The Democrat.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, 1901.
TELEPHONE 154.

—Harry Sullivan is visiting friends at Pontiac, Ill.

—Henry Welterlen made a business trip to Independence Monday.

—The bowling alley in the Wolcott building is now in running order.

—The Democrat is one day late this week owing to repairs being made on its press.

—Mr. I. Gibson, of Greeley, has rented the Seeds residence and will remove to this city in the near future.

—Chambers of the cash shoe store this week states his aim and claim in his space in the Democrat

—Walter Sedgwick left for Central City Monday morning to take charge of his racket store at that place.

—Bert Grems went to Fredricksburg Saturday, called there by a telegram informing him of the death of his sister.

—Miss Emma Malven, of Independence, spent Thursday in this city the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs. John Malven.

—Ex-Supervisor Sawyer has taken possession of the house on Main street, which he recently purchased from J. R Toogood.

—Mrs. Dr. Donnelly and her son and daughter, of Ryan, were over Sunday guest of Mrs. Donnelly's mother, Mrs. F. Klonus.

—Charles Pratt and Charles Newcomb, who went to Galveston last fall, will return home to begin work the first of March.

—Grassfield Bros. brought in their ad. announcing the arrival of their spring stock of shoes too late for this issue. Watch their space next week.

—If you are interested in the subject of naming farms, or having painting of any kind done, read E. H. Chapel & Son's business card in this issue.

—Burton Clark has returned from the eastern marts where he purchased a large stock of seasonable goods which the readers of the Democrat are requested to call and inspect.

—L. R. Stout and children departed Thursday for Oskaloosa, where he is visiting his sister Mr. Stout will return this week, the children will remain with his sister for the present.

—At the Firemen's meeting last Tuesday evening, Gus Miller was re elected chief, J. J. Goen first assistant, Joe Foster second assistant and Will Ward secretary. It was decided to give a dance in the near future for the benefit of the firemen.

—Harold the little son of Will Malven received injures last Friday by the explosion of a cannon fire cracker with which he was playing and thoughtlessly ignited. Slight wounds were inflicted by the missel to his face and left hand.

—Monday afternoon and until midnight the Masons of this city were engaged in promoting three of their fellow craftsmen to the grade of mastermasons. The craft were called from labor to refreshments at 6 o'clock and again at the close of labor.

—Word comes from Central City that Dr. Powers. representing the State Board of Health has visited the Ross neighborhood near that place and pronounced the disease prevailing there Small Pox A Manchester physician had pronounced it "Cuban itch."

—T. T. Oliver who has opened a restaurant and lunch counter in the Klonus building on Main street, by his notice in another column, invites those wishing anything in his line to give him a trial order. We predict that Tom will be a popular restauranteur and that his grill rooms will receive liberal patronage.

—The moving picture entertainment at City Hall, Monday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of several churches in this city, was largely attended, in fact many who had tickets were unable to gain admission. The indications are that there will be equally as good an attendance this (Tuesday) evening.

—Many of the older residents of this city will remember Mr. and Mrs. John C. Walsworth who lived on west Howard street. They removed from this place to Blairsburg about 17 years ago. Mr. Walsworth died a year ago last January and word was received here yesterday from Blairsburg that Mrs. Walsworth died there last Saturday.

—The juniors of the high school were entertained by Nellie Leon and Edith Wells at the home of the latter last Friday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games, after which delicious refreshments were served Those present were May and Maud Cary, Nellie Leon, Edith Wells, Daisy Dunham, Mary Servoss, Hattie Rich, Etta Fox, Don Preussner, George McEwen, David Bowen and Harry Burbridge.

