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CITY NEWS.

Master Joe LaGour, Jr. is sick this week with the mumps.

Mrs. M. L. Holmes who has been sick for more than a week is convalescent.

It is an old saying that "walking is good," but don't tell Alex. Keene that unless you are looking for trouble.

Mr. Albert Walker of Marshalltown returned to his work in the House last Monday, after spending a week at his home.

Mr. Forest White of Muscatine, who is a legislature employee, spent last week at his home, returning here Monday for work.

Mr. Geo. Douglass of Colfax, G. C. of K. of P. of this state, was here Monday night to assist in getting the boys ready for the uniform ranks.

Mr. Frank Blagburn, formerly of this city but now of Washington, D. C., was called to Davenport on account of the death of his mother.

The Union Congregational services Sunday morning at 10:45 conducted by Prof. Greenwood of Highland Park College; Sunday School at 12 o'clock, and preaching at 7:30 p. m. All are invited.

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Mr. G. T. Simpson of Kansas City, Mo. spent Friday in our city, he is in the employ of the Wabash Ry. Co. It was Mr. Simpson's first visit to our Capital City. He was a schoolmate of H. E. Jacobs, our foreman.

Last Tuesday while Paul Gilstrap was walking up a slippery incline he fell, cutting a severe gash just above his left eye. Dr. Edwards cared for the wound and Paul is getting along nicely.

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The wedding bells will ring soon. The groom is an out of town gentleman. (?) Yes, the bride lives in this city and is well known.

The Olive Branch Whist Club met at Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd on Eleventh street last Wednesday night. The following persons won prizes: First, Mrs. M. L. Holmes; second, Mr. J. H. Lewis; third, Mrs. W. H. Harrison. Next week they will meet at Mrs. Wilson's home on Eleventh, near Crocker street.

Mrs. A. Wilburn was the hostess of the H. B. S. Reading Circle Thursday afternoon. A full membership was present and a business meeting was held. The members were very sorry to find Mrs. Wilburn ill and hope she will soon recover. Dainty refreshments were served by Miss Cotella. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. T. Banks Feb. 4. All members are requested to be present.

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Mr. Albert Evans of Buxton, who is captain of the uniform rank of the K. of P. of that city, delivered a lecture to the members of that order here last Monday night. The members of the K. of P. of this city and Cotfax are preparing to join the uniform rank before the annual state meeting, which will be held in this city during next July. Captain Evans left Rev. O. A. Johnson in charge of the new candidates.

Five ladies composing committee A of the Union Congregational church will serve the first entertainment in the form of an informal six o'clock dinner Thursday evening, Feb. 4, from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to come and take dinner with them in their new home, corner Tenth and Park streets. Menu: Tomato

State Capital Historical Room

THE CALLOWAY CASE. In one of the BRITAGGER issues last April we chronicled the instant death of the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Waddy Calloway at the Agor Packing Co., which is the cause of this case.

A case involving the question of obligation of employers to minor employees, which is more or less unsettled in Iowa, will be tried in Polk county courts.

Judge Howe called Wednesday the case of Calloway, administrator, vs. the Agor Packing company, an action brought by the administrator of the estate of a 15 year old boy to recover against the Agor company for damages alleged to have been suffered by his estate on account of negligence of the defendant company.

The accident which occurred about a year ago its details being quite gruesome. The boy who was employed by the Agor company, was driving some pigs up a chute and in so doing was making use of a long rawhide whip, which he was using in driving the animals.

The claim of the plaintiff is that the boy whittled the whip above his head, to cut the hogs and that the lash became entangled on a revolving shaft, some feet above him. The whip being attached to the boy's wrist by means of a thong, he was unable to get loose from it and was drawn up and over the revolving shaft and quickly torn to pieces by its revolutions.

The plaintiff claims that the chute was very dark and that the shaft which was located directly over it was not guarded as required by law and on this ground claims the Agor Packing company was negligent.

The defense will be that the chute was light enough to give a view of the surroundings and that the boy was himself negligent in using the sort of a whip that he did know or having opportunity to know, that there was a unguarded shaft directly over him.

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GOVERNOR VARDAMAN.

The newly elected governor of Mississippi, Gov. Vardaman, in his inaugural address declared that the education of the Negro was a failure and should be stopped, as it made the Negro more immoral and more criminal. This is without doubt one of the greatest falsehoods that a sane man has yet uttered in the light of this intelligent age. In another part of this issue we run a most excellent reply to this rebel governor, address of D. D. Proper (white), who is secretary of the National Baptist Home Missionary Society, which saves us the trouble of answering the human libertine, who like old Tillman and Temple Graves are fast running their course, and public condemnation set its disapproval on them.

