UPHOLDS TAX FERRET LAW

Judge Prouty of Des Moines Sustains it in Every Particular.

SWEEPING DECISION HANDED DOWN

Proceedings Under the Law Are Regular and Property for Five Years Back Can Be Placed on Books and Taxed.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—There has been a great deal of controversy in the counties of Iowa over the tax ferret law, under which it is possible for counties to employ experts to go through the records and ferret out property that has been concealed from the assessors or which has in some manner escaped taxation and to compel the owners of such property to pay the back taxes. The law has been assailed on every hand. Today in the district court of Polk county Judge Prouty rendered a decision, sweeping in its character, upholding the constitutionality of the law in every particular and deciding that proceedings under the law are regular. He holds that it is legal to place property on the books of the county treasurer for taxation purposes back for a period of five years and under certain circumstances for a period extending even further back. No such general decision on the law has before been rendered by any Iowa court and it is expected this will be a precedent generally followed. The counties of Iowa under this law are securing thousands of dollars of back taxes and the property owners are vigorous in their denunciation of the law. Judge Wharton of Kossuth county has held that the law's retroactive feature is unconstitutional.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The supreme court of Iowa this morning placed on file a large batch of opinions in appeal cases and adjourned until the regular term in January. All of the judges except Judges Granger, Deemer and Given have left the city to remain until after the holidays. The opinions filed today contained very little of general interest, being nearly all decisions on technical law points. Following are the decisions:

McDuff against J. F. McDuff, appellant; Decatur county; claim in probate; affirmed.

Aultman, Miller & Co. against Christian Nilson, appellant; Fayette county; action on sale contract; affirmed.

C. R. Lucas against the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway, appellant; Johnson county; action to recover for injuries to horses shipped over the railroad; affirmed.

L. A. Persons against Ida A. Persons, administratrix, appellant; Pottawattamie county; claim against estate; affirmed.

Aultman, Miller & Co., appellant, against Roemer Bros.; Franklin county; action on contracts of guaranty; affirmed.

Leland A. Bentley against Albert and David Bentley, appellants; Bremer county; action on will and codicil; affirmed.

Emily Ebersole et al, appellants, against Pharaoh Most et al; Calhoun county; action to subject part of the value of homestead to the payment of a judgment; affirmed.

J. C. Axmear against A. J. Richards, appellant; Keokuk county; restraining road supervisor from removing fence; affirmed.

Bank of Stratton against S. Dixon, appellant; Jasper county; judgment irregularities; affirmed.

M. A. Walthen, appellant, against L. D. Hemstreet et al; Warren county; sureties on note; affirmed.

Thomas Costello, appellant, against Michael Costello; Clinton county; on note; affirmed.

State against Bruce Shefler et al, appellants; Linn county; assault case; affirmed.

Estate of Jacob Kintz against John Schoentgen, administrator, appellant; Union county; affirmed.

Addie M. Egmore, administratrix, against Union County, appellant; Adams county; damages for death of a girl on highway bridge; affirmed.

C. A. Thompson, appellant, against Des Moines Driving Park; Polk county; affirmed.

John Wallace against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, appellant; Woodbury county; affirmed.

St. Luke's Parish of Cedar Falls, appellant, against Linnie Miller; Black Hawk county; contest over title to ground; affirmed.

F. E. Suttar, appellant, against Bert Thayer; Buena Vista county; malicious prosecution; affirmed.

C. D. Matteson, administrator, against W. H. Dent, appellant; Winnishiek county; replevin to recover investment company bonds; affirmed.

Lavinia Barmister, administratrix, against Clara V. McIntire, administratrix, appellant; Wapello county; recover money deposited as payment for right-of-way; affirmed.

C. J. Waterman against C. B. Randlett, appellant; Council Bluffs superior court; rent and damages to leased property; affirmed.

Mary J. Jamison et al against Estate of John Jamison, appellant; Butler county; affirmed.

William R. Sample against Charles W. Rand, appellant; Lee county; commission in real estate deal; affirmed.

John Steel against H. E. Long et al; Dallas county; quieting title; affirmed.

George R. Owen against Elizabeth D. Higgins, appellant; Linn county; to recover purchase price of land; affirmed.

