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This week our linen department will have to suffer. Having overstocked our shelves we are compelled to reduce the stock in order to make room for more seasonable goods.

- Towels, Napkins, and Table Linens at ridiculously low prices.
- GAUZE UNDERWEAR.**
- 20 doz Mens' Gauze Shirts at 15c worth 25c.
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- Ladies' Gauze Vests at 25c worth 35c.
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- Our Hosiery department has some of the biggest bargains ever offered in Hosiery.

A HANGMAN'S MUSEUM.

A Social Chat With the Leading Checker of New York.

Innocent Mementos of Ghastly Executions—Death's Night Caps and Nooses.

New York Mercury.

On the night after the hanging of Mills, the wife murderer, a short, stout man, sandy hair and mustache, with a hard set face and bushy eyebrows set over a pair of remarkably penetrating gray eyes, entered a saloon on Evergreen avenue, Brooklyn, and invited all present to join him in a quiet "smoke." "The hangman," whispered the loungers in chorus, as they strode towards the bar to indulge. Seven or eight rounds were ordered and paid for by the short, stout man, who exhibited an extraordinary large roll of "tens and twenties," and after settling with the proprietor he left the saloon. As he closed the door a puzzled Mercury reporter, who was standing near, asked one of the party the cause of the excitement over the man who had beaten such a hasty retreat. "Oh," he replied, "the

HANGMAN AIN'T SUCH A BAD FELLOW.

He always treats the boys after he receives 'the bundle' from the sheriff for sending an unfortunate to the other side; although some folks are really afraid to go near him, and wouldn't even pass his house, I'd just as well drink with him as I would with you." The reporter treated, and after receiving a promise of an introduction to the hangman on the following Monday night, bid the man good night and took his departure. On the Monday night in question the reporter was on hand early in the saloon. About half-past 8 o'clock the executioner came in, and, after a few minutes' conversation with the proprietor, he was introduced to the reporter. Cigars were handed around and politics were discussed. When the reporter left that night he and the hangman were good friends. They met again, and the reporter was invited to call at the hangman's house. The hangman had a fine two-story frame, set back from the street, with a

PRETTY LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

In front. The blinds are always kept closed and the rooms darkened. The reporter entered a hall neatly carpeted and adorned with a few articles of bric-a-brac. Through the entire house, excepting one room, which might rightly be termed the "chamber of horrors," there is evidence of quiet, good taste and a desire to make it a home in every sense of the word. The parlors are moderately furnished and contain a few cheap paintings of figures and landscapes. The "chamber of horrors" is seldom entered except by the executioner himself, but the reporter succeeded in gaining admission to it. On the walls are tacked numerous photographs of murderers who had paid the penalties of their crimes upon the scaffold. Many of these were taken from life, while others represented murderers in the coffin. A neatly framed photograph of a full-sized scaffold was suspended above a closet door and on the opposite wall hung the motto, "GOD IS LOVE."

On a shelf in the closet were a number of books on physiology, old newspapers and a coil of thin rope. On a rickety rosewood table of ancient style, which was propped up against the wall by means of a brick, was a dusty old volume, entitled "An Account of the Human Body," and a well-worn diary, in which are recorded the names of the murderers hanged, the dates upon which they were hanged and newspaper clippings of the crimes for which they were executed. It was at night when the visit was made to this dingy little room, and the rays from a dim lamp fell upon the blood-stained and greasy nooses and black caps which were piled together in a huge old chest which the hangman opened.

THE GHAUSTLY CONTENTS OF THE TRUNK sent a thrill through the reporter which made his blood run cold. Twenty-four of these horrible and deathly-looking black caps, which served to conceal the distorted features of as many murderers who died on the gallows, and twenty-four nooses which strangled these unfortunates, were exhibited. In a corner of the room lying upon the floor was a cross-beam of the old Tombs scaffold which has served to execute many of New York's criminals. This scaffold was recently removed from the Tombs and replaced by a new one, erected by a Brooklyn carpenter. The hangman superintended the erection of this scaffold and had the old one carted over to Brooklyn, and placed in the back yard of his house. Recently the neighbors complained about it and took it apart, saved the cross-beam and reduced the remainder of it

TO KINDLING WOOD.

The reporter called at the sheriff's office in the King's county court house recently, and was informed by Under Sheriff McLoughlin that the hangman had requested the sheriff to keep him (the hangman's) business "dark." But it was ascertained that at a recent execution he had two assistants, one of whom "cut the rope," while the hangman looked on. He has a wife and two children, a boy and a handsome looking daughter of eighteen. The latter has many admirers and is quite a society belle.

OLD WOMEN CROSS THEMSELVES

and pray when they pass the little brown house and strong men avoid meeting the hangman. Even the police officers prefer not coming in contact with him, as they say to meet him is an ill omen. He is a very early riser. At present he does small jobs at his regular trade in this city. He is very superstitious and wouldn't allow any one to out a twig or lift a stone on his premises. He imagines that bees, ants, reptiles and beasts have the power of giving omen of good or bad fortune.

HOW HE ATTENDS TO HIS GHAUSTLY WORK.