PROUTY-HULL COUNTTEST.

The Prouty-Hull contest will soon be in full blast, as the early primaries was set for the 29th day of February. The Prouty forces having full control of the county central committee fixed the early date; while the Hull men wanted May 2nd as the date. This was a peculiar incident, as two years ago the Hull men were in control and they set an early date against the wishes of the Prouty men. We may now look for at least 30 days of hot contest, and we also expect to hear more about that \$50,000.00 due ex slaves that is in Washington and unpaid. Our Congressman, Mr. Hull, will no doubt be willing to introduce a bill to dispose of it in some sort of his schemes.

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MT. PLEASANT NOTES. Lizzie Reed came up from Burlington last Saturday to spend Sunday with her parents.

Rev. John Smith of Council Bluffs returned home Monday. Geo. Route of Minneapolis is here visiting relatives and friends.

Elder Malone held quarterly meeting at the Methodist church Sunday, Rev. Bolling assisted.

Mr. Sharp of Buxton who is associated with the Buxton Eagle was in the city last week in the interest of the paper.

Mrs. Fannie Harris who has been for several weeks at the parental home has returned to her home at Buxton.

The F. E. C. held a social at the Methodist church on last Tuesday at the close of the literary society, notwithstanding the bad weather there was a nice sized crowd out and a very pleasant time spent.

Miss Myra Carter assisted by her sister and brother very pleasantly entertained the A. M. E. Sewing Circle last Friday afternoon. Quite a number of visitors were invited, among them were Mesdames Williams of Buxton, Douglas of Chicago and Mr. Geo. Eoste of Minneapolis; after the circle had completed their business a musical programme was rendered which continued while the guests were being served in the dining room.

Miss Carter being the youngest member of the circle proved herself to be one of its most royal hostesses.

The A. M. E. choir assisted by a few of their friends will give one of the best entertainments that the city has had for several years. It is to be given for the organ benefit and will be Feb. 4th.

The Sewing Circle gave a reception Tuesday night in honor of Elder Malone.

OTTUMWA NEWS. The hand of Providence has removed from our midst an old and esteemed settler J. B. Cooper. He passed away Jan. 25th, at eleven o'clock aged 80 years.

PURIFICATION OF THE BALLOT

Necessity of Honest Working and Decent Citizens Being in Active Politics.

When Reputable Citizens Leave Politics Alone, Politics Become Disreputable.

PROPHETIC WORDS OF DU BOIS.

Editor of the Iowa Bystander: It seems to me that the importance of the right of suffrage is not fully appreciated by many of the citizens of Iowa in general and by the Negro in particular. If one will take the most casual glance at the pages of our national history just prior to 1868 it will be seen that it took a revolution to give the Negro the right of suffrage—a means by which he can protect and defend his rights under the law and the constitution of the United States. There were approximately 250,000 Negro soldiers who aided materially in bringing about the radical changes that immediately followed the internecine strife. The above figures do not include the thousands upon thousands who aided by their labors in many ways the union army. The blood and treasure required to overthrow a great wrong are beyond computation. The immensity of this undertaking was not dreamed of, and at its close it could not be measured. The issues of the war were crystallized into law, and the suffrage of the Negro is one of the results. He who does not honor the trust imposed upon him is either a knave or a fool.

Each and every citizen is responsible for the ballot he casts, and it is placed to his credit or discredit. Every man who earns his living for himself and family, who is in business, who owns a home, who pays rent, who has hope and ambition—each and every one assumes a responsibility when he goes to the polls to vote. The ballot which he casts may have an effect on future generations for weal or woe. It may effect the welfare of his own children in the future. Our brethren in the South are being disfranchised. They have passed the stage of sympathy and their condition cries out to the nation, as well as to every Negro voter in Iowa, to do his whole duty to aid them. Nothing can be expected from the Negro who puts himself upon the auction block and is sold to the highest bidder in the political market. It is not to him that we look to for aid in this crisis. But rather the working masses, to the home builders, to the man with family and children. These constitute the majority of the Negro population of Iowa and upon them rests the greater responsibility. They must put themselves in evidence and be at the polls on election days to do their duty and give the Negro a standing and respectability in political circles and party councils.

THE POLITICAL MOTIVES.

No man acts without a motive. This has been true in every age and is a fact today. Names have been handed down to us of men who have acted for the general good from pure and unselfish motives. But those who have been selfish, venal and mercenary have received and deserve the scorn and contempt of all decent men.