—Charles Webber for the past thirty years a resident of this city died at his home on Franklin street last Monday after an illness of but a few days. He was a stone mason by trade and had followed that occupation during his entire residence here. He was born in New Hampshire and was 68 years of age at the time of his decease. He is survived by his wife and five children, Bert, Edward, Harry, Mrs. Chas. Reisner, and Mrs. J. Rose. The funeral services were held yesterday at the family home, Rev. Taylor officiating.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Keagy delightfully entertained some fourteen friends last Friday evening at their pleasant home on Butler street. The occasion was a six o'clock dinner and was designed as a Washington Birthday celebration. The dining tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated. Smilax and cornations being used with exquisite effect. The places of the guests at the tables were indicated by place cards, which betook of the form of hatchets. That the culinary part of the affair had been placed in most completed hands was evidenced by the hearty relish with which the daintily served courses were partaken of by the fortunate guests. The evening was one of the most genuine pleasure and happy memories of it will long dwell in the minds of those present.

—Miss Jean McIntosh is a gripp sufferer

—Preston [illegible]ce, of Chicago, is visiting with relatives here.

—Mrs. William Hockaday visited with friends at Earlville yesterday.

—Robin Denton, of McIntire, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

—A dance at K. P. Hall Tuesday, March 5th. Carpenter's orchestra. All club members invited.

—Mrs. J D. Kennedy, who is the guest of friends here, returned Friday from a visit at Coggon.

—All the city schools were dismissed for a half holiday last Friday p. m. to celebrate Washington's birthday.

—Joshua Widger, after spending a few days here returned last Saturday to the soldier's home at Marshalltown.

—Ernest Briggs, manager of Gregg & Ward's store at Dundee, spent Sunday at the home of his parents in this city.

—Ben. Mathers, traveling salesman for Scharles the Tailor and shirt maker, started on his initial trip yesterday morning.

—Mrs. O. C. Clark returned Monday afternoon from Sioux City, where she had been to attend the funeral of a nephew.

—Geo. Ecker has bought the Giles Hunt property in North Manchester. Mr. Hunt we understand will remove to Nashua.

—Charlie Abbott, of Coffin's Grove will move to town next week and occupy the front rooms over Chamber's shoe store.

—Miss Josie Thorpe was the hostess to a number of her girl friends last Saturday and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

—A jolly party of young people were entertained at the Boucher home last Friday evening, by the genial host and hostess, Henry and Elizabeth Boucher.

—Miss Charlotte Pierce, who has been visiting relatives and other friends here for several weeks, expect to leave next Saturday for her home in Montana.

—Miss Mary Kenyon delightfully entertained the Doves and a number of their young gentlemen friends last evening in honor of Miss Charlotte Pierce.

—A sleigh load of young people from the Presbyterian church went to the Van A'styne home east of Coffin's Grove, Wednesday evening and surprised the two bachelors. All report a very pleasant evening.

—In another column may be found the statement of the First National Bank of this city to the comptroller of currency, showing its condition at the close of business, February 5th, and from which it appears that it enters the new century in a decidedly healthy financial condition.

—Arthur Spare is expecting a visit soon from his father, Mr. J. C. Spare, of Chicago. The latter, though 83 years of age, looks and appears younger than many men do at sixty. He will be welcomed not only by his relatives but by the many acquaintances he has made here on former visits.

—Fifty or more of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowen, who are soon to remove to Nashua, entered their home last Friday evening without having served notice of their intentions to do so. They were, however, cordially received. Games, music and the serving of dainty refreshments were among the attractions of the evening. Before leaving the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Bowen with several presents, as reminders of the occasion.

—The past two seasons work of Superintendent Johnson ann his assistants at the Bellevue station of the Manchester Fish Hatchery, has demonstrated that the work done there is very advantageous, and in compliance with the recommend made by Supt. Johnson, congress has appropriated $5,000, for the purchase of a steamboat, which will add much to the efficiency of the work done at the Bellevue auxilary station.

—A series of gospel meetings will be held at the Congregational church commencing on Monday March 18th, and continuing for two weeks under the direction of Rev. Frank Smith, pastor of the First Congregational church, of Dubuque. Mr. Smith comes highly recommended as a man, an earnest christian worker and a speaker to whom it is a pleasure to listen. Pastor and people cordially invite the hearty co-operation of all christian people to the end that good may come to the entire city from these meetings.

