CURRENT NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Try Mocre's stock food.

Dr. Roe, dentist, Merriam block.

Eggs, 3 doz. 25c. Bartel & Miller.

Ask merchants for premium stars.

Photos—Platino or Aristo. Sherraden.

Dr. Brown, dentist, room 301. Merriam blk.

Miss Lucy Folsom of Des Moines is visiting her uncle, C. E. Sackett.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Drake of 113 North avenue.

Clinton Spooner has returned from Lincoln, where he attended a college banquet.

The Evans laundry is the leader in fine work both for color and finish. 520 Pearl street. Phone 290.

The Unity guild will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Charles Watts on North First street.

The Patriotic Sons of America will meet this evening at their hall for the transaction of the regular business.

Dr. Mary Tinley is attending the meeting of the Missouri Valley Medical association, which is now in session at Red Oak.

C. E. Bell, J. H. Hunt and Miss Mabel Kent left Wednesday afternoon for Helena, Mont., where they make their home in the future.

Mrs. J. Campbell of Denver, wife of Chief Justice Campbell of Colorado, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Peck, at 720 Seventh avenue.

The work of remodeling the Citizen's bank building was commenced yesterday. It is proposed to expend about $10,000 on the structure.

Don't you think it must be a pretty good laundry that can please so many hundreds of customers? Well—that's the "Eagle," 724 Broadway.

The street cleaning gang, under the direction of Supervisor Harden, is doing good work on the pavements in the business part of the city.

Drs. Lacey, Macrae, sr., Macrae, jr., Thomas and Dean are in Red Oak to attend the meeting of the Medical Society of the Missouri Valley.

Miss Mary Cutler of this city, who has been studying in Shenandoah college, has been elected to a position in the schools of Crescent township.

A regular meeting of Fidelity council No. 156, Royal Arcanum, occurs tonight at 7:30. Every member of the degree team is requested to be present.

J. A. Gorham received a letter from his brother, L. B. Gorham, yesterday announcing that he had been promoted to the position of commercial agent of the Rock Island Railway company at Portland. Mr. Gorham has been located at Salt Lake City for many years.

Four negro boys who proved to be the component parts of a jubilee club looking for engagements during the Transmississippi Exposition, were held at the police station for a night and half of a day pending an investigation by the police. They were discharged yesterday morning.

An owner has been found for the racing bicycle found in the possession of Sam Soudruski, the boy who was caught in the act of stealing a valise from the Milwaukee passenger depot on Monday. The wheel was stolen in Lincoln and was fully identified by its owner last evening. He paid $150 for it last summer.

Superintendent Rothert entertained at dinner last evening a pleasant party who visited the Iowa School for the Deaf. The party was composed of Judge John S. Woolson, United States Marshal George M. Christian, United States District Attorney Lewis Miles, J. J. Steadman, clerk of the United States court; Assistant Clerk A. S. Hazleton and A. T. Flickenger.

T. M. Reynolds, a traveling salesman for a Missouri rubber goods house, spent several hours at the police station yesterday, where he was called by Officer Murphy to show why he should not be prosecuted for peddling without a license. It was impossible to secure witnesses to prosecute him, and he was permitted to go with the understanding that he must cease his work and leave the city at once.

Reports have been received within the last few days that the Gold Belt Mining company, a Council Bluffs organization owning a large amount of valuable mining property in Colorado, has uncovered some exceedingly rich ore in one of its new tunnels. The reports were of such an interesting character as to induce John Beno, one of the heavy stockholders, to drop his business and make a flying trip to the mining camp.

The "Cherry Pickers" pleased a theater full of people at the Dohany last night. The next first-class attraction that Manager Bowen has secured is the "Breezy Time" company, which will be here on Sunday night. The managers have this season introduced a number of the popular "rag time" songs, dances and medleys, concluding the show with one of the neatest and best cake walks ever produced in any farce comedy.