Among the former class in modern times can be mentioned such names as Lincoln, Grant, Sumner, Logan, and Frederick Douglass. Nothing could tempt them to give up a conviction of right and duty. A notable example to the contrary is that of William H. Seward. He made a speech in which he declared that "there is an irrepressible conflict between slavery and freedom." Mr. Seward was a candidate for president against Lincoln the first time and in his (Seward's) anxiety to gain the nomination,

he declared that "there is no irrepressible conflict," etc. Lincoln delivered almost simultaneously an address on the subject, "A House Divided Against Itself Can Not Stand," declaring that this country could not exist half slave and half free, and that he did not expect the house to be destroyed, but he did expect it to cease to be divided. These prophetic words Lincoln did not and would not retract for a presidential nomination or election. The position of the two men in history and the esteem of the American people is too well known to be enlarged upon, and shows the motives which impelled them. All may not be Lincolns, but in honesty of purpose and sincerity of conviction the humblest citizen in the land may be the equal of Lincoln.

SHOULD DECENT MEN AND VOTERS ESCHEW POLITICS?

The above question is often asked by my fellow citizens, and there is but one answer, an emphatic NO. Decent men must be on the alert and ever active for the city, the county, the state and the nation rests upon the decent fireside, and in proportion as the home rises in merit just in that ratio will the community and the nation ascend in good works and good example.

DU BOIS QUOTED.

There are a few Negroes who quote Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois extensively and publish extracts from his speeches and utterances. It is self-evident that such publications are made without any knowledge of the professor's meaning. It is sad and unfortunate, indeed, that the professor could not supply the brains to such publisher, intellectual nonentity and literary pigmy so that a glimpse of his (the professor's) meaning could be seen.

The follow is an extract from "The Souls of Black Folk," and it has almost a direct application to the conditions existing here:

"So flagrant became political scandals that reputable men began to leave politics alone, and politics consequently became disreputable. Men began to pride themselves on having nothing to do with their own government, and to agree tacitly with those who regard public office as a private perquisite. In this state of mind it became easy to wink at the suppression of the Negro vote in the south and to advise self-respecting Negroes to leave politics alone. The decent and reputable citizens of the North who neglect their own civic duties grew hilarious over the exaggerated importance with which the Negro regarded the franchise. Thus it easily happened that more and more the better class of Negroes followed the advice from abroad and the pressure from home, and took no further interest in politics, leaving to the careless and the venal of their race the exercise of their rights as voters. The black vote that still remained was not trained and educated, but further debauched by open and unblushing bribery or force or fraud, until the Negro thoroughly inoculated with the idea that politics was a method of private gain by disreputable means.

"And finally, now, today, when we are awakening to the fact that the perpetuity of the republican institution depends on the purification of the ballot, the civic training of the voters and the raising of voting to the plane of solemn duty which a patriotic citizen neglects to his peril and to the peril of his children's children—in this day, when we are striving for a renaissance of civic virtue, what are we going to say to the black voters South and North? Are we going to tell him still that politics is a disreputable and useless form of human activity? Are we going to induce the best class of Negroes to take less and less interest in government, and to give up their right to take such an interest without a protest?"

The above clear, concise and logical statement of Prof. Du Bois should bring home to every voter his own importance and his individual duty. I have written at some length upon the Negro voters of this county and state the duty that they owe to themselves, to posterity and to the perpetuity of American institutions. The evidence along this line is cumulative and could be extended beyond the columns of the average newspaper.

I have written this initial article for the reason that there is a congressional nomination to be made in all of the districts of Iowa, and "the man who is not for us is against us." Our way is beset with all the devices known to the cunning and unscrupulous politician. Men and newspapers are being bought, if saleable, like hogs and sheep, by one who has dominated affairs in this congressional district for many years. Negroes have changed political allegiance as between the two congressional candidates and can not or will not give a reason for the change. But, again, "no man acts without a motive," and where no reason is or can be given it must be put down to the credit of the "venal" and the "mercenary" in politics.

CHARLES S. RUFF.

MUCHAKINOCK NEWS.

(Last Week.)

Elmer Tolson, Misses Terry and Ollie Tolson were the guests of their Mrs. John Lewis.

Miss Daisy Boyers is visiting her sister in Buxton.

Miss Kitty Jones has been on the sick list for the past week.

Walter Harvey of Buxton was in our town last week.

Mrs. J. Ward of Albia was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Thomas, who was very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis who have lived here several years, moved to Foster this week.

Several families have moved away lately.

John Wright was a Durly visitor last week.