—Dr. Harry Day, of Lerna, Illinois arrived in the city Friday enroute home from Des Moines where he had been visiting in the home of his brother, Deputy Auditor of State Chas. H. Day. Saturday morning he received a telegram from Des Moines announcing the serious illness of his brother and summoning him to return at once. Saturday afternoon Miss Florence Day was also summoned to the bedside of Mr. Day and a letter received since then from Dr. Day states that his brother is in a critical condition and can not recover unless there is an unexpected change. The many friends here of Mr. Day deeply deplore his critical condition and sincerely hope that it is not as alarming as reported.

—The ladies of the Science Circle held their annual banquet at the commodious A. A. Morse home Monday evening. About 30 invited guests were present. The ladies so timed and shaped their annual meeting this year as to make the occasion a Washington birthday celebration. Pictures of Washington, Washington hatchets and miniature flags were conspicuous among the decorations. Another, and quite an appropriate decoration for such an occasion, was a 1776 canteen, formerly owned by Gen. Lawrence, but now an heirloom in the Morse family, Mrs. Morse being a lineal descendant of the General's. The guests had to "Cross the Delaware" on their way to the dining room, and the performance of the feet (?) on the part of some was more stratagemical than artistic. The banquet was all that could be desired by anyone, and the leading feature of the literary program which followed was a well written paper about the Washingtons by Mrs. R. W. Tirrill.

—A unique adv. is that of Wells & Eldridge.

—Sam Morgan, of Ryan, was in the city Wednesday.

—Miss Charlotte Rich spent Sunday at Delaware.

—Edward Middleton is home from Highland Park.

—E. M. Carr spent several days of the past week in Chicago.

—Mrs. E. D. Kerr, of Sioux City, is visiting in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. C. Clark.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock tea last evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Skinner have rented a farm near Central City and leave today to take possession thereof.

—The annual meeting of the Rock Prairie Cemetery Association will be held at the residence of A. S. Coon on March 5, at 2 o'clock p. m.

—The Croster farm, located about one and a half miles east of Manchester was purchased last Thursday by C. H. Davis. The price paid was $62 per acre.

—Letters addressed to Mrs. Emily Gibson, Mrs. J G. Gun, Mrs. Susan I. Mills, Fred Manser, J. P. Peterson are advertized as unclaimed at the post office.

—We learn from a letter received from Valentine Kleesples, a former resident of this county, ordering the Democrat sent to him, that he is now located at Ellendale, N. Dak.

—John Becker who is managing the harness shop at Dundee for his father, has decided to go to Oklahoma, and Mr. Becker therefore offers his stock for sale. A good opening for a harness maker that wishes to embark in business.

—Mrs John T Zemanek writes us that the amount she received as beneficiary under the certificate issued by the M. W. A. to her late husband, was $1,000, not $2,000, as stated last week by the Democrat's Lamont correspondent.

—The Manchester Press has the thanks of this office for the use of its press to print the last edition of the Democrat. An expert from Chicago, is here now putting our press in order, and in a few days we expect he will have made it almost as good as new.

—In response to a cablegram announcing the illness of Capt. Hutchinson, his son Joseph and daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bradley departed Monday morning for England, to join the Captain who for several months past has been looking after his property interests there.

—The Dubuque Y. M. C. A. basket ball team went to Independence Saturday where it met and defeated the home team by a score of 25 to 20. The Telegraph says: "The winning of the game saved the Dubuque team from ignomy, for they had lost at Fayette Friday and to return home with a record of two defeats would have been a trying ordeal."

—Licenses to wed were issued the past week to Thomas A. Kelley and Rose Burdick, Alonzo L. Culbertson and Lizzie Thomas, M. J. Joslin and Ida Scanlon, John P. Johnston and Maggie Scanlon, Carl F. Wenger and Lizzie Eggimann, Gilbert W. Ferris and Weltha A. VanAntwerp, John Norris and Vina Wandell, D. L. Carpenter and Elsie L. Kern, George Kline and Gladys S. McNamara.