C. B. Viava Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam block.

Elegant cottage for sale. Kinne, Baldwin blk

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Dr. Reller, osteopath, Beno block.

Want a Deed Set Aside.

Eliza M. Haggerty and Charles E. Haggerty appealed to the district court yesterday for assistance in settling a property dispute between themselves and their daughter, Cora, and her husband, E. T. Watterman. In the petition filed the allegations are made that last July the plaintiffs, realizing that they were very old and desiring to make a disposition of their property without making a will, decided to give their homestead in Stutsman's first addition to their daughter for use during her life, but they desired the deed to be made to her children. They employed an attorney for this purpose and gave him explicit instructions concerning the matter. They allege that before the deed was made this attorney had a conference with E. Watterman and was induced by him to make a fee title conveying the property to Mrs. Watterman, accompanied by a contract to provide for the care of the old people during their lives. The plaintiffs allege that they signed this paper under the impression that it was what they had ordered the attorney to make. They now declare that it was contrary to their wishes, and setting up the allegation of fraud ask to have the deed set aside.

Populists Make Another Failure.

The third attempt of the populists to place a ticket in the field for the city campaign was made last night and failed. The convention that was called to meet at the court house drew out a fair sized crowd, but only a small portion of those present were pure, unadulterated middle-of-the-road populists and there was a suspicion that an effort to carry out the full program and place a ticket in the field might result in the republicans or democrats present capturing the party and dictating the nominations. Last night was the very last minute when the party candidates could be certified to the city clerk in time to secure the appearance of their names on the tickets. For the purpose of accommodating them City Clerk Philips was present with his blanks, seals and all of the paraphernalia of his office, ready to issue the necessary certificates. No attempt was seriously made to nominate a ticket.

Picture Frames.

We have picture frames that will suit anyone. All kinds to select from and we will frame your pictures at moderate prices. We employ the most skilled workmen in our house, and we take pains to please our patrons. Our art department will well repay you to visit it and see the newest things cut in that line. We can satisfy you in these goods beyond doubt, and only ask your inspection to bear us out in this assertion. When you want anything in the art line call at the store of the Council Bluffs Paint, Oil and Glass Co., Masonic block.

J. A. B. cigar leads 'em all.

STRAUB REFUSES TO STAND

Will Not Run for the Office to Which He Was Nominated.

DECLINES TO BE ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE

Put on the Ticket Against His Will He Writes to the Chairman of the City Committee Demanding to Be Released.

The political situation, which has not been as clear as the party leaders like to have it since the convention on Wednesday, was still further clouded last evening by the positive refusal of Christian Straub to make the race for the office of alderman-at-large.

When the preliminary, or informal, ballot was being taken for his nomination by the convention Mr. Straub arose from his chair in the body of the hall and announced that he was not a candidate and asked the delegates not to vote for him. There were expressions of regret and disapproval all over the house, and Mr. Straub was informed by dozens of voices that he could not withdraw. Mr. Straub made no further protest and his name was endorsed by the convention on the next ballot by a majority that was quite flattering. After the convention Mr. Straub was earnestly remonstrated with and urged to make the fight. He continued to be very adverse to doing so, and reached the conclusion yesterday that he could not consent to be a candidate, and sent the following letter to the city central committee:

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March 17.—To the Chairman of the Republican City Central Committee: Dear Sir—Having declined to allow my name to be used as candidate for the office of alderman-at-large before the republican convention, and notwithstanding my protests, my name having been placed on the ticket, I am now compelled to take this method of informing you and the voters of the city of Council Bluffs that I will not stand as such candidate for election, and hereby beg you to take the necessary steps to provide for another candidate.

Thanking the convention for the honor bestowed on me, I am, very respectfully yours, CHRIST STRAUB.

Mr. Straub has been a life-long republican, and his declination does not mean that he has left the party even temporarily or that he will not support every one of the nominees. A meeting of the city central committee was called last night and it was agreed to place the name of Soren Wilson, the candidate who received the next highest vote in the convention, upon the ticket in place of Mr. Straub.

FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Boards Sit to Correct the List Prior to Election Day.

The boards of registration opened their offices yesterday for the purpose of perfecting the registration lists that will be used in the city election on the 28th inst. People who have moved into the city since last fall or have changed their residence from one precinct to another will be obliged to appear before the registering board of the precinct in which they now live and have their names placed on the list, otherwise they will be unable to vote, except by affidavit. To enable them to vote by affidavit, they will have to show that they were out of the city on all the regular days for registration. Their simple declaration of this statement under oath will not be sufficient. They are required under the new law to bring two freeholders who will also swear that they were personally cognizant of the facts alleged. Very few changes were made in the lists yesterday owing to the fact that it wasn't generally known that the boards would be in session. The boards will sit again today and on Saturday before election. Following are the places of registration:

First Ward—First precinct, Wheeler & Herold's building, 134 East Broadway, W. C. Hendricks and P. J. Emig, registers; Second precinct, Marble shop, 219 East Broadway, A. N. Lund and Ed Elliott, registers.

Second Ward—First precinct, engineer's office, city hall, Bryant street, C. A. Tibbitts and A. T. Whittlesey, registers; Second precinct, 730 West Broadway, M. B. Aynes and John Hinkel, registers.

Third Ward—First precinct, Chicago house, 135 South Main street, George F. Smith and J. M. Shea, registers; Second precinct, Atlantic house, 901 South Main street, F. F. Ernest and Joe Berwein, registers.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, office of F. L. Childs & Co., 520 South Main street, John Pusey and George A. Haynes, registers; Second precinct, Kelly house, 1212 South Main street, J. J. Hess and F. R. Smith, registers.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, county building, corner Twelfth street and Fifth avenue, F. J. Hoagland and M. Callaghan, registers; Second precinct, county building, 1511 South Thirteenth street, G. W. Hazzard and R. I. Gillihr, registers.

Sixth Ward—First precinct, B. Rishton's store, 2100 West Broadway, Wilson James and M. D. Sperry, registers; Second precinct, L. R. Bloedel's place, Locust street, L. R. Bloedel and W. J. Whiting, registers.

KINGSNORTH IS SUING CAMPBELL.

More History of the French League Cure is to Be Revealed.

The suit of George W. Kingsnorth of Sioux City against J. M. Campbell of this city was filed in the district court yesterday. Kingsnorth asks for a judgment against Campbell for $5,190.80. In his petition he recounts a good deal of the history of a "jag cure" establishment which he created a few years ago in Sioux City and known as the French League Safety cure. Kingsnorth specified a number of notes upon which himself and Campbell were sureties, all calling for large amounts, and which he alleges were uniformly defaulted by the makers and which he was obliged to pay. One of the patients who was induced to take treatment at the establishment brought a suit on the guaranty contract and secured a judgment in the Woodbury county court for $860, which Kingsnorth was also obliged to pay. About that time Frank M. Hunter of Council Bluffs, who had been induced to go into the enterprise, became dissatisfied and brought suit to recover the $5,000 he had invested. In the trial of the case Kingsnorth alleges that he was obliged to contract large liabilities with attorneys connected with the defense. When the case was over he was obliged to give his note to A. W. Askwith of this city for $1,250, secured by mortgage on real estate. The mortgage was foreclosed and he lost the real estate.

The suit will be tried at the March term. Recovery by the plaintiff will depend largely upon the ability of the lawyers to break the will of Mrs. Campbell.

Federal Court Doings.

Only a brief session of the federal court was held Wednesday. The forenoon was devoted to the arraignment of a number of prisoners who are to be tried at the present term and entering their pleas. Admissions of guilt were made by Ted Williams, Ed. Perkins, H. G. Wellman. All were charged with bootlegging, except Wellman, who was accused of impersonating a United States officer, a boiler inspector.

