

CITY CHAT.

Sweet cider at Long's. Slipper sale at Dolly Bros. Morris Rosenfield is in Chicago. Table peaches 10c per can at Passig's. McIntire Bros' this evening for bargains. Mixed candy, two pounds for 18c, at Passig's. Very best mixed nuts 12c a pound at Passig's. Best full patent flour 95c per sack at Passig's. "The Substitute" at Harper's theatre this evening. Broken mixed candy, three pounds for 20c, at Passig's. Burnham & Morrill's celebrated clam juice at Long's. Choice cigars put up in small boxes at Thomas' drug store. Two quarts of white beans for 15 cents at Nepka & Son's. Choice California prunes, four pounds for 25c, at Passig's. A fine display of eye glasses and spectacles at Thomas' drug store. McIntire Bros' great handkerchief sale is still on—splendid bargains. Six bars of Kirk's soap for 25 cents at Nepka & Son's, 2304 Fifth avenue. Best bulk perfume 10c an ounce Thursday evening at McCabe Bros'. Fred Deakmann returned from a business trip to St. Louis this morning. Davis & Moller have opened a skating park at the foot of the viaduct. Harry Smythe is rejoicing over the advent of a 14-pound boy, who arrived Sunday. Knives, forks, spoons and carving sets in great variety at John T. Nofstaker's. Christmas presents for you—a pair of gentlemen's velvet slippers at Dolly Bros'. A few fine cigars in small boxes, suitable for Christmas presents at T. H. Thomas'. Holly and palm leaves and Christmas trees for decorating, at Buncher's grocery. McIntire Bros. offer this evening 20 pieces of 25 and 29c dress goods for 12c per yard. You can now buy diamonds at almost your own price, to unload, at J. Ramser & Son's. Order your Christmas poultry or game early at H. Schroeder's Twentieth street market. Before you buy elsewhere get your prices on poultry and game at Schroeder's market. Cut glass will go at greatly reduced prices the balance of the week at J. Ramser & Son's. McIntire Bros. offer this evening 15 pieces of 50 and 60c plaid dress goods for 25c per yard. Grapes, pears, bananas, oranges, pineapples, figs, dates, caramels and cranberries at Passig's. Tomorrow being the festival of St. Thomas, there will be services at Trinity church at 9 o'clock. Arbuckle and XXXX coffee 25 cents a package. Broken coffee 20 cents a pound at Nepka & Son's. This evening at 7:30—6 cents buys a juvenile book at McCabe Bros', worth three or four times the price. Gus Wehling has moved his saloon from Tenth street to Third avenue between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. With every \$4 pair of shoes bought between now and Dec. 25, Dolly Bros. will give you a pair of velvet slippers. Leon Maugenet & Co.'s fine bulk cigars at 10c an ounce Thursday evening at 7:30, at McCabe Bros'. Bring your bottles. The celebrated Leon Maugenet & Co.'s fine bulk perfumes at 10c per ounce on Thursday evening at McCabe Bros'. This evening at 7:30 o'clock McCabe Bros' offer big nice board covered juvenile picture books at 6 cents each. Take your bottles to the great perfume sale at McCabe Bros' Thursday evening. Best bulk orders only 10 cents an ounce. What is nicer for a Christmas present than a pair of spectacles or eye glasses. Call at Thomas' drug store, and see his line. Just for fun, or business, drop in at J. Ramser & Son's, and take a peep at those dainty and exquisite stick pins just received. Mayor Medill and Capt. George Lamont were in Chicago last night.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from alum, arsenic or any other adulterant. BE HIND THE STANDARD.