R. James was a "Muoby" visitor.

Will Williams has been the happiest man in "Muoby" since the arrival of his fine baby girl.

M. Reasby is another happy man since the arrival of a fine baby boy.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

The weather here has been quite bad. The streets are so slippery that a person can hardly walk. It is said to be the worst winter we have had for sixteen years.

Household of Ruth No. 1588 of G. U. O. O. F., held their installation Jan. 19. The following officers were installed:

Mrs. Wm. Maxie, P. M. N. G. I. Mrs. Henry Wood, M. N. G.; Mrs. George Tarrar, R. N. G.; Mrs. R. D. Pollard, W. S.; Mrs. John Card, W. T.; Mrs. M. Holmes, W. P.; Mrs. C. Doudley, W. C.; Mrs. B. Maxie, K.

Mrs. Ruphus Phoenix entertained the A. M. E. choir Thursday. A very enjoyable time was had by all. The evening was spent in games and sociability. A dainty repast was served by the hostess and all went home declaring Mrs. Phoenix a capital entertainer.

Mrs. Lee Hart has had a relapse. She has the sympathy of all her friends.

Miss George Ritchie is on the sick list. We are glad to know that Master Laurence Terrell has entered high school. The reporter wishes him luck and hopes he will have success. He is a very bright boy and is progressing nicely. He is also a promising musician.

GALESBURG (ILL.) RIPLETS.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, but it was so very cold the people could not get out, there is always a faithful few who are willing to face the storm and the gloomy days as well as the sun-shine they were present P. E. Booth preached in the afternoon upon the redeemed, he brought out many good things that was a feast to the soul. Elder J. Wright of Knoxville preached in the evening.

Mrs. Thomas Waters received the carpet last Thursday, given away by the Autumn Leaf Club.

Mrs. Birtie Richmond will entertain the A. Y. C. Thursday afternoon at her home on Cedar Street.

Arthur Bell is improving nicely.

Burt Duke son of Richard Duke had a narrow escape last week, he fell several feet from an elevator, but happen to light in a pile of ashes beneath the elevator which probably saved his life. He was badly shaken up.

Chas. shoots an old and highly respected citizen is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Anna Wallson who has been living here for several months left for Arabo Ill. to live.

Correction. In last week's items appeared the name of Rev. Fenner, it should have been Rev. Farabee.

Mrs. Farabee is able to be out once more after being quite sick.

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"I think this is a horror of judgment, sir," said Hart; "my idea of a hultimatum was jumpin' on 'em unexpected, and givin' 'em toko afore they know'd where they was. My notion of fightin' (and it pays hevery time) is to aggravate your man till he's ready to 't, but to 't 'im fast. An' if I think a cot will 't 'im in five minutes, I lets no time go by in hanticipatin' 'im. But this will warn 'em."

"But they have no one who really knows English, Hart," growled Simcox; "and I don't know the first word of French."

"Never mind, sir," said Hart encouragingly. "I've 'ad many a row with a Frenchy, and I never knowed my 'avin' not the least notion of what 'e meant ever stopped the fight from comin' off. If so be I see you get stuck, I'll come in, sir."

And they were met by the French sailor who thought he spoke English. "I spik English, goddam," said the Frenchman. "Leaverpool, Por'mout; mais le capitaine spik besser."

"Good mornin'," said Simcox meekly to the French captain, a long unhappy looking man, who might have been the skipper of a chasseur or of all the style he put on.

"This 'ere paper is for you," said Simcox, "and by the powers I hope you can't read it."

"How was I to look dignified with six of 'em after me—and two with knives and one with a meat-chopper?" he asked. "And as for startin' a rough house, 'twas Hart as done it."

"Where's Hart?" yelled the Guffin. "Ere, 'Art, where are you?" said the crowd.

"I believe he's a prisoner," said Lampert.

"Oh, Lord," said the crowd, "but Jack never 'ad no discretion." "We must 'ave him liberated," said the skipper firmly. "No man of mine must be in the 'ands of them muttatin'-French. Simcox, you'll 'ave to go to 'em again and open 'n'otissans!"

"No, sir," said Simcox, "if you'll excuse me, I'll do nothin' of the sort. I've had my fill of belin' ambassador."

"This is mut'ny," said the skipper; "but under the painful national circumstances I shan't do nothin' but order you to your cabin, where you'll consider yourself in custody."

"I ain't above makin' a concession or two," he remarked confidentially to the French captain; "but if I'd listen to my lot on board, it would 've been blood up to the neck."

The Frenchman shook his head. "You bet it would 'ave bin," said Jones earnestly, "but what'd ye say to 'avin' a drink? Billy, gimme your knife."