James Erskine and T. L. Allen entered pleas of not guilty.

He Advertised in a Book.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' National bank of Waco, Tex., began a suit in the district court yesterday against George S. Davis to recover the amount of a bill for alleged advertising. The plaintiff asserts that on June 7 of last year Davis contracted for an advertisement in a publication known as "Dismuke's Book of Formulas," for which he agreed to pay $40. The petition alleges that Ed E. Dismuke, the manager of the publication, sent 1,000 of the books to Davis, which were to be a part of the general circulation of the supposed valuable advertising medium. By the terms of the agreement Davis was to have the exclusive use of the books and his advertisement was to be the only one of the kind to be taken from the local druggists. The petition states that Dismuke endorsed the order to the bank and secured the cash it called for.

Davis alleges that he was led into making the contract by having the assurance given him that he was to have the exclusive use of the books, and asserts that the agent immediately after receiving his order made the same representations to other druggists and secured similar contracts with them. The bank sues for the full amount of the order and interest from October 1.

BUSINESS IN FEDERAL COURT.

Grand Jury Indicts a Noted Pension Swindler.

Judge Woolson convened the grand jury in the federal court yesterday and set it to work after imparting the usual instructions. In the afternoon the jury returned an indictment against C. C. Cralle, a professional who has made his living for the last ten years by impersonating United States officers and securing free board and considerable money. His plan has been to represent himself as a special pension examiner and it is believed that he has secured a good many handsome fees by representing that he would do certain things in connection with the applications for pensions. For the last year he has been operating in Iowa and Special Agent W. S. Ayres of Burlington has been on his track. He was finally arrested at Topeka, Kan., upon the same charge and is now under indictment. It is possible, however, that the federal officers in Kansas will consent to have him tried here first. The department at Washington has expressed such a desire for the reason that the cases against him here are considered to be stronger and it is believed that Judge Woolson will be more nearly able to give him full justice.

A jury was empanelled to hear the testimony against Carl Ferris, a bootlegger. The evidence was not very clear and the court sustained a motion of the defense and instructed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal. Tom Allen, another bootlegger, withdrew his plea of innocence and substituted one of guilty.

Picture Frames—Half Price.

Our sale goes merrily on. For two weeks more any frame in our stock for just half the former price. Pictures, too, same rate. H. L. SMITH & CO.

Grain Dealers Meet.

The Southwestern Iowa Grain Dealers' association held its annual meeting behind closed doors last night. One of the objects of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and it was decided that the names of the officers should not be disclosed at the present time. The officers are Dug Hunter of Hamburg, president; Van Schoick of Elliott, vice president, and G. A. Stebbins of Red Oak secretary. A number of resolutions were presented and adopted pledging the association to make some important changes in the methods of buying and selling grain with a view of widening the market margins between the shipping station and the selling points, otherwise giving the buyer a better chance to make the farmer bear his share of the losses when markets suddenly drop.

Iowa Press Comment.

Muscatine Journal: Let us hear no more talk about hard times, men out of employment and scarcity of money in Muscatine, when $259.75 is voluntarily paid at the door by those wishing to see a cake walk.

Des Moines Leader: The Ellison habitual criminal act is a measure the necessity of which has long been apparent. Modern penology is based on the proposition that criminals who desire to reform should be given every opportunity so to do, and its corollary that those who will not reform should be retained in prison. Progressive punishment is scientific and in practice has produced satisfactory results.

Sioux City Tribune: Some of the free silver democrats are insisting that they will not recognize any responsibility for the success of the board of control law if the gold democrats are to be given a position on the board. But as they have not been invested with any authority there is no reason why they should be held responsible. Governor Shaw is responsible for the execution of the law and the responsibility cannot be placed on either free silver or gold democrats.