and assisted in ratifying the election of Mayor-elect Hopkins. Anyone who has seen Ezra Kendall's "Pair of Kids" will not miss the opportunity of witnessing his "Substitute" this evening. You can judge what an immense stock J. Ramser & Son have by observing the mammoth display of gold watches in their window today. Ernest Master was this morning bound over in \$50 bonds for malicious mischief. Master is the Belgian who attempted to demolish Kelly's saloon. There is nothing you can buy a boy or girl that will please them better than a pair of those Winslow skates that John T. Nofstaker is selling so cheap. Paddy Brennan and Denny Hurley will spar six rounds at the Milan town hall this evening, in connection with the athletic entertainment to be presented there. Thomas A. McKee, business manager for Robert Downing, who appears at Harper's theatre one week from tonight in "The Gladiator," is in the city today. Slippers of all kinds are going fast on account of the 20 per cent discount on them. Men's, ladies' and children's slippers. The Boston is the place. Special—20 per cent off in slippers. Buy them at the Boston, and save money. We are the people for low prices on slippers. Twenty per cent off—The Boston. The Boston is giving 20 per cent off on any slipper in the house. Ladies' party slippers, Turkish, etc., men's and children's—all 20 per cent off. Buy Quick. The handkerchief sale at McCabe Bros' has been the wonder and envy of the merchants of the three cities. A big lot just received are much cheaper than any before. Fine silk umbrellas, with Dresden imported natural stick handles, gold and silver mounted, beautiful Christmas presents for either ladies or gentlemen, immense assortment, at McCabe Bros'. Remember the Eastern Fair is closing out its stock of toys, regardless of cost, for the rest of the week. We must have room for other goods. Don't fail to see the bargains on the 5 and 10 cent counter. One dollar games for 48 cents. All dolls cut 20 per cent. All kinds of trees and trimmings—2107-2109 Fourth avenue. Accidents. Isaac Richwine, the hostler at the E. L. & P. round house, in attempting to board an engine this morning, slipped and fell in such a manner as to have his left foot crushed. He was taken to the hospital, and Drs. Plummer and Hollowbush called, and they found it necessary to amputate the foot just above the ankle. Motor car 15, on the Elm street line, got away from Motorman Louis Larson on Elm street hill about noon and ran to the foot, when it was stopped. A man named Traux, of Dixon, Iowa, was injured somewhat, but not seriously, it is thought. A broken window light was the extent of the car damages. A freight train smashup occurred at Downer's Grove on the Rock Island and St. Louis division of the C., E. & Q. last night, delaying trains considerably. There were also a couple of troublesome accidents on the main line of the Burlington last night. Cruised by a Fall. Matilda Perkins, aged 17, is in the county jail a raving maniac. She was a religious enthusiast and attended the Sam Jones revival meeting. Sam's preaching enthused her so that she sprang up and began shouting. While standing on a bench in the presence of 7,000 people, shouting, she fell, and striking on her head injured it. A few days ago she went raving crazy. She is perfectly well physically.—Birmingham (Ala.) Cor. Chicago Herald. An Animated Hint. As Mrs. Dr. Bench of Olathe, Kan., was breaking eggs to make a cake she was surprised to find in the yolk of one of the eggs a 2 cent piece. The rim of the coin was somewhat dark, but the center was as bright as a new one. The egg was bought at one of the stores and was evidently brought in from the country.—Independence (Kan.) Correspondent. At Buncher's Spencer square grocery for a grand display for Christmas. Telephone your orders early. POULTRY AND GAME. Turkeys, Squirrels, Ducks, Quail, Geese, Snipe. FRUIT. Edging apples, Fine apples, Oranges, Bananas, Tangerines, Dates and figs, California pears, California grapes. VEGETABLES. Lettuce, Parsley, Cabbage, Beets, Spigage, Soup bunches. Sweet potatoes. A choice line of bottled goods, candies and nuts for table use, in fact everything in the market can be found at his store. CHAS BUNCHER, 221 Twentieth street. Job Printing. The best and quickest work for the money in the city. T. H. ELLIS, 1521 Second avenue. Telephone, 1036. The Weather Forecast. Generally fair weather and decidedly warmer; southerly winds. F. J. WALL, Observer.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION. What Dr. John Murray of the Challenger Expedition Thinks About It. An attempt is being made under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society to renew interest in antarctic exploration. An important paper on the subject was presented to the society this week by Dr. John Murray of the Challenger expedition. He argued that the continent at the south pole comprised 4,000,000 square miles and that great, practical benefits in the departments of biology, geology and physics would be gained by its exploration. He did not advocate a dash for the pole, but demanded rather a steady, systematic exploration of the whole southern region with all the appliances of modern investigators. The exploration should be undertaken by the royal navy. Two ships, not exceeding 1,000 tons burden each, should be fitted out for three summers and two winters. Early in the first season a wintering party of 10 men should be landed somewhere south of Cape Horn, probably about Bismarck strait, at Graham Land. The expedition should proceed to Victoria Land, where a second party should winter, probably at Mac Murdo bay, near Mount Erebus. The ships should not be frozen in, but should return north, conducting observations of various kinds toward the outer margins of the ice. The position of the ice and the temperature of the ocean should be observed. Early in the spring the wintering parties should be communicated with and re-ordered for another winter. During the second winter deep sea observations should be continued to the north. In the third season the wintering parties should be picked up and the expedition return to England.—London Letter. The Spit Snake. There is a snake belonging to the small family caudate, inhabiting Africa, that is said to have the power of ejecting its venom to a short distance. This snake is called by the Dutch Boers "spuw slang," or spit snake. When this snake erects its teeth, the pressure of the maxillary bone on the gland causes the venom to flow in drops, and it may be quite possible that by discharging air from its mouth the poison may be blown some distance. But this information and observation of these Dutchmen may be taken cum grano salis, or we might fall into the same errors as the ancient Munchausen, Pliny the elder.—New York Times. Keep the blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. If you decide to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, do not be persuaded to take any other. Intelligence Column. ARE YOU IN NEED? IF YOU Want money Want a cook Want boarders Want a partner Want a situation Want to rent rooms Want a servant girl Want to sell a farm Want to sell a house Want to exchange anything Want to sell household goods Want to make any real estate loans Want to sell or trade for anything Want to find customers for anything USE THESE COLUMNS. THE DAILY ARGUS DELIVERED AT YOUR door every evening for 10c per week. FURNISHED ROOMS AND PRIVATE BOARD—log at 573 1/2 south avenue. FOR RENT—5 ROOM COTTAGE ON SIXTH avenue near Twenty-fifth street. Ready for occupancy. FOR SALE—TWO GOOD BEUM STOVES AND a hard coal stove, nearly new. Apply at the office. LOST—WEDNESDAY, SEAL SKIN MUFFIN L business section of the city. Finder please return to Argus office. WANTED—A FEW GOOD SMART YOUNG ladies. From \$20 to \$15 a week can be made if smart. For full particulars send a stamp to A. F. Sweet & Co., Providence, R. I.

