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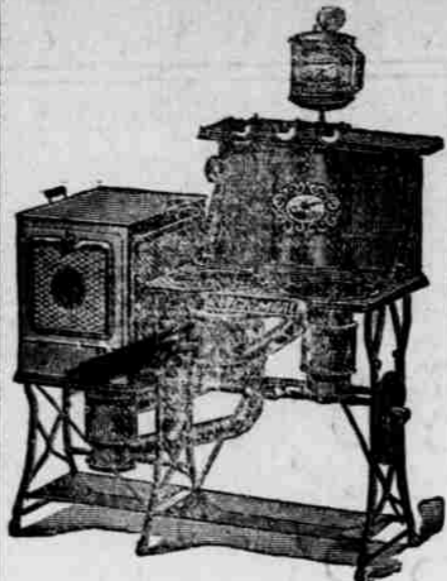
Read the Columbia add on eighth page. Ernst Wagner went to Muscatine this morning. Buy your handkerchiefs this week at the Columbia. Mrs. H. G. Baker, of Hampton, is visiting in the city. Special sale on silver plated frames this week at the Columbia. Special bargains this week at the Columbia. Read big ad. on this page. Mrs. Lieut. Garlington returned to her home at Ft. Riley, Kan., this morning. Blueberries, blackberries, grapes, California peaches, pears and plums at Hess Bros'. At the Watch Tower this week Otto's full band has been engaged for the concert. If you want a vegetable of any kind call up Hess Bros'. They have a full line always on hand. See our fall line of carpets before you buy. Price lower than ever. Terms easy. G. O. Huckstaedt. Big drive on side boards, dining tables, parlor suits and wardrobes. Cash or credit. G. O. Huckstaedt. Give the baby a ride. We are showing some beauties in carriages. Cash or credit. G. O. Huckstaedt. All fancy Oxfords, white, tan, patent leathers, in fact everything included in the rebate shoe sale—M. & K. A change in one of Rock Island's leading mercantile establishments is one of the probabilities of the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Graves, of Beloit, Wis., have arrived to make their future home with their son, A. F. Graves. Misses Bazell, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Misses Baker of Phillipstown, Massachusetts, are guests of Miss Marion Baker. Tell everybody—all your relatives, friends and neighbors that this is the week of the M. & K. rebate shoe sale. The leaving time of the Prospect park special outing train has been changed to 7 o'clock at the Harper house, instead of 7:30. H. C. Ashbaugh, of Eau Claire, Wis., arrived in the city Saturday evening for a short visit. Mrs. Ashbaugh being already here. Ida Lawrence, the Harper house laundry girl so severely scalded 10 days since, is not so well today, alarming symptoms having developed. Mrs. M. A. Hart, who has been visiting at the residence of R. Cramp-ton, leaves tonight for her home at Philadelphia, expecting to visit the World's fair en route. John Sauerman has broken ground at the corner of Third avenue and Twenty-third street for a 2-story brick, for which Contractor Schreiner has the contract. It will cost about \$3,000. Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Mrs. J. R. Britton leave this evening for Wilton, Ia., where they will spend a few days. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Harris will leave for their home in London, Eng. Manager Kindt's variety of attractions at the Tower yesterday afternoon were well enjoyed by a large number of people. Bleuer's band furnished music in the band stand, in addition to the features which were presented in and about the Inn. Mrs. Mary Cahall, the woman who took the overdose of chloral Saturday, having secured the prescription from Dr. Sala to relieve her nervous condition due to the morphine and opium habit, with strict instructions to take it in accordance with instructions, rallied Saturday night and today is in a fair way to recovery. The Union of Sunday morning makes considerable noise about Street Superintendent Ward tearing up defective walks on Fourteenth and a-half street, between Seventh and Eighth avenue, Saturday. The walks removed were exceedingly objectionable, and the superintendent of streets was amply justified in pursuing the course he did. The Rock Island Citizen Improvement association held a special meeting Saturday evening. President Jackson in the chair, the purpose being to consider the proposition to give an informal supper at the Tower inn. It was determined to give an informal supper the latter part of the present week if possible, and President Jackson was clothed with full power to make all arrangements, calling to aid such members as he should see fit in carrying out the plans, and it is expected the completed details will be announced in a day or two. The Educated Hoosier Cockroach. While a gentleman was at his office desk a day or two ago, one of these disagreeable roaches ran across the paper on which he was writing. He flipped it against the wall with his finger, and it bounded back on the desk, lighting upon its back. It remained motionless for some time until it recovered from the shock and then endeavored to get upon its feet again, but in vain. Smaller roaches passed by their prostrate brother, evidently without noticing it, but a larger one came along pretty soon, stopped, went over to the one that lay upon its back, straddled across it, and giving it a quick jerk with its forelegs landed it deftly upon its feet, and the two disappeared over the edge of the desk.—Indianapolis News.