Sioux City Journal: Hon. C. L. Davidson of Hull was one of the boy soldiers of the civil war, and his sudden death was probably traceable to his military service. He was struck over the heart by a spent bullet. It did not penetrate the flesh, but for a long time seriously affected the action of the organ and caused a great deal of pain. Of late years it had not given him much trouble, but it doubtless weakened the heart and insidiously produced changes that at last cut him down at his prime and in the midst of apparent health. Mr. Davidson was a man of unbounded activity, full of enterprise and public spirit and will be grievously missed.

TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

MOVE IN DIRECTION OF PEACE.

Rear Admiral Beresford Favors the Anglo-American Alliance.

LONDON, March 17.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press today, warmly advocated an Anglo-American alliance as a "move in the direction of peace and calculated to immensely develop trade." He added:

"Such an alliance is natural, and I believe the mere fact of its conclusion would deter others from attacking any inadequately defended interests of either country. Now is the time to accomplish it when the advantages are apparent to both countries.

"A decade hence, when, if it desires, the United States can become a first-class naval power, and will perhaps have adopted the policy of free trade, it might not be worth its while to undertake the responsibilities of an alliance with Great Britain.

"When America has built its navy it will be in a position to enforce its demands, which will not take it long now, with its enormous latent resources and mechanical and engineering facilities.

"An Anglo-American alliance would be the most powerful factor in the world for peace and the development of commerce."

Speaking of the possibilities of the United States going to war, Lord Beresford remarked: "If it ever does, no matter what happens at the beginning, it must eventually win because of the enthusiasm and intense patriotism of its people."

CHARGED WITH HEAVY STEALINGS.

Nine Indictments Are Returned Against John J. Shipherd.

CLEVELAND, March 17.—Nine indictments for embezzlement were returned against John J. Shipherd today by the grand jury. They charge him with having embezzled about $150,000 from Frank de Haas Robison, the property concerned being stocks and bonds of the Fort Wayne Street railway. One bill charges an embezzlement of $50,000. The next largest amount is $20,000.

Shipherd, who was formerly well known as a capitalist and street railway projector, was arrested several months ago at the instance of Mr. Robison, charged with embezzlement. Since then Shipherd has been out on bond.

Will Be Hanged Today.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 17.—John Moshik, who shot and robbed John Lemke of $14 in the outskirts of this city October 21, 1897, will be hanged in the court house of Hennepin county some time before dawn this morning. Two days before the commission of the crime Moshik was released from the state prison at Stillwater. He is said to be a moral degenerate and the plan of the defense was to prove his insanity.

Leedy Honors a Requisition.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Leedy today honored a requisition issued by the governor of Nebraska for Charles Claffen, who is wanted in Cherry county, Nebraska, for horse stealing. Claffen is in jail at Marion, Kan. He will be taken back tomorrow for trial.

BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Board of Control Measure Goes Through Upper House.

VOTE 31 TO 16 ON ITS FINAL PASSAGE

At Once Sent to the Lower House, Where It is Referred Immediately to Special Committee.

DES MOINES, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Just before 11 a. m. today the board of control bill passed the upper house. The vote was 31 to 16 and the roll call was:

Ayes—
Allyn, Berry, Bolter, Barney, Carroll, Cheshire, Craig, Druet, Emmert, Erricson, Everall, Finch, Funk, Garst, Gorrell, Healy, Hobart, Hospers, Hotchkiss, Hurst, Junkin, Kilburn, Lothrop, Lyons, McIntyre, Mitchell, Perrin, Pusey, Ranck, Wilson, Youngs, Lee—31.

Nays—
Bell, Blanchard, Byers, Eaton, Ellison, Harriman, Hayward, Lewis, McArthur, Mullan, Palmer, Penrose, Titus, Trewin, Wallace, Young of Delaware.—16.

Absent or Not Voting—
Alexander, Gilbertson, Malloy.