Ida B. Henstee against Thomas Watts; Polk county; promissory note; affirmed.

C. J. McNamara, appellant, against J. H. Breshen et al; Plymouth county; public highway case; affirmed.

Westenhaver Bros., appellants, against German-American Insurance Company; Winnebago county; action on policy; affirmed.

L. M. Hartley against E. T. Bartruff et al, appellants; Des Moines county; land title case; affirmed.

Anselm Frankel et al against Emmanuel Hites, appellant; Mahaska county, action on mortgage; affirmed.

Peter Samuels, appellant, against W. V. Shipley & Co.; Hardin county; action to recover value of goods purchased, but not accepted; affirmed.

W. A. Shawver against L. V. Chamberlain, appellant; Wright county; action on sale contract; affirmed.

Alice C. Stork against Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias; Pottawattamie county; action on insurance certificate; affirmed.

Oloff Atkinson, appellant, against City of Davenport; Scott county; paving contract; affirmed.

Mae Brenner against R. W. Boeger, appellant; Decatur county; action for damages; affirmed.

In re Estate of Elisha Toby; Black Hawk county; affirmed.

William Johnson, appellant, against Head Bros. et al; Greene county; affirmed.

Hannah L. Irish, appellant, against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway; Woodbury county; affirmed.

State, appellant, against B. F. Schlinker; Polk county; suit to test pure milk ordinance; affirmed.

William Johnson, appellant, against Head Bros. et al; Greene county; to recover money; affirmed.

Hannah L. Irish, administratrix, appellant, against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway; Woodbury county; damages for death of Adelbert Irish; affirmed.

Farmers' Co-operative Creamery Company against Iowa State Insurance Company, appellant; Madison county; on life insurance policy; reversed.

Lizzie Daisy, appellant, against Iowa Central Railway; Mahaska county; action for injury to property; reversed.

O. M. Osborn & Co., appellant, against S. H. Metcalf and Benton County Savings Bank; Benton county; action in replevin; reversed.

C. O. Hathaway, appellant, against T. L. Rogers; Des Moines county; to enjoin transfer of note; reversed.

J. M. Kilmeo against D. W. Gallagher, appellant; Harrison county; attachment on property; reversed.

State ex rel. Eliza Hawk, appellant, against Frank L. Harris; Cass county; support of child; reversed.

Attorney Goes Wrong.

The district court today directed a committee to be appointed to prepare articles for disbarment of F. B. Huckstep, an attorney of this city, on the ground of having forged the name of one of the judges to a pretended decree of divorce for a client and affixing the seal of the court thereto. The fact was brought out when a Mrs. Osborn applied for a marriage license and was refused because she had never procured a divorce. She presented a decree of divorce, but the court records did not sustain her contention. Then Attorney Huckstep was called in and acknowledged this morning that he had signed the name of the judge to the bogus decree and turned it over to Mrs. Osborn, but denies that he put the court seal on the paper. As this is not his first offense he will be disbarred.

Reveals Rural Romance.

A petition for divorce just filed in Marshall county reveals details of a rural romance and tragedy. Mrs. Thomas Hollingshead, wife of a farmer who has lived near La Moille for thirty years, left home September 24 last and about the same time a man named S. E. Smith, who had been employed as a farm hand by Mr. Hollingshead, disappeared. Neither has been seen since. Mr. Hollingshead has applied for divorce and custody of two minor children. He claims that the woman took $500 with her. They were married at Princeton, Ill., in 1869.

Old Soldier Perishes.

Morgan Spencer, an old soldier, member of the Iowa Soldiers' home family, wandered away from the home in Marshalltown and died from exposure. When found yesterday he was three miles from the home and in a critical condition. He had been insane and in the asylum at Clarinda at one time, and was regarded as feeble-minded. He was a private in the 168th New York volunteers. He was sent to the home originally from Guthrie county, but took a discharge and was afterward admitted again. He has a son living at Bagley.

The Gay Center-Blockton Telephone company of Blockton has been incorporated with $100,000 capital authorized and H. R. Dennis, G. W. Hartley, Asa Terrell and others as incorporators.