And with it he started opening the case which the Frenchmen's eyes gleamed in pleasing anticipation. They had not had a drink for weeks, and as they carried the case down to the ship with Jones and their own captain in the rear, they concluded that the English were not such bad chaps after all.

"But where's my man 'Art!' asked Jones, when he came to the French camp.

"'Ere I be," cried Hart, who was lashed hard and fast to a round rock. "Lard, captain, but I've 'ad a time. Can't you cut me adrift, sir?"

"You interferin' galoot, it serves you right. And as for that, the 'ole crew's under arrest, where I put 'em for mut'ny, and I don't see as I should so pick and choose among 'em as to use my hinfuence to 'ave you let go. At any rate, bide a bit, and I'll see."

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This watch that has hitherto been sold at a price which only the well-to-do could afford, has just been put on the market at a price which will attract a watch tells the hour and the minute of the day, why should not the same machine tell us the day of the week, day of the month, and month of the year? A prominent manufacturer has realized the usefulness, if not the actual necessity of such a machine, and arranging to turn them out in large quantities, has, after several years of work and the expenditure of a large amount of money, succeeded in producing a watch thoroughly reliable in every way. This watch is a perpetual calendar as well as a time-piece, and what is of more interest to the public, is sold at a price which is a fraction above that of an ordinary watch of like grade.

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An advertisement setting forth the merits of this watch appears elsewhere in these columns.

## TOY MOUSE STARTS PANIC.

Juvenile Plays a Joke on Car and Fat Woman Tumbles into Snowbank. There is apparently no limit to the ingenuity of the juvenile brain in creating the most excitement with the least cause. This was illustrated in a car to-day.

Two innocent-looking children had been making a round of the department stores, buying toys which were warranted to wreck their strongest machinery. Among their purchases was a mouse which, when wound up and released, would run along the floor in such a natural manner as to deceive any but the sharpest eyes.

The car was well filled with women who had been shopping, and one large woman was hanging on a strap. Near her stood a small man intently reading the paper. One of the little boys in the front of the car extracted something from his pocket, stooped down and set it on the floor.

Buzz-z-z. The fat lady turned to see a mouse with red eyes and rigid tail bearing down upon her. With a gasp she turned and, as she could get past the little man, she took him with her, and down the car they rushed, colliding with two other men who had been standing.

The door of the car opened at this juncture and a portly man stepped in, only to be struck by the flying wedge and jammed against the platform railing. A sigh that sounded like the wheeze of a dry pump escaped him.

The fat woman continued her flight, and, falling off the car, which was now slowly moving, was gently deposited in a snowdrift by the roadside.

"Ach! Du lieber Himmel!" she cried.

## SON WROTE A CONFESSION.

Defaulting Cashier of Sigourney Bank Tells of His Downfall. Sigourney, Jan. 25.—The following letter was written to Josiah Utterbeck, father of G. T. Utterbeck, by his son, just previous to his suicide.

"To My Dear Father: This will be a sad letter indeed, and it is with the saddest regret that I am compelled to write you.

"In the first place, I am a defaulter. I speculated years ago and owe \$47,000. The Chicago account will show up \$5,000 short when all notes are paid. When the Citizens' bank is paid there will be \$10,000; and at present the Union Savings bank of Davenport is short \$10,000; and if all these certificates were paid I would be short \$22,000. This makes \$47,000 in all.

"The bank examiners—Blackburn, Wheelan and the last (McKee)—could not detect my shortage. There is plenty of money to pay the depositors and the stockholders should get a little.

"The Phillips corn-deal-lost-me \$54,000, but other deals have made money so that I have paid back \$7,000. Previous to the Phillips deal I was at times \$3,000 to \$5,000 ahead in my speculations.

"I admit I have done wrong and do not blame any one but myself. I hate to do what I am about to do, but I cannot run away and see no chance of ever redeeming myself. I have lived in hopes during the past two or three years that I could make enough to pay all back and avoid detection, but the recent run on our bank killed all my hopes.

"A true confession from your loving son, G. F. Utterbeck."

"Nothing but pity is felt here for the dead man, his wife, his respected old father and the other members of the family. Not one word of censure has been uttered against the community against 'Gilly' Utterbeck.

The above letter, addressed to his father, Josiah Utterbeck, one of the veteran and most highly respected business men of this county, tells the story in a nutshell. Another letter was left by the unfortunate man for his wife. Its contents have not been made public, but it is said to have been pathetic in the extreme.