At the opening of the consideration Funk moved the previous question on the bill as a whole. Lothrop begged that it be not enforced, as he wanted to be heard on another amendment relative to the support of nonresident insane. But Funk was inexorable; it was now, he said, the fifteenth day of the bill's consideration, but the matter referred to by Lothrop had been fully discussed already. He insisted on the previous question and it carried, 27 to 12. An amendment by Bell to make the tenure of office of the superintendents and managers of institutions two instead of four years under the board was pending. Mitchell tried to secure a reconsideration of the previous question vote so this could be taken up, but the chair would not allow it. The bill was at once read for the third time and placed on its passage, with the result indicated. The bill went at once to the house.

After a protracted discussion the house this morning passed Frink's bill granting osteopaths the right to practice in Iowa. The discussion was conducted along the same line as that of yesterday. The present law provides that after January 1, 1899, persons starting to practice medicine in Iowa shall give evidence of having graduated from a recognized school of medicine with four courses of not less than twenty-six weeks, no two of which shall come in the same year. To avoid this provision Prentiss introduced an amendment that practitioners in osteopathy should not within the meaning of the law be considered in the practice of medicine. The bill then passed by a vote of 51 to 30.

Speaker Funk overruled a motion to reconsider the vote by which he was sustained by the house in recommitting the manufactures bill to the committee on suppression of intemperance. It is believed no further effort will be made to entangle the party in false issues at this session.

The board of control bill was messaged from the senate and referred to the special house committee, with Nietert as chairman. It was received with great applause when its announcement was made.

CHANGES FAVORED.

In the hotel lobbies and other places of congregation for the legislators the gossip tonight indicates strongly that there is in the house considerable sentiment in favor of some radical changes in the board of control bill. The measure will probably not be taken up by the house till the first of next week. There are two changes which will be urged with great earnestness in the house, both of which are considered serious. One is that the members of the board of control shall be made elective by the general assembly in joint convention instead of appointive by the governor with the confirmation of the senate. The other is that the educational institutions shall be placed under the supervisory control of the board. The senate backers of the bill will oppose both these changes to the end. A member of the special house committee tonight expressed the opinion that the bill could not pass the house without both changes. It is generally believed, however, that he is mistaken as to the house opinion and that that body will not kill the bill for the sake of the changes.

The contest for the appointment of railroad commissioner to succeed C. L. Davidson is getting warm. The Eleventh district already has four candidates in the race: J. M. Cleland of Sioux City, J. U. Sammis of Lemars, Ed Brown of Sheldon and O. J. Clarke of Sibley. It is said this evening that Governor Shaw has indicated pretty definitely that he will not give the place to the Eleventh district, for the reason that he proposes to make A. H. Davison of Rock Rapids secretary of the board of control and will not give the other place to the same district. Senator Palmer of Washington county is named as a probable winner by some, but others consider that the Eleventh district is far from being out of the race and that a northwest man may yet get the place.

LAVAKE'S MURDERER IS ARRESTED.

John McGeary Believed to Have Done the Shooting.

DUBUQUE, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John McGeary, whom the police have arrested, is the assassin of Captain W. O. Lavake, found dead in his law office Tuesday night.

Attorney Francis Jess knew McGeary was looking for Lavake. Seated in his office across the street, he heard the shooting and, as he said tonight, knew McGeary had found him. His suspicions were confirmed when he saw McGeary, pale but determined, descend the stairway leading from Lavake's office. Jess rushed over to Lavake's office and found him dead. Then he sent a friend to the police to tell them to arrest McGeary. Jess will tell this story to the coroner's jury tomorrow.

A chemist will testify that the stains on McGeary's coat sleeve are human arterial blood and the bullets will be fitted to the powder-stained revolver but recently discharged, which was found in McGeary's room.

Declines a Renomination.