Three new cases of smallpox were reported to the State Board of Health today—in Hazell Dell township, Pottawattamie county, and in Little Sioux and Weston.

Photographer Suddenly Departs.

ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—L. Burno, a photographer, who has been in business here two years, has suddenly decamped, leaving only unpleasant memories and unpaid bills for his creditors.

The town of Soldier wants to incorporate, and has filed a petition, which will be heard at the next term of the Monona county district court.

W. B. Buckley of Onawa has been elected principal of the schools at Mapleton, to succeed Prof. H. H. Hahn, who goes to Blair, Neb., at an increased salary.

Hammer Gives Bonds.

NEWTON, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Dr. M. R. Hammer of this city has been indicted by the grand jury, now in session, for assault with intent to commit manslaughter. Bonds were placed at $1,500, which have been furnished. Some weeks ago Dr. Hammer made an assault upon O. S. Wheatcraft, when the latter was badly cut with a large knife. It seems that Wheatcraft, who is a farmer, had some little misunderstanding with the doctor over an account, resulting as above stated. Hammer's bonds are regarded as too low.

Open Their New Hall.

ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The members of Monona lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, dedicated their new hall here with a program of appropriate exercises, in which delegations from Castana, Whiting, Mapleton, Blencoe and Sloan participated. The lodge room, which is considered one of the finest in the west, being equipped and furnished in a thoroughly modern style, will be used also by the Grand Army of the Republic and Modern Woodmen lodges.

Father Saunders' Costly Leap.

STORM LAKE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Rev. Father Saunders of Cherokee is nursing a broken collarbone, the result of a runaway at Storm Lake while being transferred by 'bus from the Milwaukee station to the Illinois Central depot. He jumped out the door while the team was galloping at its highest rate of speed.

Mrs. Kuhn Found Guilty.

SIGOURNEY, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Kuhn, accused of having murdered her husband by placing poison in his beer, has returned a verdict of guilty after being out all night. The case has been a hard fought one and has lasted nearly two weeks.

Judge Deemer is Undecided.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Deemer, who was yesterday tendered the position of chancellor of the law school of the State university, has asked until Monday to decide and will make no announcement before.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BLUFFS

Society Doings of Last Week—Personal Movements and Prospects.

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free socials to the women of the church Thursday afternoon. A large number of women were in attendance. Refreshments were served.

Roy DeVol will entertain at a dancing party at his home on Willow avenue Friday evening.

The Elite Dancing club gave its regular weekly dancing party at Royal Arcanum hall Thursday evening. A lengthy program of dances was given and thoroughly enjoyed by the members. The club will give its Christmas party at Royal Arcanum hall Thursday evening.

The Jones-Worley wedding will occur tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride on Fifth avenue, Rev. Barnes of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

Clarence Josslyn of Third avenue entertained a number of his friends at cards Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkins entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening for Messrs. A. Pedle of Emmetsburg and Thomas Adamson of LeMars.

Miss Marion Crane of Park avenue has issued invitations for a party to be given at her home New Year's eve.

Miss Maude McKesson of Oakland avenue has issued cards for a high five party to be given at her home New Year's eve.

A number of Council Bluffs people attended the Burchmore-Allen wedding at Omaha Tuesday evening. The bride is a sister of Mrs. G. M. Fraser of this city.

Mrs. W. W. Loomis and Mrs. W. F. Sapp will entertain a number of friends at a musical Saturday afternoon, December 29, from 2 to 5.

Mrs. D. W. Bushnell will entertain at cards Christmas night at her home on Bluff street.

The annual apron sale of the women of St. John's English Lutheran church was held Thursday and Friday at the Beno building. A number of artistic booths were constructed, in which were displayed many handsome pieces of fancy work, and the affair proved to be a great success, both socially and financially.

Mrs. W. A. Joseph and son of Chicago are in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. Joseph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chapman, South Sixth street.

Miss Agnes Drake left yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in St. Louis.

W. M. Dailey left last evening for his old home at Stewart, O., where he will spend the winter.

Cadet Charles C. Mathis is home from the Kearney Military academy to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mathis.

Congressman W. I. Smith is expected home from Washington today to spend the holidays with his family.