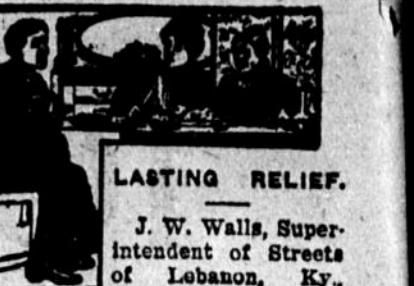
## CHARITON BADLY SCORCHED.

Iowa Town Damaged to Extent of \$100,000. Chariton, Jan. 25.—Fire at this place destroyed a large proportion of the business section of the town Tuesday, and caused damage estimated at \$100,000. Half the business houses along the west side of the square were burned.

The individual losses, as nearly as is yet possible to estimate them, are as follows:  
Mallory estate, Opera House block and fixtures, \$50,000.  
Simon Oppenheimer, loss on clothing stock, \$5,000.  
George Von Behren, loss on grocery stock, \$4,000.  
Brown & Lutz, loss on notions stock, \$2,000.  
Hollinger & Larimer, loss on clothing stock, \$1,000.  
D. Q. Stone, building, \$10,000.  
D. Q. Stone, loss on drug stock, \$12,000.  
G. A. Lockwood, loss on frame building, \$1,000.  
G. A. Lockwood, loss on stock, \$4,000.  
G. A. Lockwood, loss on household goods, \$800.  
Smith, photographer, loss on stock, \$1,800.  
Smith, photographer, loss on household goods, \$500.  
Will B. Barger, law office, \$1,000.  
Larimer & Crocker, law office, \$1,000.  
Dr. D. Q. Stone, Jr., office, \$1,250.  
Adams Express company, furniture, \$50.  
Charles Dalin tailor, \$50.  
All the above are partially covered by insurance, but the exact amounts cannot be stated at this time.

## NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

To Amanda Johnson, being the party in whose name the property herein after described in taxes and redemption is held, You Are Hereby Notified:



## LASTING RELIEF.

J. W. Walls, Superintendent of Streets of Lebanon, Ky., says:  
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There is good in all to the man who is altogether good.  
**ARKANSAS TRAVELER RESPONDED.**

Got Back in Rhyme at Missouri Pacific's General Passenger Agent. H. C. Townsend, general passenger and ticket agent of the Missouri Pacific with headquarters at St. Louis, sent out a novel holiday greeting to patrons of the road and was surprised to receive a response in rhyme from a man in Arkansas. Here is the greeting followed by the answer:

This is the train that runs so fast Across the plains to mountains vast; This is the train that runs so late, And keeps its service up to date. This is the train that runs to the west, This is the train that runs to the east; It serves to you the best of meals; This is the train with lowest rates. If you should wish to go that way, See H. C. Townsend, G. P. A.

This is what the Arkansas traveler wrote in response:  
H. C. Townsend, G. P. A.— I received yours to-day, And I'm writing now to say That your train's A—O—O. I'm a regular passenger, And I'm here to tell you, sir, (Please don't take this as a flirt— All you train men who are strict) Strictly in it—just the stuff!

Makes me restless when I read Of the comfort and the speed— Want to pack my clothes and slip— On that train—Gee! What a trip!

Feed you like a millionaire, Tender steaks, well done or rare; Game and things from everywhere! Salads, deserts, coffee, cake— Wow! It makes my stomach ache!

And the rates—I'll swear to you, Same as the other roads, no more; (Shame to take such service cheap— Ought to make us pay a heap!

Guess I've said about enough, (Every word is straight—no guff.) So I'll train men who are strict, Truly yours, A PENSIBAIRE.

A woman without jealousy is like a kite without a string.  
**EPIDEMIC OF RHEUMATISM.**

For the epidemic of RHEUMATISM that is now sweeping over the country nothing will stop it so promptly as ELLIMINATOR, in last bottle for \$1.00. If your druggist will not supply you send to Ellimino Medicine Co., Des Moines.

Vanity is the only intellectual enjoyment of some women.  
Rufus Choate, on one occasion, was examining one Dick Barton, who made of the ship Chicago. After hurling questions with the speed of a rapid-fire gun for an hour, the brilliant lawyer asked: "Now tell me: 'In what latitude and longitude did you cross the equator?' "An, you are joking, aren't you, sailor? No, sir; I am in earnest, and I desire an answer." "That's more than I can give," "indeed. You a chief mate and unable to answer so simple a question!" "Yes, the simplest question I ever was asked. I thought even a fool of a lawyer knew there's no latitude at the equator." For once Choate had found a man who could squelch him.