CLINTON, Ia., March 17.—(Special.)—George M. Curtis, member of congress from this district, writes home from Washington, declining to stand for re-election. In his letter he says:

"In accepting the nomination for this high honor in 1894 and again in 1896, I was compelled to make sacrifices in my business and personal affairs, a repetition of which at this time I can not see my way clear to consider with favor. In view of the fact that the several business enterprises with which I am connected are at the present time demanding my personal attention, and in justice to these interests as well as the gentlemen with whom I am associated therein, it becomes necessary for me to absolutely and positively decline to have my name again considered in connection with a renomination. I have arrived at this conclusion after mature consideration, and it must be regarded by my friends as final. In this connection I want to express my deep sensibility of the high honor conferred upon me by the republicans of the Second district, and in return to give assurance of my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the same.

"The lines of battle on which the approaching campaign is to be fought will be clearly defined by the two great parties of the country, and I am firmly of the opinion that a majority of the votes in the Second congressional district will be cast in favor of a continuance of the principles of upholding the national honor and promoting prosperity, so generally subscribed to in 1896, thus insuring the triumphant election in November next of the republican congressional nominee, whoever he may be, to promote which it is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that I pledge my earnest and unswerving support."

BURLINGTON CITY AUDITOR SKIPS.

Leaves a Note Behind Saying He is Short.

BURLINGTON, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John S. Fear, city auditor of Burlington, disappeared last night, leaving a statement that he was short $2,900 and saying he was going to Chicago to make some money and pay back the shortage.

Mr. Fear was a man of high reputation for honesty and trustworthiness and during the illness of City Treasurer Mason had been trusted with the city funds. It is believed he speculated with the funds and when he was detected in the democratic city convention for renomination last night he concluded to flee rather than be caught short. Treasurer Mason has turned over property sufficient to insure his bondsmen and the city will lose nothing.

New Postoffice Inspector.

DES MOINES, March 17.—(Special.)—Postal Clerk C. E. Stewart of the West Liberty and Council Bluffs line has received the appointment of postoffice inspector in the place of George Christien. Mr. Stewart graduated in the spring of 1887 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Iowa and entered practice at Iowa City. In 1888 he was elected county physician. He entered the railway mail service in 1890.

Drug Store Permits Revoked.

CHARITON, Ia., March 17.—(Special.)—The Christian Citizenship league succeeded yesterday in having all the permits taken away from the drug store men at this place. Application was immediately made to the court for new permits and the league filed remonstrances.

Sale of a Newspaper.

CORNING, Ia., March 17.—(Special.)—A. B. Shaw, who has removed to Des Moines to engage in business, has sold the Corning Union to J. C. Welliver, city editor of the Des Moines Leader, who will take charge the first of next month.

CREATES A NEW SQUADRON

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remains of the steamer City of Merida, burned and sunk in 1879, for eighteen years a constant menace to shipping entering the harbor. A large quantity of dynamite was necessary to accomplish the plan. I learn from the highest authority that this dynamite was not the high grade referred to, but of the lower grade commercially known as rack-rock. The work was finally accomplished in June, 1897. Nearly two tons of explosives were used during the twenty-two months of the work. I can state positively that this material was bought from Miles & Co. of New York. Shipments were made in customary boxes and at various times. The party who informed me also stated when asked whether or not the dynamite was used in Cuba. "No, our army does not employ it for any purpose in the field and it is not used by any one outside the departments of public works and port authorities for blasting purposes. Part of this significant low grade is used because cheaper and less dangerous to handle."

I asked him if it was possible some laborer could have stolen any explosives from the public stores of sufficient quantity to construct a mine or torpedo.

"No," he said, "all low grade dynamite received to destroy the Merida was employed in the work. Since then none has been received in stores." He also added that the cost of removing the wreck amounted to nearly $25,000. From this statement it would appear that if Selwyn's shipment was received the greatest secrecy was maintained even at this end about its ultimate disposition. SYLVESTER SCOVEL.

