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**Old Soldier's to Defend Law.**

The old soldiers throughout the state are up in arms and in deadly earnest in their fight to uphold the constitutionality of the soldier-preference law, is demonstrated by the fact that two eminent attorneys, Col. C. A. Clark of Cedar Rapids and Col. M. B. Davis of Sioux City, are in conference here today, planning their argument in the appeal to the supreme court from the recent decision of Judge Caswell in the test case brought by one Swift at Cedar Rapids. It was a common talk among the legislature when the bill was passed last winter, that the law would never stand. They conceded that it was unconstitutional. It is to the effect that in all appointments to city, county or state offices old soldiers are to have the preference and must be appointed over other applicants, all other things being equal. Although it was passed almost unanimously the leading lawyers in both houses made no secret of the fact that they voted for it just to please their soldier constituents and with the full conviction that it would be found unconstitutional. When the test case was brought at Marshalltown, Judge Caswell's adverse ruling caused no surprise.

The G. A. R. then determined to see the fight to a finish and Col. Clark and Post Department Commander Davis were appointed to take charge of the appeal to the supreme court. Colonel Clark actually drafted the bill and stoutly maintains that it is constitutional. As he is recognized as one of the best lawyers in the state, the soldiers are hopeful of winning the appeal—Des Moines Capital.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50 cents, at any drug store.

A decision has just been sent to the state educational department by Attorney General Mullan, in which it is held that cases in which parents defended against the compulsory education law by claiming to educate their children themselves, the county superintendent is empowered to make inquiry as to the extent of the instruction and its sufficiency to take the place of the school instruction provided for by the law, and to use discrimination in the matter. The decision applied to the Shenandoah case, which a jury has just decided against the school authorities, but which is not a test case.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. For sale by L. P. Van Werden.

Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Leon, came up Saturday evening for a visit in Humes-ton at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. O. Ables, and Mrs. Randolph Clark, who lives on Rural No. 2. Mr. Smith has traded his general store in Leon and will go into business at some other point.—Humes-ton Advocate.

Foley's Honey and Tar positively cures all throat and lung diseases. Refuse substitutes. For sale by L. P. Van Werden.

Mrs. John Johnson and daughter came up from Leon last Wednesday to spend a few hours with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Bishop, previous to their departure for California.—Humes-ton Advocate.

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- Smoke halibut.....16c
- Bulk olives, pint.....15c
- Dried beef, 1/2 pound.....15c
- Salmon 1/2 pound.....15c
- Salmon 1 pound tall.....10c
- Mackerel 1 pound tins...15c
- Clam chowder 3 pounds..35c
- Lobsters 1 pound cans...35c

Our purchase of Christmas candy this year was decidedly different from all our past orders. We have bought the entire line throughout of the best and most pure candies manufactured by our home factories. When we fill your orders you will know that you are getting the best candies made, for your wives, sisters and sweethearts. Don't forget our fancy line of chocolates, bon bons and bon boxes. Good candy, pure candy, healthful candy.

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**Why is Nothing Doing.**

The thousand or more people who are interested in the settlement of the affairs of the old Bank of Lineville were very much disappointed over the result of the meeting of the directors and stockholders of the defunct concern held here last week. Nothing whatever, as far as made public, was done to facilitate or hasten the settlement of its affairs or throw any additional light on the problem of where the money has gone, who is responsible for its disappearance and when, if ever, the depositors will be paid. J. P. Jordan, of Des Moines, president of the new bank, and vice-president of the old bank, was here and it had been given out that something would be doing when he came; but nothing was doing. Very few people are concerned as to the condition of the new bank, but thousands are directly interested in the settlement of the business of the old bank and in knowing its condition. The impression is gaining ground that Receiver Elson is not doing what might be done to hasten a settlement of the business of the old bank, and even the directors talked of having him removed and a new receiver appointed but it all ended in talk. The apathy and apparent unconcern of those who only have the authority and power to act is unaccountable and the public is becoming impatient over the delay. A folk is needed here.—Lineville Tribune.

**A Timely Topic.**

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. L. P. Van Werden, Druggist.

Married, at the home of Rev. F. Edward, the officiating clergyman, in Osceola, Nov. 23, 1904, J. W. Dunn, of Crown, Iowa, and Bertha Watsabaugh, of Leon, Iowa. These young people are both teachers in the schools of Decatur county and start on the voyage of married life with much promise. May the sun of prosperity and happiness shine on their pathway.—Osceola Democrat.

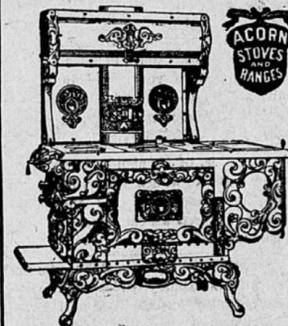
Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

Our good farmer friend Dee Petty, north of town, sold four unbroken two year old mules last week to Gribble of Allerton, for \$500 and delivered them at that place Thursday and got his money. The only thing that detracted from Dee's satisfaction with the trade is the fact that Gribble turned them over to another buyer immediately upon their delivery to him for \$550, but Dee tells that part of the transaction only to his most intimate friends.—Lineville Tribune.

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