In the absence of a minister, Judge James F. Read, who was born and lived in Kentucky before moving to Western Kansas, was once unexpectedly called upon to say a few words at the burial, near Fort Smith, of a man who was considered well off in worldly possessions, and neglected the life of a noble Kentucky gentleman. He had good horses, and he ran 'em. He had good seagars, and he smoked 'em. He had good whisky, and he drank it. He had good game-cocks, and he fit 'em for such is the kingdom of heaven."

## DR. FED HIMSELF.

Found the Food that Saved His Life. A good old family physician with a lifetime experience in saving people finally found himself sick unto death. Medicines failed and — but let him tell his own story. "For the first time in my life of sixty-one years I am impelled to publicly testify to the value of a largely advertised article and I certainly would not pen these lines except that, what seems to me a direct act of Providence, saved my life and I am impressed that it is a bounden duty to make it known.

**Miss Gannon, Sec'y Detroit Amateur Art Association, tells young women what to do to avoid pain and suffering caused by female troubles.**

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—MISS GUILA GANNON, 349 Jones St., Detroit, Mich., Secretary Amateur Art Association. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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**Primary Bills Are Offered**

Senator Crossley and Representative English Introduce Bills

**IMPORTANT FEATURES OF EACH**

Each Bill Provides for Delegate Conventions to Be Held By Delegates Elected Under the Law, Who Must Vote as Instructed.

Des Moines, Jan. 27.—Simultaneously in both houses yesterday afternoon primary election bills were introduced which are expected to comply with the recommendations made by Governor Cummins in his biennial message to the legislature.

Senator J. J. Crossley introduced the measure in the senate, and Representative Emory H. English introduced it in the house. The measures differ considerably and it will be up to the committees from both houses to reconcile them and select the best features of each. In their essential features, however, they resemble each other.

The important features of the Crossley bill are as follows: Majority instead of plurality is necessary to nominate. Primary will be held on first Tuesday in June of each year and expenses shall be borne by the county, not by the candidates. Judges and other officials are allowed pay for but one day's work. All towns of 5,000 population or over must have a primary election. All parties shall be represented. Instead of but one, and the primary will be joint although selections are independent.

When the voter asks the judge for a ballot, he must specify what his party affiliation is, and for republican or democrat ballot, as the case may be. He can thus vote but once. If requested, he must take oath that he voted with that party at the last general election and perjury will be attached with the same penalty as at a general election.

At the general election in November each year the voter must declare his party affiliation and it will be made a matter of record, if he wishes to participate in the spring primary. Otherwise he can have no vote in the primary, although he can of course vote at the general election.

The English bill embodies the following among its provisions: Primary shall be the first Tuesday in May. Polls shall be open from 12 noon to 7 p. m. Any party may be represented that polled ten per cent of the vote at the last general election or presents a petition containing the names of two per cent of the qualified voters. Primary election shall also be a day of registration for the general election, and the registration books being in session at the same time.

Those who desire to vote at the spring primaries must register at the fall election, specifying party affiliation. Penalties for bribery, perjury, repeating, etc., to be same as at general election. Candidates must file statement with the county auditor twenty days prior to primary, stating that they intend being candidates. Candidates for state offices must deposit \$200 and for district offices \$10 for each county in which they are running, and for city candidates a fee of \$5 is required.

Australian ballot system, with ballots virtually the same as at general election. Each precinct committee shall designate two challengers. Delegates receiving highest vote shall be declared elected. Delegates cannot appoint proxies. Convention shall be held on following Saturday. If any candidate, when convention convenes, has enough instructed delegates to constitute a majority of all, he shall be declared nominated without formality of ballot. Where no one has a majority, the roll shall be called and the delegates from each precinct shall vote in turn until some candidate receives a majority.

**CAVALRY COMES IN MARCH.**

Colonel Thomas and Staff Will Arrive in Thirty Days.

Des Moines, Jan. 28.—The outlook is for a cavalry squadron at Fort Des Moines early in March, which is a month earlier than had formerly been announced as the probable date of the arrival of the troops of the Eleventh cavalry.

Major Turner has received a letter from Colonel Thomas of the Eleventh cavalry, in which the colonel says he expects to reach Des Moines by the 1st of March or very soon thereafter. The movements of transportation and so on, leads Major Turner to expect that the Eleventh will arrive in San Francisco about March 1. After equipping with clothing and outfits for colder weather, the troops will immediately start for the east. The transport bearing the Second cavalry, which relieves the Eleventh, is due in Manila now, and the regiment may get on board by February 1, which would land them in America in about a month. Four troops will be stationed at Des Moines, which will be the headquarters of the regiment and the residence of the colonel. Four troops will probably go to Fort Riley, Kansas, two to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and two to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. The cavalry will be remounted on its arrival in America, and the work of training the horses will occur at Fort Des Moines.