—Carl Schroder and his wife Freda, who reside on a farm near Delaware had a family scrap last Friday, and on Saturday Freda filed an information before Justice Pearse charging Carl with a breach of the peace, and his arrest followed. The matter was adjusted by Carl's filing a bond in the sum of $500, to be a peaceful citizen to all men, and particularly to Freda until the further hearing of the case in the district court. The indications are that the parties will agree to disagree and end their maritial troubles by a decree of divorce.

—Last Friday a petition for the incorporation of Masonville, signed by thirty five of the residents within the territory sought to be incorporated, was filed in the office of the clerk of the District court. Besides the plat of Masonville and Stevens' addition thereto, the petition asks to have about two and a half sections of land included within the limits of the new corporation. Judge Platt appointed Thomas Rose; F. S. Griffin, Charles O'Hagan, J. W. Turley, and Jud Lane commissioners to submit the question of incorporation to the voters residing within the limits of the proposed incorporation.

—Mr. Ferdinand Dunham attained his 87th birthday last Wednesday, and in honor of the event Mr. and Mrs. Abner Dunham invited twenty of his long time neighbors and friends to a party at their home on the afternoon of that day. None of the guests were minors as is evidenced by the fact that the average age of the company was 73 years. That an enjoyable time was had is the verdict of each and every one of the guests. Ferdinand Dunham located in this county in March 1855 and has ever since then resided here. He was for a number of years one of the supervisors of this county, and a more faithful, honest and conscientious official this county never had. Though over four score years of age, a majority of men at sixty look as old as he does. That he may remain with us, as he bids fair to do, for many years yet, is the sincere wish of all who know him, a wish in which the Democrat heartily joins.

Schacherer-Ullman.

Ellis J. Schacherer was married Monday to Miss Mary Ullman at the Catholic church in Strawberry Point, Rev. Fuller officiating.

The groom is a son of one of our prominent farmers, Joseph Schacherer, near town and is a promising young man. He has purchased the farm of D. J. Noble southeast of town and will take possession March first

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ullman, who live on Bear creek, but has been employed by Mrs. Howard Smith for some time.

The Journal joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Schacherer in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.—Edgewood Journal.

DISTRICT COURT.

The chancery case of Fred Wonleighton against J. C. Robertson which was on trial when the Democrat went to press last Tuesday afternoon, was concluded on Thursday, and resulted in a verdict of $1 00 in favor of the plaintiff.

The case of Glasscock against Thomas, occupied the attention of the court and a jury Thursday and Friday. This was an action brought to recover damages for twenty-two trees cut by the defendant on plaintiff's land. The defendant admitted cutting sixteen trees and plead that he had settled with plaintiff for them. The jury found for the defendant. After the impaneling of the jury in the Glasscock—Thomas case the jurymen not serving in that case were discharged for the term, and at the close of the trial the others were

A motion for a new trial has been filed by the defendant in the case of Minnie M. Glanz vs. Chicago, Milwaukee, Ry. Co.

Petitions were filed last Friday by J. J. Cameron, said to be an attorney residing at Decorah, in new cases as follows:

C. A. Highfield vs. J. V. Bush.
C. A. Highfield vs. John Hruby.
R. Wolf vs. Smith Bros.
L. A. Franks vs. E. F. Mulvehill.
James Clugston vs. J. P. Striegel.
Ira P. Adams vs. C. A. Kendall.
A. J. Abbott vs. Wm. Donnelly.
H. A. Dittmer vs. Esther Dumont.
H. A. Dittmer vs. A. H. Cleveland.
H. A. Dittmer vs. R. H. Bowman.
O. P. Harnish vs. Gregg & Ward.
O P. Harnish vs. W. A. Abbott.
O. P. Harnish vs. Anders & Philipp.

The petitions in each of these cases charge violations of the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and ask for writs of injunctions against the defendants and the owners of the property occupied by them. It is not likely that any further action will be taken in these cases until the May term of court.

Court is in session to day (Tuesday) and it is thought final adjournment for the term will be made tomorrow afternoon.

Jack Mitchell indicted for malicious mischief, by having thrown a stone through a window into the dwelling house of Mrs. Winsor, in Honey Creek township, plead guilty and was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment in the county jail.

