovered that the average business walk in New York is a mile in twenty minutes, and the church-going walk in a mile in twenty-five minutes.

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The affairs are to be conducted by a board of directors of not less than three nor more than five of the stockholders.

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