

The Leon Reporter

THE NEWS IN IOWA

O. F. HULL, Publisher. LEON, IOWA. The less there is in a dude's pockets the better his clothes fit him.

A man's height in the social world is estimated by the length of his purse. A Philadelphia young man, who is heir to \$5,000,000, has been abducted. Search the girls.

New York is enthusing over a young violinist by the name of Petschnikoff. He certainly has the name of a genius.

The Hon. Thomas Reed, practicing lawyer, is the central figure in court, but the "czar" privileges are entirely history.

All other dramatic failures of the season have been as naught compared with Capt. Carter's debut as the American Dreyfus.

The Pittsburg Telegraph says: "Sausage links are now more conspicuous than golf links." Let it be hoped that neither variety will join the missing links.

That Chicago "buggy robber" is not wholly up to date in his extensive operations. He should ride in a horseless carriage and commit only cashless robberies.

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Asked by the Trustees of the State Agricultural College. DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—The following sums are asked by the trustees of the state agricultural college for its needs during the next five years:

Additional support fund \$ 81,500 New building 150,000 New house for president 10,000 For increasing pure bred animals on farm 10,000 Total \$251,500

It is asked that a tax of 1-10 of a mill be levied for the next five years to meet the above requirements. The trustees, in their eighteenth biennial report, filed with the governor, state that the above estimate is a small one compared with the real needs of the school, which would easily, if carried out in detail, exceed \$500,000.

DISEASE SPREADS. Smallpox Reported From Lyon County With One Death. DES MOINES, Dec. 9.—In an interview Dr. Kennedy, of the board of public health, said: "Unquestionably the smallpox epidemic in northern Iowa is spreading rapidly. I am in receipt of a telegram from Dr. R. E. Coniff, who has charge of the epidemic, stating that there has been one death from the disease at Alford, Lyon county, and several exposures. Besides this, I have reason to believe that the disease exists in Worth, and perhaps other counties in the state, where it has not been reported."

More Trouble at Mitchellville Reform School. DES MOINES, Dec. 10.—Rev. Father Straven of Des Moines went to Mitchellville with a pardon for one of the girls in the institution whom he desired to place in a Roman Catholic school. Superintendent Miller refused to turn over the girl to him.

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INGRAHAM FAILURE IS SERIOUS.

Liabilities of the Mt. Airy Merchant Are Now Placed at \$120,000. MUSCATINE, Dec. 9.—The failure of A. O. Ingraham, the largest merchant in this part of Iowa, is developing sensational features. It is now stated by the creditors' representatives that the liabilities are fully \$120,000 and the total assets not over \$50,000.

TEMPLE STANDS ASIDE. Clarke County Representative Withdraws in Favor of Dr. Bowen. DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—The most important announcement of the senatorial contest has been made public by the Gen. people, who held a conference here.

To Re-Enforce the Boers. HOLSTEIN, Dec. 10.—William and Daniel Davies have sold their fine 300-acre farm and will go to South Africa. Their father, Daniel Davies, Sr., is a large farmer at West Barkley, Cape Colony, and has sent for them to join the Boer forces.

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New Iowa Central Branch Completed. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Dec. 12.—The laying of 131 miles of railroad in Iowa has been completed and the new line of the Illinois Central from Fort Dodge to Council Bluffs turned over from the engineering to the operating department.

Shot by an Editor. BELDEN, Neb., Dec. 12.—J. M. Blakiron, a wealthy stockman, was killed by C. F. Harris, a newspaper man. The tragedy resulted from an article regarding Blakiron which appeared in Harris' paper.

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READY FOR ADVANCE. General Buller's Arrival at Frere Indicates that Fact. LONDON, Dec. 8.—General Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete.

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