RAT-AND-CAT BATTLE.

A Remarkable Engagement, With the Laws of Nature Reversed. "When the cats are away the mice will play," is an old saying, as everybody knows. The little blue-coats at the Western Union telegraph office, in the Board of Trade building, have changed this to make it read, "When the rats are away the cats will play." They claim that the largest and oldest rodents in Louisville are in their office, and they ought to know, for they go every day into every quarter of the city. The Western Union rats are enormous, says the Courier-Journal. Even Manager Smith does not deny that. One day Mr. Smith dropped a suggestion before a group of his messenger boys that a few cats might do away with the nuisance. These little fellows told all the other boys in the office, and the next day cats lounged upon all the desks, in the corners, behind doors and all over operators' tables. A lot of food was brought down from the Galt house, and the cats thought they had been brought to an institution for poor and aged felines to spend the closing days of their lives. All went well for a few hours, and then the fun began. An old rat, weighing some two or three pounds, walked into the middle of Manager Smith's office with his customary impudence and was soon the discoverer of the fact that there were a great many strange animals around. At first he could not imagine what they could be, but after pushing his nose against the soft hair of one of them he remembered that they were cats. In his youth he had heard about them. Instantly the old rat went into his hole, but he was soon marching back at the head of a brigade of veterans full of fight. Then low the rat did fly! Out of every door the cats rushed pell mell, the army of rats after them. In a few minutes the rats returned from the chase and took possession of the Galt house meat that had been served to their enemies. That was several months ago, and since then a cat, large or small, has never darkened the doorway of the Western Union. The rats hold the fort. Manager Smith says he has submitted, and thinks nothing of seeing a big rodent sitting on his desk playing with the red-ink bottle. A Scottish Beggar in the Olden Time. This man, who flourished in the west of Scotland, was known under the familiar cognomen of Cabbage Charlie. He was a mendicant on a wholesale plan of operation. Not contented with his own simple exertions he kept a numerous band of beggars in pay, who went abroad as his servants throughout the country, and who, coming back to the appointed rendezvous at the end of the week, gave up all the proceeds of their industry to him, and received a certain allowance, previously agreed upon, amounting to from ten to fifteen shillings per week. By a talent that might not have disgraced more celebrated names, he contrived to organize and reduce to a perfect system what would appear almost impracticable considering the habits of those with whom he had to deal. He even found means of detecting the smallest dishonesty on the part of his men, and he acquired such a strange influence over them that they durst make no remonstrance against the severity of his rules nor complain of the penalties and taxes to which he sometimes subjected them. Early Lake Vessels. The first sailing vessel on Lake Superior, the Griffin, was launched in 1879 by Father Hennepin, and was wrecked on her first return trip from Green Bay. The first American vessel launched was built at Erie in 1797, England and France having monopolized the lake shipping to that time. The first steam vessel launched on the upper lakes was Walk-in-the-Water, built at Black Rock in 1818. Her advent in Cleveland is remembered by some aged citizens. In 1849 the total tonnage was 161,832 tons, valued at \$7,968,000. In 1862 there were 359 steamers, aggregating 125,620 tons, and 1,152 sailing vessels, with a capacity of 257,639 tons, the total value being \$11,862,459. In 1891 there were 1,592 steamers and 2,008 sailing vessels, aggregating 1,154,879 tons and valued at \$70,000,000. More tonnage was put afloat in the past four years than was in existence on the lakes at the close of the war. In value the output of the last two years is double that of the whole lake fleet in 1865. In New York, of Course. Visitor—I have here a poem on the "beautiful" Editor—My dear sir, we have 10,000 poems on "the beautiful snow" on hand, and we don't want any more. "Then perhaps, sir, you will allow me to continue. My poem is on 'The Beautiful Mud.'" "We'll take that, young man."—Texas Siftings. A London Girl's Club. A dozen bright college girls in London have started a truly educational club. It is called the "School of Fiction" and each member is supposed to write a story a month. These creations are read at the fortnightly meetings and are then bound in a precious volume, which becomes the joint property of the club members. At the Circus. Aunt Maria—Jest look at that feller with his head in that lion's mouth! Why don't it bite 'im? Uncle Josh—I 'spect he uses the same sort o' hair oil as that feller that comes to see Cynthia, and it makes the lion sick.—Indianapolis Journal.

