

Tri-Weekly Courier.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Stag-horn toilet sets, \$3.50 to \$5.00. Sargent's. Ladies' manicure sets, \$1.50 for the latest at Hofmann's drug store. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Horgan of Chariton were business visitors in the city yesterday.

You will find a fine line of Christmas novelties at Clark's drug store. Miss Addie Brown of Eldon has returned to her home after a short business visit in this city.

Ladies' shopping bags, 2.00, \$3.75, and \$5.00 at Sargent's. Miles Abrams of Hedrick who has been in the city on business, returned to his home last evening.

Ebony combs and brushes, Sargent. Mrs. Clara Harlan of Albia, returned to her home last evening after a short business visit in this city.

Brownie kodaks and cameras, \$1.00 and \$2.00. Sargent's. Mrs. D. B. Cowles, of Chariton, who has been a business visitor in the city, has returned to her home.

Fountain pens, \$1.00 and \$2.00. Sargent's. Miss Ida Myers, 415 North Market street, left this morning on Burlington No. 3 for Murray, on a short business visit.

Elegant calendars free. Sargent's. Everything that is good in the Christmas line at Clark's drug store.

Mrs. R. Porter, 716 West Mill street left this afternoon on Burlington No. 9 for Albia to make a short visit with relatives.

Ask Sargent for beautiful picture or calendar free. Miss Rhettia Heller of Mt. Pleasant, returned to her home last evening after a short visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Ebony whisk brooms, 50c. Sargent's. Miss Nora Beaster, 726 West Second street, left this afternoon on Burlington No. 9 for Hiteam, to make a short visit with relatives.

Elegant ebony and cocobola hand mirrors. Sargent's. Miss Mayne McDonald of Melrose, who has been a guest at the home of Mrs. M. Brennan, 407 West Second street, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Height and children 632 West Second street, left this morning on the Rock Island for Corydon, to make that place their future home.

Ladies' and gent's traveling toilet cases, (real seal and alligator.) Sargent's. Mrs. J. G. Schilling and Miss Florence Baker of Eldon, returned to their homes yesterday afternoon on the Rock Island after a short business visit in this city.

Toilet sets, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$5.00. Sargent's. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dyer and son, Spencer, of Keosauqua, after a short visit in this city, left on Burlington No. 6 this afternoon for Fairfield, to visit with relatives.

Elegant cut glass bottles of perfume 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and as high as \$10.00. Sargent's. L. McMains of Chariton, who has been a guest at the home of his son, J. F. McMains, 901 East Second street returned to Chariton yesterday afternoon on Burlington No. 13.

Mrs. H. Burdock of Eldon who was called here by the illness of R. E. Edwards, who resides on East Fourth street, returned to her home yesterday afternoon on the Rock Island.

SOUTH SIDE NEWS.

Boys: You can find what to buy your girl for Xmas at Hofmann's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Engstrom and children of Chamberlain, South Dakota, who have been visiting with friends in this city, have gone to Farmington, to visit with friends and relatives.

Toilet cases, ladies' pocket books, perfumery, nice selection for Xmas at Hofmann's drug store.

Overcoats for farmers a specialty at the Hub. Also everything in the line of good, warm, underwear.

Mrs. James Doughman of Bussey, who has been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Gilmore, 618 East Second street, returned to her home yesterday afternoon on Burlington.

Hofmann, the druggist, invites you to do your Xmas buying at his drug store. Come.

John M. Schaefer who resides on Madison avenue on the South Side, was called to Fairfield yesterday by the death of his sister, Daisy Schaefer whose funeral occurred yesterday afternoon.

Big stock of warm gloves and mittens at the Hub. Good heavy all wool socks at the Hub, prices from 25c to 45c. They are good ones.

Harry Pedrick of this city, has purchased an interest in the Seymour Hardware Co., at Seymour and will assume charge of the store, January 1. Mr. Pedrick is an old hardware man, although he has been dealing in stock for the past three years.

Buy your Xmas presents at Hofmann's drug store. It will pay you. Get a good, warm, all wool suit of underwear at the Hub. Every variety between \$1.00 per garment up to \$3.00.

OLD SETTLER DIES.

Mrs. Jane Hathaway Passes Away at Home of Daughter. Mrs. Jane Hathaway, aged 65 years, passed away this morning at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Claypool, 433 West Main street.

Mrs. Hathaway was one of the old settlers of Ottumwa. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Melissa E. Tully, Edina, Mo.; Mrs. James Edmonson, Chicago; Mrs. J. C. Claypool, of Ottumwa, and one son, Andrew J. Hathaway, of Ottumwa. A short funeral service will be held tomorrow afternoon by Dr. F. P. Stoltz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The remains will be taken tomorrow evening to Edina, Mo., where the interment will take place.