Jay Knowles who was indicted for cutting an air brake on one of the Central's passenger trains plead guilty, and was sentenced to board thirty days at the Hotel de Fishel.

M. S. of Presbyterian Society.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, will meet with Mrs. W. W. Ford today (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock p. m. Subject "North American Indians." Leader Mrs. G. G. Pierce.

PROGRAM.

Devotional Exercises.
Religious rites and beliefs of the Indian..... Mrs. McFern.
Our First Missionary.....Mrs. Paul
No. of Churches and Schools.....Mrs. Webber
Relations of Indians to the Government..... Mrs. Kirtpatrick.
Indians in Council.....Miss Russell
Who is Responsible.....Mrs. Hoyt

ONEIDA.

Mr. Lorenz, of Manchester, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lee Burbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat. McDowell, of Delaware, visited relatives here, Wednesday.

Although the weather was very severe Tuesday evening, the literary had a good attendance and those present report a good program. We are unable to give the program for this week but extend a cordial invitation to all to come and find out for yourself.

Mr. C. H. Johnson, of Manchester, was out this way Saturday and we understand he contemplates purchasing the Congar farm east of here.

About thirty of the talented singers from Manchester came out last Thursday evening and gave us some very fine music. After the program about 100 people were fed and the proceeds were $18,15.

Chas Hood, of Chicago, is visiting his brother James Hood.

Surprise parties have been the rage the past week and some from this vicinity attended all of them. The following were the victims: George Coon and family, Rob Robinson and family and Dave Thomas and family near Greeley.

Mrs. M. Meyers, who has been sick a good share of the winter, is able to be out again. And Mrs. J. B. Dunham is also improving.

Several of our young people had a party at C. W. Jordy's Friday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Chauncey Bushnell on Thursday, March 7th for dinner. A large attendance is desired and if the weather is favorable, all should make an extra effort to attend.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of The First National Bank at Manchester, in the State of Iowa, at the Close of Business, Feb. 5, 1901.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$222,665 75
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,513 65
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	9,400 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	40,101 97
Due from approved reserve agents	27,545 50
Checks and other cash items	1,259 58
Exchanges for Clearing-house	1,415 85
Notes of other National Banks	2,760 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	91 45
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:	30,309 00
Specie $17,698 00	
Legal-tender notes 15,500 50	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	33,198 50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	166 18
Total	$352,558 43

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,718 03
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	
Individual deposits subject to check	144,627 63
Demand certificates of deposit	130,717 77
Total	$352,558 43

State of Iowa, County of Delaware.—ss.

I, H. A. Granger, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. A. Granger, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Feb., 1901.

E. B. Stiles, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
M. F. LeRoy
H. A. von Oven
R. R. Robinson
H. C. Haeberle
} Directors.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. P Ball of Delaware, who have been spending the winter at Hammond La., returned home this morning.

—The horse barn and contents, of W. J. Davis near Delaware were destroyed by fire about midnight last night Several horses, harness and vehicles were burned. Origin of fire not known. We did not learn the value of the property destroyed nor wheather it was insured.

PAYING FOR A MEAL.

It Was Worth a Shilling to Pick Those Bones.

Colonel Ebenezer Sproat, of Revolutionary fame, was born and bred in Middleboro, Mass. He was always fond of a joke and was quick to seize an opportunity to indulge his propensity, as the following incident, related by Dr. Hildreth, well illustrates. His father, also a Colonel Sproat, kept a tavern. One day while Ebenezer was at home on a furlough three private soldiers, on their return from the seat of war, called for a cold luncheon.

Mrs. Sproat set on the table some bread and cheese with the remnants of the family dinner, which her son thought rather scanty fare for hungry men. He felt a little vexed that the defenders of the country were not more bountifully supplied. The soldiers, after satisfying their appetites, asked him how much they should pay. Ebenezer said he would ask his mother. He found her in the kitchen.

"Mother," he said, "how much is it worth to pick those bones?"

"About a shilling, I guess," she answered.