Mac Hanchett is home for the holidays from the Chicago university.

F. H. Miller left last evening for Paul's Valley, I. T., to spend the holidays with his family.

Mrs. W. S. Hutton has gone to Des Moines to spend the Christmas season with relatives and friends.

Miss Edna Putnam is spending the holidays with relatives at Carson, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace of Bluff street will leave tomorrow for Des Moines, where they will spend Christmas with their son and family.

Mrs. J. C. Norton has gone to Clinton, Minn., to spend Christmas with her son.

Mrs. R. C. Noleman of Alliance, Neb., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Stephan of Madison avenue.

Miss Bessie Beno is home for the holidays from Lake Forrest (Ill.) seminary.

Miss Katherine White returned home yesterday from the Nebraska university to spend the holidays.

Miss Madge Hollenbeck, who is attending LaSalle seminary in Massachusetts, will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in the east.

Miss Anna Williams is home from State Normal college at Cedar Falls to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Emma D. Ingalls has gone to Iowa City to spend the holidays.

Miss Genevieve Baldwin has returned from Vassar college to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Baldwin.

Miss Maude M. Pierce, formerly of the High school faculty, left yesterday for her home at Rochelle, Ill., where she will be married Thursday to a prominent business man of that city.

MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

W. A. Maurer Restrains the Building of Wickham's Stairway.

W. A. Maurer secured a temporary injunction in the superior court yesterday afternoon restraining E. A. Wickham and Anderson Bros. from constructing a stairway between the Maurer and Wickham buildings on Broadway, except according to the terms of an alleged contract and agreement entered into between them. The stairway in question is being built partly on Maurer's property and partly on that belonging to Wickham. Maurer alleges that the landings are not being made so as to give convenient access to the upper floors of his building as was agreed upon when Maurer allowed his retaining wall to be used by Wickham.

C. I. Rafter, a nurseryman of Sioux City, commenced four suits in the district court yesterday to recover on sales of fruit trees. The defendants and amounts sued for are: Mary Hibbler, $20; B. Wilson, $150; Henry Andrers, $1,100; Fred Winter, $100.

Dexter A. Frank filed a petition of intervention yesterday in the Officer & Pusey receivership matter, in which he asks that the receivers be ordered to pay him $1,236.86, which he paid under protest on a note, as he had $2,840.26 on deposit. He says the receivers declined to offset sufficient of his deposit against the note.

Margaret Frank, as trustee for Margaret Ward, filed a petition of intervention, asking that her claim of $2,051.17 be declared a preferred one, as the money deposited by her constituted a trust fund. Mary E. Mattheson filed a similar petition as trustee to have a claim of $434.60 made a preferred one.

A good, reliable carving set at Cole & Cole's, $1.50. Nothing would make a better present unless it would be a Buck Steel Range or Favorite Base Burner. We have a special bargain in a pearl-handle carving set at $9.50. 1,000 salesmen's sample knives on sale. Cole & Cole, 41 Main st., Council Bluffs.

Counter Claim in Damage Suit.

The question of whether the owner of a cow which was run down and killed by a motor car shall receive damages for the death of his bovine, or whether the motor company shall recover damages for alleged injury to its car as a result of the collision with the animal, is to come up for determination in Justice Vien's court tomorrow.

Gus Anderson is the owner of the cow, which he claims was killed by a motor car on October 4 last. He alleges that the car which crushed the life out of his bovine was running at a dangerous rate of speed and the animal had no time to get off the track after the motorman rang his bell. He asks for damages in the sum of $75.

The motor company has set up a counter claim, alleging that the cow in question had no right on the track and that its employes had more than once warned Anderson that unless he kept the animal off the track it would be killed. The motor company also alleges that the cow was running loose on the public thoroughfare contrary to the city ordinances. It asks that it be awarded $30 of Anderson's money to compensate it for the damage done to the car by reason of the collision.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 541 Broadway.

Howell's Anti-Kawf" cures coughs, colds.

Heavy Registered Mail.