The finest line of men's shirts and neckties in the city at the Hub.

Rock Island System—Two Routes to the Coast.

Via El Paso and via Colorado Springs or Denver. El Paso Route is at its best in fall and winter; Colorado line in spring and summer.

Golden State Limited in service Dec. 20 to April 14, via El Paso, California Express daily the year round—sleeper, diner, tourist cars.

Standard sleeper Chicago to San Francisco, daily, via Denver. Tourist sleepers three times a week for San Francisco and Los Angeles. Tickets and berths at this office. W. S. Parker, Agent Union Depot.

Splendid hand tailored suits that any merchant tailor would charge from \$25 to \$30 for at from \$10 to \$15 at the Hub.

IOWA ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Federal Officers Arrest Man Who Looted Linn Grove Postoffice. Storm Lake, Dec. 17.—The federal officers have arrested John Williams and John Sherill at Sioux Rapids for the robbery of the postoffice at Linn Grove six weeks ago. About \$1,400 worth of jewelry and stamps were found in Williams' house.

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A Courier Want Ad

And besides, most anybody can buy one. Think of it—they sell for only a half cent for each word for each insertion—and you can buy one as large as you want from 15c up.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—GOOD 80 ACRE FARM NEAR Mt. Vernon, Ill. 75 acres in cultivation, frame house, good barn, never failing well, young orchard, price \$2,000. Time on half. W. T. Williams, owner, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

FOR SALE—288 ACRES RICH LEVEL bottom land, covered with virgin growth of oak and hickory timber, five miles railroad, price \$10 per acre, if sold by January 1st, 1904. Or if you want improved land send for list of bargains, enclosing stamp. Frank Landers, Doniphan, Ripley county, Missouri.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—MY RESIDENCE property, 1031 West Main street, six rooms, well, eastern, fine cellar, barn and plenty of fruit, \$1,350 takes it, must be cash. P. D. Pierce.

WANTED—FOR UNITED STATES ARMY: Able bodied unmarried men between ages 21 and 35; citizens of the United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to recruiting officer, Ottumwa, Iowa.

FOR SALE—80 ACRE FARM. ENQUIRE Hotel Washington, J. W. Gardner.

HOTEL FOR SALE—GOOD LOCATION, near depot in a new town; terms reasonable. Lock Box 5, Nemaha, Iowa.

FOR SALE—FARMS IN DAVIS COUNTY, Iowa, in size from 40 acres to 300 acres, price \$20 to \$50 per acre. John Q. Adams, Drakeville, Iowa.

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HORSES BURN

FIVE ANIMALS IN LIVERY STABLE AT BATAVIA PERISH IN FIRE.

Batavia, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Fire which is supposed to have started from an overheated stove in the office of William Walker's livery barn early Thursday destroyed the barn and contents and caused the death of five horses kept in it, besides burning the barn owned by W. H. Williams and several small outbuildings on the property of Al McClain.

NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH.

The fire burned fiercely and though efforts were made by many citizens to quench the flames it was impossible. Night Watchman George Browning in his efforts to save some of Mr. Walker's property narrowly escaped death in the flames.

FIVE HORSES BURN.

Five horses belonging to Mr. Walker were in the barn and the flames had gained such headway when discovered that they could not be taken out in time to save them. Some perished in the fire and two were taken out of the blazing barn but were so badly burned that they had to be shot.

LOSSES SEVERAL VEHICLES.

Mr. Walker lost several sleighs and buggies in the barn and his total loss will probably exceed \$2,000. Mr. Williams and Mr. McClain got their property out of their buildings before the fire consumed them and their loss is comparatively light. Mr. Walker's loss is partially covered by insurance.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD

MRS. M. T. PERRY OF EDYVILLE SUCCEUMS TO ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

Edyville, Dec. 18.—(Special)—After suffering only a few days from pneumonia Mrs. M. T. Perry, an old resident of Edyville, died at her home here Wednesday, aged 73 years, 10 months and 5 days. She had lived in Edyville for over fifty years. She was born in Duncan Falls, Ohio, February 10, 1830, and her early life was spent in that town. She was married to Joseph Perry January 9, 1848, who died in Edyville in 1896. Mrs. Perry is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Margaret Boyd, of Edyville; Mrs. Virginia White, of Galesburg, Ill.; Mrs. Victoria Burbridge, of Farmington, Ill.; Mrs. Ida Veach, of Centerville; and another sister living in Missouri; one brother, Dr. William Barrett, of Missouri; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Strouman, of Butte, Mont.; Mrs. G. C. Johnson, of Okaloosa, and Mrs. B. E. Bickford, of Centerville. Mrs. Perry was a faithful member of the Baptist church from her youth.