The young officer returned to the soldiers, and, taking from the barroom till 3 shillings and smiling genially upon them, gave each man one and with good wishes sent them on their way. Mrs. Sproat soon after came in and asked Ebenezer what he had done with the money for the soldiers' dinner.

In apparent amazement he exclaimed: "Money! Did I not ask you what it was worth to pick those bones, and you said a shilling? I thought it little enough, for the bones were pretty bare, and I handed the men the money from the till, and they are gone."

Mrs. Sproat could not find heart to reprove her favorite son for this misinterpretation of her words, and then she, too, loved a joke, and so, after an instant's glum look, she laughed and said it was all right.—Youth's Companion.

Ants Invent a Wagon.

"There are a good many ants of different varieties on the lot at my country place, near Covington, and last year I began to make a systematic study of their habits," says a contributor to the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Near one of my flower beds is a colony of small red ants that are extremely industrious in collecting food, and they frequently perform the most astonishing engineering feats in transporting heavy burdens to their home.

"Not long ago I watched a party of about a dozen who had found the body of a small spider and were dragging it toward the nest. The spider had hairy legs, which stuck out in every direction and caught on obstacles, greatly retarding progress. For several minutes the ants toiled away with their awkward booty and then stopped and seemed to hold a council. A minute fragment of dry leaf was lying on the ground, and presently they all lay hold and pulled the spider on top of it. Then they seized the edges and slid it along without difficulty."

The Advance of Time.

The age of man, we are told, is threescore years and ten. From 25 to 40, if the health be good, no material alteration is observed. From thence to 50 the change is greater. Fifty-five to 60, the alteration startles; still we are not bowed down. In the earliest periods of our life the body strengthens and keeps up the mind; in the later stages of it the reverse takes place, and the mind keeps up the body; a formidable duty this and keenly felt by both. Such is time's progress.—Scottish American.

The Carp Is Very Bony.

People marvel at the mechanism of the human body, with its 492 bones and 60 arteries, but man is simple in this respect compared with the carp. That remarkable fish moves no fewer than 4,386 bones and muscles every time it breathes. It has 4,320 veins, to say nothing of its 99 muscles.

Living Without Nourishment.

There seems to be no philosophical necessity for food. We can conceive of organized beings living without nourishment and deriving all the energy they need for the performance of their life functions from the ambient medium. In a crystal we have the clear evidence of the existence of a formative life principle, and, though we cannot understand the life of a crystal, it is none the less a living being. There may be, besides crystals, other such individualized, material systems of beings, perhaps of gaseous constitution or composed of substance still more tenuous. In view of this possibility—nay, probability—we cannot apodeictically deny the existence of organized beings on a planet merely because the conditions on the same are unsuitable for the existence of life as we conceive it. We cannot even with positive assurance assert that some of them might not be present here, in this our world, in the very midst of us, for their constitution and life manifestion may be such that we are unable to perceive them.—Nikola Tesla in Century Magazine.

Optician's Latin.

Hiram had returned home from college, where he had won high honors as a student of the ancient languages, but he "fell down" one day when his sister, a demure young girl in her teens, asked him to translate a sign she had seen in front of an optician's office which read thus:

CON SULTU SABO UTYO UREY ES

Hiram struggled manfully with it for several minutes and gave it up.

"It isn't good Latin," he said. "There are some words in it that are Latin, but the others are either wrong in termination or are barbarisms from other languages, and, taken as a whole, it doesn't make sense."

"That is what I said," rejoined his sister, "but Keturah, out in the kitchen, translates it without any trouble. She says it means, 'Consult us about your eyes.'"

Whereupon Hiram collapsed.—Youth's Companion.

Saved by Presence of Mind.

At Sheffield, England, recently a curious accident occurred. A passenger was riding on a double deck electrical car, and a single deck car passed in the opposite direction. The rope of the trolley boom of the latter was flying in the wind, and it wound itself around the passenger's neck. Fortunately he had the presence of mind to seize the rope with both hands and release himself or he would probably have been pulled from the car.

QUEER WEDDING PRESENTS.