Postmaster Treynor was called upon for extra help last night at the transfer office owing to the immense amount of registered mail to be handled. The registered mail this Christmas is the largest ever handled here. It is double that of last year and the clerks at the transfer have been working day and night in order to handle it. The volume last night proved too much for them and five pouches would have had to remain over if Postmaster Treynor had not furnished additional help.

Business at the local postoffice has been almost double that of last year during the last few days and the amount of registered mail both sent out and received here beats the record.

Davis sells paint.

Commonwealth 10-cent cigar.

School Statistics.

The report of Superintendent Clifford of the city schools for the third month of the school year, ending November 28, gives the following statistics: Entire enrollment: Boys, 2,406; girls, 2,380; total, 4,786. Monthly enrollment: Boys, 2,310; girls, 2,263; total, 4,573. Average daily attendance, 4,164.90; per cent of attendance, 94.67; number of cases of tardiness, 389; number of cases neither absent nor tardy, 2,438.

Confusing.

Detroit Free Press: The clock in the kitchen struck 9. The cuckoo in the hall sounded the half hour. The grandfather's clock on the stair landing wheezed as though the pendulum had tangled with the air tubes. Then he looked at the pretty affair in marble and gold which registered $17, and opened his watch to find that it had stopped.

"Good heavens!" he shouted to his wife, what time is it?"

"I don't know. It is all I can do to keep track of the year and the day of the month. I'm not dead certain what century we are in."

"But we're surrounded by all kinds of time."

"That's right. The cook says she is going to run on sun time or quit. The second girl set the cuckoo clock by the policeman's watch when he was half an hour late getting to his beat. Grandma runs this clock here on Bangor time so as she can keep track of what her folks at home are probably doing, and my watch gains fifteen minutes every two days."

"I'll fix that, blamed quick, if I have to buy a whole jewelry store. It wouldn't take more than a month for this sort of thing to make a lunatic asylum out of us. Hear that old machine out there wheezing again. Stop every timepiece in the house and let the first one awake in the morning call the rest. I'll have an expert here right after breakfast and we'll get uniform standard time in this house if I have to pay a custodian of clocks and watches $5 a day."

What he had to do was to advance the cook's wages a dollar a week and pay the fare of grandma to Bangor. She was either going to have Bangor or Bangor time, and all the protests that he could yell into her ear trumpet only strengthened her purpose.

MODERN JERUSALEM.

Experiences of an American in the Holy Land.

Studied then from its thoroughfares, says Cleveland Moffett in the Christmas number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, Jerusalem looks for the world like a huge rambling fortress, with fighting towers and dungeon depths. On either hand, instead of lines of houses you have formidable and continuous walls pierced with low doors and bodywide stairs and iron-caged windows. You cannot tell where one house begins and another leaves off, nor whether a certain opening leads to roof or courtyard or dwelling room. There is, indeed, one way to tell, that is to push boldly in and up along stairs and passages and see what you can see.

Whatever else you fail to do in Jerusalem (and you are sure to neglect half the guide book admonitions) do not fail to study the streets from overhead, as many of them as possible. You can always find a viewpoint by a little searching. Take Christian street about midday, when the sun lights both sides and get your station on the arch near David street, no matter if you have to do some clambering. Now look to the north, there where the greenish dome and white minaret rise. You see a straight way along the base of a high wall, window-pierced, with a lower wall on the other side, its stones old and grass-grown. Below you see two lines of flimsy awnings, tipped down like the visor of a cap, to shelter the booths beneath from the white glare. You see donkeys, camels, sheep, peasants, soldiers, Greek priests, sisters of charity, tourists, pilgrims, Turks and all who live in Turkey, Syrians and all who visit Syria, veiled women, sheeted women and beggars (you will see them all if you wait a little) moving to and fro, now lost under the awnings, now coming into the open. You can follow them between two somber archways, the one that you are on and another, yonder where a cross-wall stops your view. You can watch them until you tire.