**IMPORTANT BILLS INTRODUCED.**

Looking to Inebriate Asylum, State Highway and Child Labor.

Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Three of the most important measures to be introduced during the present session of the legislature were presented yesterday. Senator Smith of Mitchell county asks for an appropriation of \$100,000 to convert the buildings at Knoxville, formerly used as a state school for the blind, into a hospital for inebriates. He offers a new law regarding sentencing inebriates and makes any attempt to escape a misdemeanor.

Representative Weeks of Guthrie county introduced a bill providing for state highway department. He would have a commissioner appointed by the governor, to serve two years, whose duty it shall be to superintend and advise boards of supervisors concerning the construction of roads, bridges and ditches.

Representative Cummings of Marshall introduced a lengthy measure by the terms of which employment of children under the age of 14 is absolutely prohibited and the employment of those under 16 is restricted to such an extent as to practically exclude them. The bill supplements the compulsory educational measure as the employment of children is prohibited unless they can furnish a certificate that they have attended school for the prescribed period during the current twelve months.

**COUPLE DIE TOGETHER.**

Bodies of Reinbeck Man and Wife Found in Oregon.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 27.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown of Reinbeck, Iowa, were found in the hills south of town yesterday. Mrs. Brown had been shot in the breast and her throat cut from ear to ear with a razor. Brown had shot himself in the head and swallowed poison. A note found near the bodies was to the effect that they were tired of life and had agreed to die together. Another letter written by Mrs. Brown and addressed to "Dear Brother," said: "When this letter reaches you, I will be no more. I have found another man in Oregon. I love better than my wife. I am not a republican or democrat, but as the case may be. He can thus vote but once. If requested, he must take oath that he voted with that party at the last general election and perjury will be attached with the same penalty as at a general election."

**BANKRUPTCY LAW.**

Supreme Court Sets Aside Conveyance of Property.

Des Moines, Jan. 28.—The supreme court of Iowa stepped in yesterday and reversed the lower court because of a desire to protect his creditors, within four months of the beginning of proceedings in bankruptcy. The lower court held that there was no evidence of an intention to give preference to the banks, but the supreme court holds that there was apparently a mutual knowledge that the bankrupt was insolvent at the time.

**PROUTY'S FIRST ROUND.**

Centros County Central Committee and Fixes Early Primary Date.

Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Judge S. F. Prouty won in the first round of the congressional battle at the initial session of the republican county central committee, held in the court house yesterday afternoon. His lieutenant controlled the Polk county committee by a vote of 22 to 10. The county primary election was fixed for February 23, only four weeks hence, and the primary will be followed in a few days by the county convention. An effort to make a change in the rules governing primaries, so that judges of election shall have the right to demand a receipt from prospective voters touching their qualifications, was carried by a vote of 22 to 17. Chairman Walter Irish announced that the resolution to amend the rules had received a majority vote, but that it was not passed, as the rules provide that no amendments can be made without a two-thirds vote.

**SAY HE GOT THE MONEY.**

Testimony Against Former Captain Anderson for Corruption.

Sioux City, Jan. 27.—In the trial of Edwin Anderson, former captain of the Sioux City police, for corruption in office, six witnesses testified to seeing J. H. Bigelow, the prosecuting witness, pay Anderson money on six occasions. It is claimed by the state that Anderson entered an agreement with Bigelow, who represented a slot machine company, to protect him in the operation of the machines in violation of the law, in consideration of regular amounts to be paid Anderson by Bigelow.

**Judge Wade After Trust.**

Washington, Jan. 28.—Judge Wade has introduced a bill to suppress monopolies and trusts in restraint of trade in cattle, hogs, meats and animals. The bill provides that transportation for this class of goods between the different states with a purpose in view of selling the same at prices calculated to drive competition out of business shall be prohibited and that the penalty for the violation shall be \$5,000 and deprivation of the use of the mails. The bill was referred to Congressman Heppburn's committee, interstate and foreign commerce.

**Shot His Mother.**

Anita, Jan. 28.—While playing with a 22-caliber rifle supposed not to be loaded, the five-year-old son of Mr. Geo. Verelack, accidentally discharged the same, the bullet striking his mother in the elbow, passing up the arm into the shoulder. Efforts to extract the bullet have been in vain.

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**Dr. R. Robbins, Muskegon, I. T., writes:**

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