Gifts That Were Not Appreciated by Those Who Received Them.

Even at a marriage feast, as it seems, there will sometimes be the envious or the jealous or the malicious.

A well known author received from a rival man of letters a scrapbook containing a collection of all the adverse criticisms his works had ever received, while a popular artist was presented with a set of elementary works upon self instruction in drawing and painting.

Not long since a gentleman who is a passionate devotee of hunting received as a bridal gift from an anonymous donor a complete set of false limbs, a set of artificial teeth and a couple of glass eyes—the whole of which must have cost a considerable sum—accompanied by a note, the writer of which trusted that, by reason of the recipient's many falls while following the hounds, some or all of these substitutes would ultimately prove of use.

An elderly, crusty tradesman, on espousing a spinster of mature age, was presented by a London undertaker with two coffins for himself and wife, "which, unlike most of the other offerings you will receive, are sure to be of service." The bridegroom resented this singular if useful gift, and it took all the efforts of mutual friends to prevent a breach of the peace.

Equally vexatious was the gift received from his neighbors by an infirm octogenarian who wedded a pleasure loving woman more than 50 years his junior. It was a large brass cage, "intended"—so ran the subscribers' note—"to restrain the wayward flights of a giddy young wife who has married a decrepit old fool for his money."

The husband of a lady whose great beauty hardly atoned for her sharp tongue found among his wedding presents a scold's bridle or brahks, a gift from his wife's sisters, with the hope that, "if Kate makes your life as unbearable as she has made ours, you will not hesitate to put the accompanying offering to its original use."—London Answers.

Longevity of Fish.

There are some goldfish in Washington which have belonged to the same family for the last 50 years, and they seem no bigger and no less vivacious today than they did when they first came into the owner's possession. A few of the fish in the Imperial aquarium at St. Petersburg are known to be 150 years old, and the age of the sacred fish in some of the ponds attached to the Buddhist temples in China is to be counted by centuries, if we are to believe the priests.

Somewhat Encouraging.

"Did that rich young Goldbag propose to you last night?"

"Not exactly, mamma, but he asked for an option on me for 30 days."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

They Tethered Him.

Edale is a primitive village in the midmost depths of "The Peak," in Derbyshire. The inhabitants are all of the roughest type and keep as much as possible out of sight of strangers. The following excellent story is told of one of them who, some 50 years ago, was so adventurous as to make a journey to Sheffield, about 20 miles distant from the village: When he set off to return, it was raining hard, and his host lent him an umbrella, opening it himself, in order to save his friend all possible trouble. A fortnight afterward this man of Edale was seen to return in the finest possible weather, but with the umbrella still up.

"Why," he explained, "we had a pack o' troubles wi' un. There wasn't a doorway in the village we could get un through, so we tethered un in a field."—Spare Moments.

Colors Used by Royalty.

It is very interesting to know what colors are used or selected by the royal families as being their very own.

To England, the only royal family of modern times which has selected it, belongs scarlet, which is very effective.

The royal households of Portugal, Prussia, Sweden and some of the German princes wear blue. Russia chooses dark green, and Austria delights in black and yellow.

Most people imagine scarlet was selected on account of the red rose of the Plantagenet, but this is not true. It was adopted from the field rules of the royal standard and from Henry's adoption of the scarlet dress of the yeomen of the guard.

Harness Makers Attention.

I offer for sale the harness stock and good will of the harness shop in Dundee owned by the undersigned, will also rent the building to purchaser. HENRY BECKER,
9-1wk Lamont, Iowa.

Lunch Counter.

I have opened a restaurant and lunch counter in the Klonus building, recently occupied by Nels Bishop, and respectfully invite all wanting service in the line of warm meals or lunches to give me a trial.
8-4wks T. T. OLIVER.

Have I not bidden ye beware of something said to be the same as Rocky Mountain Tea, made by the Madison Medicine Co.? If ye are truly wise, he edthis warning.—Gregg & Ward.

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will Surprise you. Ask to see them and be convinced.

We repair shoes.

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The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.

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