These cafe groups and the passing throng before them you will study with wonder and will put to your dragoman endless questions about them. And his knowledge will be at once your admiration and despair. He will tell you at a glance all about anyone you point out. This man is a peasant from Sileam. He is a Christian and has just sold a load of barley. The man behind him comes from Ramleh, eight hours distant. He walked in this morning with his wife. There she is across the street buying nuts, that woman in blue. These three by the door are from a village beyond Bethlehem. Two are Christians and the third a Moslem. They are concluding a bargain. See them slap their hands together and bind it. The old man in the white turban and blind in one eye (see the lemon leaf jump in his water bottle) is a Moslem from El Bireh with grain to sell. There is his camel kneeling. Here come Bedouins with a donkey train. They live in black tents down Jericho way. The two girls passing them are Gypsies from the Damascus Gate. See their faces are uncovered. They are begging. Those fat men in pearl robes are rich Jews from Persia—there, coming out of the shop with umbrellas. Those purple-shrouded women getting in the carriage are Moslems. The one in white with a red-flowered veil and leading a little girl is a Jewess. The one with a baby strapped on her back is an Ain Karim peasant come to meet her husband, who is at the mosque.

And so on until you wonder if the dragoman is not imposing on your credulity, for what he does seems no whit easier than to walk up Broadway and pick men out by callings and towns—an insurance agent from Bridgeport, a butcher from Poughkeepsie, a reporter hurrying to a fire. Yet ask anyone else if what he says is true. Ask the people themselves and you will get the same information. It is absolutely true, though perhaps he had never set eyes on one of these people. He simply reads for you certain signs of face and dress that are plain as print to those Orientals, born and bred to an infinite curiosity about their neighbor's business and an amazing power of minute observation. They ought to make great detectives.

One of the most successful excursions resulted from the opportune appearance of a goat on top of a stone wall. It was down near the bazars.

"What is the goat doing there?" I inquired.

"He has gone there to eat," said the dragoman.

"To eat?"

"Yes, to—what you call pasture."

"Pasture on the roof?"

"Yes, it is very large. Many things grow there. You wish to go up?"

It ended in our getting two Moslem lads to show us a place where it was possible to climb the wall with the help of cracks for hands and feet. At least it was possible for them to climb, but I slipped when about halfway up and came down sprawling. The Moslem lads laughed heartily, which was mortifying, so when we finally got safely up (I was pulled and boosted) I made the dragoman translate the proverb which says that every man is good at his own game, and I offered them a piaster each to imitate me in a little thing that any lad in my country would do easily. They wished to try.

"Stand on your left foot," said I, "like this. Bend your right foot up and hold it in your right hand—so. Then go down slowly until your right knee touches the ground—so, and come up again."

The Moslem lads tried this several times and went sprawling after each attempt, while I laughed.

"Tell them that is my game," I said, and felt better.

CAR STARTED WITH A JERK.

New York Company Required to Pay Damages for Injury.

Mary Dotcheman of Brooklyn, after a prolonged litigation, has been successful in the court of appeals in her action to recover damages from the Brooklyn Heights Railroad company for personal injuries received by her while a passenger upon one of its trolley cars. Her story on the trial, in Brooklyn, nearly three years ago, was that she signaled the car, which stopped; that the motorman beckoned to her to enter it by the front platform, opening the gate for the purpose of giving her entrance; that she got upon the platform, and, just as she was stepping in, or had stepped into the body of the car and before she was able to sit down the car started with a violent jerk, by which she was thrown down and severely injured. The car started, she said, with great force. A woman, a passenger in the car at the time, and seated, characterized the start as "such a jerk it almost threw us off our feet too."

A verdict given in plaintiff's favor for $4,000 was set aside by the court, but the appellate division of the second department directed a reversal. Presiding Justice Goodrich and Justice Woodward dissenting. The court held by Justice Cullen (now of the court of appeals) that the rule that the jar or jerk of an electric car when it is started in motion is not evidence of negligence was applicable only within certain limitations and where a woman passenger was injured as the result of the car being started before she had taken her seat the jury might properly find such action constituted a want of even ordinary care. The court of appeals has affirmed the order and directed judgment for the plaintiff on the verdict.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Great Britain annually produces 300,000,000 yards of textiles.

Pittsburg barbers want 5-cent shops abolished and Sunday work to cease.

The city of Chicago will demand the union label on all brooms purchased by the city in the future.

A servant girls' union has been formed in Watertown, N. Y., on a basis of hours from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. and $4 and $5 per week as wages.