The arrangements as to the time of the funeral has not yet been completed although it is known that interment will be made in Highland cemetery.

CONFESSED BLACKMAILERS.

Hudson, (Iowa) Man Admits That He Threatened the Mayor.

Hudson, Dec. 17.—(Special)—This place was thrown into a fever of excitement last evening when the story became public that one of the leading business men of the town had confessed to Sheriff Law and a reporter with Mayor F. D. Poppe present, that he was the author of a threatening letter written to the mayor threatening to destroy his property with dynamite in revenge for the act of revoking a billiard hall license of Charles Corey. The name of the citizen has not been revealed to the public by the mayor, who refuses to prosecute under promise that nothing shall come of the threat. The man broke completely down when cross-questioned and confessed to the whole deal but denied that he had any confederates in the plot. Mayor Poppe is one of the wealthiest men in town and owns property valued at \$30,000.

KANSAS CITY IS TO HAVE A NATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT YEAR. This time it

THE LIMITED "TOOK."

Milwaukee's New Train Starts With a Rush.

The Southwest Limited, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's superb new Chicago-Kansas City train, "took" when she made her initial trip Sunday night, all the available space was taken, and before noon yesterday all the sleeping and compartment car sections had been taken for last night's trip. An additional sleeping car was put on, and it, too, was sold out.

"We are pleased with the reception and treatment we have received from Kansas City and Kansas City people," said General Passenger Agent Miller before he left for Chicago. "They have shown appreciation of our effort to give them the best of service, and we think they will be well pleased with it. Our new train has started with a boom of good feeling, and we intend to keep it up. It gives the Milwaukee the best trains in the country and we are proud of them."

—(Kansas City Journal, Tuesday, Dec. 8)

THEY MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE AN EXTRA GOOD QUALITY OF FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR FOR 50c AT THE HUB. Call and see it.

ALLEGED KING OF THIEVES.

Brady Claimed to be Head of Gang Operating Along Railroads.

Mason City, Dec. 17.—"King" Brady, the alleged head of the thieving gang operating along the railroads out of this city is under arrest at Garner. A large quantity of butter had been stolen and it was found hidden in an outbuilding. Detectives claim Brady was carrying it away when he was arrested. He has evaded the officers for eight years with the exception of once when he was arrested for stealing and sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary.

IF YOU WANT A NICE SERVICEABLE SUIT, A WELL FITTING, FINE LOOKING SUIT AT FROM \$8 TO \$12, go to the Hub.

DEAD CASHIER OWED \$17,000.

Examination of Accounts of Asa C. Bushnell Is Completed. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—An additional shortage of \$2,000 has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale National bank, who committed suicide Tuesday. The examination of the bank's accounts was completed. It is understood that the shortage in the cashier's accounts does not reach \$18,000. Of this amount only about \$4,000 has been traced to stock speculation.

A few reefer overcoats for boys from 4 to 8 years of age at half price at the Hub.

Albia.

Albia, Dec. 17.—The bridge over Cedar creek on the Burlington where No. 3 was wrecked and burned Sunday, will not be completed before Friday. All the woodwork burned and the heat damaged the steel parts badly, so that the bridge will have to be practically rebuilt.

The clerk of the district court issued the following marriage licenses yesterday: Dr. Austin W. Peppers, aged 25, of Springfield, Neb., and Miss Nellie B. Van Scholack, aged 20, of Springfield, Neb., aged 22, and Miss Josephine Ferguson, aged 22, of Buxton.

C. F. Pride and C. R. Van Gordon of Wells, Minn., transacted business in town yesterday. At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Van Scholack, at 8 o'clock last night, Miss Nellie Van Scholack, and Dr. Austin W. Peppers were present. They left on Burlington No. 1 for Dr. Peppers' home in Springfield, Neb. They are well known here. Dr. Peppers is the son of Wm. Peppers, who has been in business here for years.

Win. Piper of Cornish is visiting his parents and friends today.

An elegant line of black dress suits at from \$15 to \$25 at the Hub.

Charity begins at home, but the occupation is like that of dishwashing.

There are no beautiful eyes from which the light of love is shut out.

Here are a few SPECIALS that help to keep US busy and save YOU Money. Ladies' open faced Watches \$5.00. French Stag, Military Brush, pair in case \$3.50. Genuine Ebony Military Brush, pair in case \$2.50. Sterling Spoons for souvenirs 75c. Solid gold Link Buttons \$2.00 and \$2.50. Rings of Many Kinds: Our stock consists of over 1,500 Rings of various styles, and at prices to suit all.