Order to Enlist Marines.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A detachment of thirty-three marines were hurriedly sent away early today from the marine barracks at the New York navy yard. They will join the cruiser Newark at League island navy yard. A detail of twenty-five blue jackets for the Richmond, also at League island, was taken to Jersey City on a tug. It was announced at the marine barracks today that an order for the immediate enlistment of 473 men had been received from Washington.

REMOVE STORES FROM KATAHDIN.

There is a Change of Plans Regarding the Ram.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—A general change of plans seems to have been decided upon in regard to the ram Katahdin. It has been all but ready to sail and had a full supply of stores on board. Men were busy today removing the stores and placing them on the dock. Information as to the reason of this was denied.

The decks of the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis were littered with stores. Twenty-five men arrived from Brooklyn and were divided between the two vessels.

The Miantonomah's crew was busy stowing away its coal and the decks were filled with stores. It was reported that tomorrow it will take on 125 rounds of armor-piercing projectiles and a supply of powder.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the fortifications at Delaware City.

At League Island navy yard today it was learned that the board of experts who examined the eight monitors has decided that three of them, the Canonicus, Mahopac and Lehigh, are useless and cannot be put in condition for service. The other five, the Nahant, Japson, Catskill, Montauk and Manhattan, can be fitted out for harbor defense. The principal work required on them is to lay new decks.

Commandant Casey said today that the monitors could be made effective as defenders of torpedo fields or where they could be anchored in shallow water and their big guns used to advantage. The effectiveness of these big guns, out of date as they are, is formidable.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., March 17.—There was another successful trial of the submarine boat Holland in Staten Island sound today. The vessel was submerged and apparently worked to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Holland, who was in charge of it. While the hull was under water all the time, the turret, which is about eighteen inches above deck, remained above the surface except for a minute or two, when the vessel disappeared entirely and came up again a short distance away.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.—Company B of the Fifth United States infantry, stationed at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, has been ordered by Secretary Long to report at St. Augustine, Fla., by next Wednesday.

READY TO TAKE THE AMAZONAS.

Will Sail for United States as Soon as Crew is on Board.

LONDON, March 17.—The war ship Amazonas, built for Brazil, but purchased by the United States, will be formally transferred to the United States government tomorrow at Gravesend. Lieutenant Commander Colwell, the United States naval attache here, will receive the ship from its Brazilian commander. A crew from the San Francisco will then be marched on board, the Brazilian flag will be hauled down and the Brazilian sailors will be landed. The executive officer of the San Francisco will probably take command of the Amazonas, and it will sail for the United States as speedily as possible under sealed orders. It is supposed it is going to the North American station when its crew can be reinforced. The Amazonas has just been provisioned and coaled for its trip to Brazil. The United States government purchased all the supplies.

Commander Willard H. Brownson, the agent of the United States Navy department, who arrived here yesterday, has been besieged by newspaper men and reporters. He says the reports of the object of his mission are incorrect and that his errand is one which he cannot speak about. Apparently Commander Brownson is acting as adviser to Lieutenant Commander Colwell.

A special dispatch from Rome says the Italian minister of marine, Admiral Brin, has informed the Spanish ambassador to Italy, Count de Bonomar, that his request that Italy sell three war ships to Spain will be discussed at the next cabinet meeting.

Spanish Bonds Going Up.

LONDON, March 17.—On the Stock exchange today the opening prices of Spanish fours was 55 11-16, against 544% at the close of the market yesterday.

PARIS, March 17.—Spanish fours, when the bourse opened today, were quoted at 55 7-16; yesterday's closing price was 54 5-16.

MADRID, March 17.—When the bourse opened today Spanish fours were quoted at 75.30, an advance over the closing price of yesterday, which was 74.60.

General Pando Safe.

HAVANA, March 17.—General Pando, concerning whose safety anxiety has been expressed in some circles, arrived this morning at Ciego de Avala, in the middle of the military trocha extending between Moro and Jucum, province of Puerto Principe.

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