THE FIRST USE OF GAS.

The Honor of Its Introduction Belongs to William Murdoch. Great was the amazement of all Europe when, at about the close of the last century, William Murdoch discovered that gas could be used for illuminating purposes. So little was the invention understood by those who had not seen it in use that even the great and wise men (?) of the British parliament laughed at the idea. "How can there be a light without a wick?" said one member of that august body with a wink and a knowing nod. Even the great Sir Humphrey Davy ridiculed the idea of lighting towns and cities with gas. He one day asked Murdoch: "Do you mean to use the dome of St. Paul's for your gas meter?" Sir Walter Scott also made merry of the gas idea and of the coming attempt to "illuminate London with smoke from a tar factory." When the house of commons was finally lighted with the new illuminant the architect and custodian of the building, who imagined that the gas ran as fire through the pipes, insisted that they be removed several inches from the wall to prevent the building from taking fire! Several distinguished members were also observed carefully touching the pipes with their gloved fingers and then smelling of them to see if they could detect the odor of burnt leather. The first shop in London lighted by gas was one of which a Mr. Acker-man, a German, was the proprietor. This shop was on the Strand, and the date was 1810. One of the ladies of rank who often visited the Ackerman shop was so delighted with the brilliancy of a gas jet on one of the counters that she requested the proprietor to let her take it home for the evening, promising to return it safe and sound on the morrow. Although many lay claim to the honor of being the first to introduce gas for practical purposes, all the glory there is in it should be accorded to Murdoch, who was, no doubt, the original discoverer of the art. THE MOLINE Central Street Railway Co. INVITES THE PUBLIC TO USE Prospect Park —FOR— Picnics and Excursions. Boating, Switch-back, Merry-go-round, Ferris Wheel, Swings, Bureau, Restaurant and Abundance of room. Special rates for Sunday schools. The Elm street cars and Blue Line from Rock Island make through connections. Get Out of the Hot City And take a trip on the Mississippi. The Beautiful Steamer Charlotte Boeckeler will make regular Wednesday and Sunday Family Excursions to different points on the river. Otto's Orchestra of 25 Musicians will furnish concert and dance music. Tickets 25 cents, children 15 cents; Clinton, Muscatine and other distant points 50 cents round trip. Steamer under the personal charge of Captain McCaffrey. For charter terms address or call on CHAS. T. KENDT, Gen. Manager Burtis Opera House. House Raising and Moving—SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Raising brick buildings especially. Address E. A. ROUNDS, 135 Seventh Avenue, Box 123. Special to Ladies. To each of the first One Hundred ladies who call at our office on week beginning Monday, July 17th, we will present one bottle of our new Skin Lotion. These are not to be samples but full sized 4 oz. 50c bottles. Dr. Spring-steen Medicine Co. 25 Whitaker Block, Day report.