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McINTIRE BROS. Tuesday, Dec. 19. This will be the gala week. We are going to help you have an easy time to decide on Christmas presents. A CHRISTMAS OFFERING: A Silk Dress, A Wool Dress, A Silk Umbrella, A Pair of Blankets, Table Linen, Napkins, Chenille Covers, Lace Curtains, Cloaks, Jackets. A MONEY SAVER. 20 per cent off Tuesday, Dec. 19. Come in the forenoon if possible. 20-We Can Make You Happy—20. Come and See. Miscellaneous. Some other good solid stuff for daily use: 20 pieces fine gingham, 5c a yard, worth 10c. 1,500 yards calico, 3c a yard, worth 7c. 1,500 yards peppr. muslin, 4c a yard, worth 7c. 1,000 yards of toweling, 2c a yard, worth 6c. 1,000 yards cotton flannel, 4c a yard, worth 7c. Handkerchiefs—Don't fail to look at this line. We show the most complete assortment, and we are giving you exceptional values for the money. Beautiful line of Indian baskets—prices sacrificed for money—come and see. Look at our Japanese goods. They are elegant, dainty, and they are being rapidly sold. McINTIRE BROS. 1709 and 1709 1/2 Second avenue.

The Columbia 1728 Second Avenue, ROCK ISLAND. Watch this space for special bargains every evening this week. Watch this space for special bargains every evening this week.

A Merry Christmas! A Merry Christmas! "S-h-h, tootsy, go to sleep now." Santa Claus is coming.

Useful Presents are Long Remembered. In their selection holiday buyers have not been forgotten. Do you know that right now we are ready for business with a grand assortment of Christmas gifts. We always lead in bargains, which means new holiday goods at lowest possible prices. We always lead in our efforts to please and gratify our customers, and if vigor and variety and value are not a vain thing to trust in, we shall greatly increase our lead. Our stock offers a great variety of desirable presents for ladies, gentlemen and children, and is a popular stock in every respect. We will be glad to welcome you, pleased to show our goods, and guarantee lowest prices ever offered in Crockery, Plush, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Picture Books, and thousands of articles that will do you good to see. Bring the children and let them see the beautiful display. From 7 to 9 tonight child's silver plated knife, fork and spoon, 15c, one to each customer, F. G. YOUNG, Proprietor.

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