

The Weather We May Have. Fair tonight and Friday; slight changes in temperature. Today's temperature, 21. G. E. HUNT, Observer.

CITY CHAT.

Eberhart tunes pianos. Lee's Little Gem is the best broom. Roll butter 17 cents a pound at Long's. Miss Katharine Denkmann left today for New York. The Bodman Rifles' ball occurs tonight at the Armory. Any chandeliers in the store at one-half price at Eckhart's. The county clerk issued 416 marriage licenses during 1897. Don's forgot one-fourth off on all fancy lamps at Eckhart's. Have your wheels cleaned and put in shape for spring by Hynes. Those linen collars still on sale two for 5 cents at Young & McCombs. Pork, tenderloins, spare ribs and leaf lard at Gilmore's pork house. Own your home and have it insured. For particulars call at Reidy Bros'. Go to the Rock Island meat market on Fourth avenue for home made sausages. J. B. Zimmer & Co. are sending out a handsome calendar with the compliments of the season. Men's \$1 shoes for \$2.50, and the wear of every pair guaranteed, at the Fenslee shoe store this week. F. H. Plummer, who has been quite severely ill the past few weeks, was able to come down town yesterday. The best quality of meats will always be found at the Rock Island market, 2123 Fourth avenue. Telephone 4 on 1337. Mrs. F. S. Kenfield and little daughter, Ruby, returned this morning to Chicago after a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Kenfield's father, E. D. Sweeney. Terrible plagues, those itching, peevish diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Dean's Ointment cures. At any drug store. Sold by Marshall & Fisher. The sewing school of the Ladies' Industrial Relief society will open at 7 p. m. Saturday at Lincoln school. Children expecting to enter for the term are urged to be present. At the 20th semi-annual meeting of the Military Tract Press association at Galesburg Jan. 21, W. F. Eastman, of the Moline Dispatch, is to read a paper on "How to Make Collections." The Ladies' Aid society of the Twenty-ninth street chapel will give a supper tomorrow evening to raise funds to pay the chapel's portion of the Seventh avenue paving. The hours are from 7 until 9. At the Davenport council meeting last evening Mayor Smith again nominated Charlton Wright for commissioner of the board of public works. The nomination was not confirmed, the old party vote of 5 to 4 being against it. The S. of V. and L. A. S. will have a public installation this evening at Memorial hall. Col. Clark, of the Illinois division, will act as installing officer. All members of the G. A. R., W. R. C., U. V. U. and other patriotic orders are invited to be present. The ladies and friends of the M. E. church of Milan will give a skating party on the Heenspin canal Saturday evening. Supper and refreshments will be served in comfortable quarters along the canal. The Peoria train will stop at the crossing of the canal, returning about 10 p. m. Nuts to crack free while you warm. The Moline Plattduotech society has elected officers as follows: Rudolph Wierhart, president; Louis Shallow, vice president; Nic Houseman, recording secretary; John Peters, financial secretary; Fred Viether, treasurer; Louis Bornhof, sergeant-at-arms; Henry Conrad, trustee, 18 months. Gen. Manager J. F. Lardner, of the Tri-City Railway company, has accepted membership in the Illinois branch of the National Association of Street Railway Managers formed at Chicago yesterday. Forty-seven cities are included among them. Aurora, Freeport, Galesburg, Bockford, Bloomington, Elgin and Peoria, etc. The object of the association is to discuss matters of common interest. Mrs. W. E. Crane, of Moline, started a roofing fire in a store at her husband's store yesterday. Then she stood with her back to the

heater. A sheet of flame shot out and ignited her clothing. She ran screaming from the store. Neighbors came to her assistance, but did not succeed in extinguishing the flames until the lady was terribly burned about the back. She is in a serious condition.

"The Church During the Dark Ages and the Reformation" was the subject of Rev. John B. Koehne's lecture at the First Methodist church last evening. It was a masterly and learned discourse. His subject for tonight is "Ingersollism and Modern Skepticism," the concluding lecture in the series on "Christianity." Tomorrow evening Rev. Koehne speaks on "The New Aristocracy." An admission will be charged for this lecture.