The average daily compensation for the general officers of the various railways in the United States is $7.47, while the average for the working employes is $1.60.

A colony of colored people has more or less appropriately selected land in the vicinity of Painted Rock, Mo., as the location for establishing a farming community.

The Hackdrivers' union in Detroit posts bills in neighborhoods where deaths occur warning the people against patronizing undertakers who hire non-union carriages.

In the shipyards on the Delaware river seventy-one vessels are being built. The cost of these ships will be about $30,000,000, and the work is giving employment to 42,000 men and distributing $475,000 in wages each week.

The report of the employes' relief fund of the Pennsylvania Railroad company's lines east of Pittsburg and Erie shows that the payment of benefits to its members and families of deceased members for the month of October, 1900, amounted to $69,698.30.

The piano and organ makers' unions of Chicago have increased from a membership of 800 to 2,000, and they demand a charter from the American Federation of Labor. The products of the piano factories of the United States reach in value $85,000,000, Chicago ranking second in output.

The Brooklyn (N. Y.) Central Labor union decided that on January 1 the delegates to that body must begin the new year by wearing clothes bearing the union label. On the first Sunday in the new year a committee will inspect the clothing of the delegates, and all found wearing clothing without the label will be suspended from the meetings.

The shoe manufacturers of the eastern states are squirming because the shoe machinery trust is getting them more thoroughly in its power and threatens to almost control the entire industry. Action looking to the formation of a manufacturers' combine is talked of, as they are being squeezed all around by the leather, machinery, rubber and other combines.

The shoe manufacturing firm of D. G. King & Co. of Toronto, Canada, after fighting the shoeworkers' union for years, announced as a result of a conference with President Tobin, representing the union, that their factory hereafter would be a strictly union one, and that the union stamp would in future appear on every pair of shoes turned out by them. All of the 500 employes not now in the union will join.

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There will be a number of things which you will order from us—such as ice cream, etc. Don't put it off, but give us your order by Monday evening, then we can insure you prompt delivery—will have everything that's nice for Christmas dinners. But don't forget our candy department, especially if you wish us to send a box for you by express. We've got the handsomest Christmas boxes and baskets ever displayed in Omaha—1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 pounds—and where is there a lady who wouldn't appreciate one of these beautiful boxes or baskets filled with our delicious candy? But give us your order early—we'll do the sending.

W. S. Balduff.

1520 Farnam St.

Dats De Way I'se Goin to Look—

for Santa Claus tomorrow night, you can bet your sweet life Ise not goin' to let him get away from me, for Ise written him a letter tellin' him what I want, an' ef he don't bring it ders goin' to be trouble. He wuz into my boss' store lookin' at dem 75c iron wagons, 25c sleds, 50c B. & B. skates, 10c and $4.00 knives, 25c and $1.75 tool chests, $1.48 velocipedes, $2.50 chafing dishes, $1.00 carving sets, 98c for Fancy tea and coffee pots, razor sets for $2.00, scissors and shears 25c. Den he's got plated knives, forks and spoons, an' you can rely on what my boss sells, 'cause he don't handle dat cheap, trashy sort, only de very best.

A. C. Raymer

1514 Farnam St.

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TOMORROW.

His prices are moderate—his stock is **first-class** and I know I can be suited there.

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Thinks some one will give him a turkey for his Christmas dinner. If they do he knows that his range—like a well groomed horse—is in the "pink of condition" Can you say as much for your range, furnace or gasoline stove? Of all the days in the year Christmas should find your cooking and heating stoves in good repair. With how much more daintiness does a lady serve up her turkey and plumb pudding when all things work together in harmony. Truly we are the peace makers.

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The Pleasure Is All Ours—

and it is no trouble whatever to show you our Christmas novelties, even if you don't buy, bring the children—If a child shows a leaning toward music it is one of the best possible traits of character—and as such it should be encouraged—One dollar will do a whole lot in our establishment—We have a full line of goods that will appeal especially to those who have a long list of presents to buy—Don't forget we are sole agents for the celebrated Regina music boxes—play 1,000 tunes—We have them from $14.00 up.

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Hard rubber, tube with one tip, price 75c, by mail 16c extra.

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