THE "QUICK MEAL" is the only stove having a tank that cannot be taken off for filling, unless the burners are closed. THE "QUICK MEAL" is the only stove having an indicator to show when the burners are open or closed. THE "QUICK MEAL" is the only stove having glass tubes to show the dripping of gas when the stove is in use. THE "QUICK MEAL" is the only stove having burners that cannot be opened farther than necessary. THE "QUICK MEAL" is the only stove having all parts made of material which cannot rust.

DAVID DON, 1615 and 1617 Second Avenue.

BOWLBY

Has moved his PIANO AND ORGAN Headquarters to 1815 Second Ave. In the Koester & Martin Building.

Base Ball Headquarters.



THE ARCADE, Cigar Store and Billiard Parlor. Always on hand the finest brands of domestic and imported cigars. All brands of tobacco. The score of all the ball games will be received daily. L. GLOCKHOFF, Prop., 1808 Second Avenue.

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Exceptional Opportunity---

Dress Goods Display. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we will display the entire line of imported Dress Goods of one of the largest importing houses in the country consisting of Fancy Hop Sackings, Plaid Hop Sackings, Sail Cloths, Velours, Bourettes, Etc. In fact will be able to show you the

Exceptional Opportunity---

Dress Goods Display. latest things for fall wear in high class goods. At the same time we will take orders for any pattern you can wish to select for future delivery. No such chance to see so elegant a line offered again. But one pattern will be sold of any one combination. Delivery about Sept. 1. or later if you prefer. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

DAVID DON, 1615 and 1617 Second Avenue.

MCINTIRE BROS., 1709 and 1709 1/2 Second Avenue

The Columbia : : Always the Cheapest.

Extraordinary Handkerchief Sale. Positively the Lowest Prices ever Offered in this Locality on Handkerchiefs. LOT 1—50 dozen Embroidered Shifon Handkerchiefs at 10c to be sold each evening from 7 to 8. None to children. LOT 2—50 dozen Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs as long as they last at 5c each. None of this lot to be sold in the evening. LOT 3—Fancy Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs at 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c and 15c, worth double. Silver-plated Sugar shells 5c each, 1 only to each customer. Silver-plated Photograph Frames at 33c. Spirit Thermometers at 7c each. WE ALWAYS UNDERSSELL. ALL GOODS WARRANTED.

THE COLUMBIA, F. G. YOUNG, Proprietor, 1728 Second Av.

Fifth Avenue Pharmacy. HORST VON KOECKRITZ, Analytic and Dispensing Pharmacist. Is now located in his new building at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third street.

J. F. ROSENFELD, ROSENFELD BROS., PRACTICAL Plumbers, Steam, Gas Fitters. House Heating and Sanitary Plumbing. 223 Twentieth str.

REBATE SHOE SALE AT THE M. & K.

Commencing Saturday, July 22. Ending Saturday, July 29.

Everyone is familiar with our Famous Rebate Shoe Sales, which have been the means of adding prominence to our shoe store. In addition to the many reductions in price we shall for one week give the following:

Table with columns: Rebate amount, Shoe price range. 50c rebate on all shoes from \$4.50 upward. 40c " " " " 3.25 to \$4.00. 30c " " " " 2.25 to 3.00. 20c " " " " 1.25 to 2.00. 10c " " " " .50 to 1.00.

None before Saturday, July 22. None after Saturday, July 29. Do not miss it. And do not blame us if you fail to attend this sale.

Positively for One Week Only. M. & K. Largest Clothing and Shoe Stores in Rock Island County. Shoe Store 104 Second Avenue. Clothing Store 1729 Second Avenue.