Police Court. Sam Harto, a Davenport whose love of the fowling bow has been the cause of him figuring in the police courts numerous times, spent last night at the cooler. He was drunk. He had \$100 in his possession.

While Edward Goepel was waiting on a customer at his shoe repair shop at 2113 Fourth avenue yesterday a strange man entered and stole a pocketbook containing \$1. Suspecting that the customer, also a stranger, was in on the game, Officer Ryan was called in and took him to the station. He said his name was C. A. Brooks, and that he was on his way to St. Louis, where he said his mother resided. Satisfying the police that he was not a party to the theft, he was released.

Beauty, Utility and Value. Are happily combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla coupon calendar for 1898. The lovely child's head in an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in mosaic, the harmonious pad in blue with clear glass, and the coupons by means of which many valuable books and other articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable calendar we have ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's Practical Cook Book, a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's coupon calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

HELD-UP AND BRUTALLY BEATEN. Two Illinois Stock Buyers the Victims of the Highway Thug. Vincennes, Ind., Jan. 6.—Elijah Ford and H. L. Fisher, two well known farmers and stock buyers of Crawford county, Ill., were held up and robbed a short distance west of this city Tuesday night by two highwaymen. They failed to secure any money, but beat their victims in an unmerciful manner. In their haste they overlooked \$175 on Ford. Ford is a stock buyer, and usually has considerable money on his person, which his assailants certainly knew. Henry Byers, of this city, was arrested yesterday charged with being one of the footpads, and has made a partial confession, implicating others. Other arrests will follow.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS. Venezuela has declined to make a reciprocity treaty with the United States. Secretary Gage has appointed Emil Mueller assistant keeper of the Wind Point (Wis.) light station. "Mel" Hanna, brother of the senator and former congressman from Ohio, is dangerously ill at Thomasville, Ga. C. F. Gunther, the Chicago candy merchant, was fined \$20 and costs by a justice for violation of the child-labor law. Senator Mason, of Illinois, thinks it would be a splendid scheme to make a cow meal exhibit at the Paris exposition. Tammany hall has received the scheme to make a separate state out of the territory embraced in Greater New York. Ex-Lieutenant C. Rank, of the Chicago police, charged with extortion by keepers of "blind pigs," was convicted by a jury. Miss Semberich, the famous singer, will return to America next season. She is to receive \$1,500 for each of thirty appearances.

Hugh MacDonald, son of the late ex-Lieutenant Governor J. H. MacDonald of Michigan, died of appendicitis at Belle Plaine, Ia. Benjamin Tilton, of Wisconsin, has been appointed topographic draughtsman on the coast survey at a salary of \$900 per annum. Governor Tanner has appointed R. Hall McCormick, of Chicago, vice president of the trans-Mississippi exposition for the state of Illinois. A meager account of the whipping to death of Dave Huster, a negro, by a party of farmers at Clinton, has been received at Columbia, S. C. The Illinois state board of health at its annual meeting re-elected Dr. L. Adelsberger, of Waterloo, president and Dr. J. A. Egan, of Springfield, secretary. A large tree which Peter Steffens was cutting down near Ashland, Wis., fell across his legs, tearing one off and crushing the other. He died shortly afterward. The late George E. Lomon, who was a Washington pension lawyer who patented the art, bequeathed his paintings and other art treasures to the Corcoran art gallery.

Illinois Insurance Decisions. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—Insurance Superintendent Van Cleave yesterday rendered a decision that it was in violation of the law for an insurance company to print upon the back of its policy or upon its advertising matter any other than its corporate name, and that if it is a joint policy issued by two or more companies it can only use on its policy and advertising matter the corporate name of the several companies issuing such policy. Those Have Little for Their Trouble. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6.—Tuesday night's hold-up on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway appears to have proven a wind haul. All the robbers got was a few packages of jewelry of little value.

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