The hangman partakes of an early breakfast upon the morning of the day on which a murderer is to be executed, leaves his home about six o'clock, and goes out whistling "The Girl I Left Behind Me," his favorite tune. He generally drops into the first saloon he comes to for "an eye opener," and then starts for the place at which the hanging is to occur. Upon his arrival he goes direct to the sheriff and reports for duty. A few minutes before the hour appointed for the execution, in company with the sheriff, he visits the condemned man's cell, places the murderer's hands, places the black cap upon his head and the noose about his neck. The rope which composes the noose is well oiled and made very slippery, and upon the end of it is a snap hook. After these preliminaries are attended to by the hangman, the murderer is led to the scaffold. Here the noose

which encircles the condemned man's neck is attached to the scaffold by means of the snap hook. The hangman goes to his station, in a little house adjoining the scaffold. Through a small peep hole in the side of this house, he is enabled to see the signal for him to cut the weight-rope. This signal is generally given by the sheriff, who simply passes a handkerchief across his mouth. When the hangman perceives this he cuts the weight-rope, which permits 275 pounds of metal to fall upon a mattress, and jerks the murderer high into the air. When the physicians present pronounce life extinct, the man lowers the corpse and places it in a coffin. This completes his part of the programme.

ON FRIDAY, THE 10TH INST., Charles Rugg, the Long Island murderer, will be executed at Long Island City, and this man will be master of ceremonies on this occasion. His first step will be to erect the scaffold in the yard of the new jail, after which he will attend to the rigging of it. This will be done on Thursday, the 14th, the day previous to the hanging. Although the time is not very near at hand he is already sharpening the weight-rope knife. It is said that for this job he will receive \$100. In the fall he will swing Guldigi Giuseppe, the Italian murderer, in the City of Churches, and be \$150 richer than he is at present. In New York county his pay for a hanging is in the neighborhood of \$250.

IOWA IN CHUNKS.

Dry Facts Saturated With Prohibition and Personal Liberty.

A Variety of Incident and Accident—Gleanings from the News Centers of the State.

Population of Clinton, 11,800. Oreston has been divided into five wards.

The Presbyterians of Meridian propose to build.

The newboys of Des Moines have a fund of \$2,000.

The new route from Des Moines to St Joe opens to-day.

It costs \$25 a month to sell back door budge in Dubuque.

Revenue collections at Muscatine range from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a day.

A soap faker cleaned up \$200 among the buccellas of Strawberry Point.

A Cedar Rapids saloonkeeper was fined \$100 for selling liquor to a minor.

Hamilton county is without a saloon to irrigate the wilderness of dry throats.

Since the collapse of the chain Ottumwa has become the tramp harbor of the state.

Patrick Murphy was badly crushed in the Eureka mine near Des Moines, Tuesday.

The Ministerial association, of Creston, has, by resolution, condemned the skating rink.

Gangs of tramps give railroad men considerable exercise in the yards at Pacific Junction.

One hundred patients are in the new cottage of the insane hospital at Independence.

Sioux City claims, if the spring census is "properly taken," it will show a population of 15,000.

A militia company has been organized to Sioux City. Forty strike-demolishers have been enrolled.

Malaska county decided to add \$50,000 to the \$80,000 already expended, to complete the court house.

William Hartenstein, the boy who was so brutally assaulted by the Missouri Valley night watchman named Goss, is recovering.

Two scared girls and a mouse brought out the entire police to a house in Des Moines. The fire department narrowly escaped a call.

Burglars are helping the democrats to clean out the postoffices. The former raided three offices last week, but the harvest was poor.

That whiskey is a safe road from affluence to poverty was instanced in Davenport recently when a former wealthy prominent citizen joined the stone gang to pay his fine.

Joel Bearer, a Linn county farmer, harrowed his vitals with strichnine, all on account of a woman. He was planted by sorrowing friends.

Tramps make it a rule to change cars and shirts at Creston. Citizens of that town complain of the numerous drafts made for the latter purpose.

Creston is confident that a nest of counterfeiters is flooding the town with bogus dollars. The market price of the queer is \$100 bogus for \$30 genuine.

A deadlock in the city council of Marshalltown has resulted in extinguishing the electric lights in that city, and leaves the world to darkness and to tallow dips.

The Presbyterian minister at Farley has sued a member of his flock for \$10,000. He says the sheep has slandered him. Of course there is a woman in the case.

The charter of the State National bank, of Keokuk, expires May 23, and will not be renewed, but will be reorganized under the state laws as the State Bank of Keokuk.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Protestants episcopal church in the diocese of Iowa will assemble in St. John's church at Clinton, on Tuesday, May 26.

Great excitement prevails in Missouri Valley over the enforcement of the prohibitory law, the last saloon in the town having been forced to close up several days ago.

The Raymond Mill company, of Ocala, has recovered a judgment against the Mill Owners' Mutual Insurance company for \$7,000, loss by fire on their mill in February, 1884.

The crackmen were discovered in the act of rifling the Wiota bank last Monday night. The police were a little too previous and before any harm was done the burglars skipped.

Frank E. Day, the youngest preacher in the state, a mere boy, was married in Cedar Rapids last week. The young divine belongs to the methodist denomination and is stationed at Allison.

A meeting of the officers of the Iowa division of League of American wheelmen will be held at Oskaloosa on May 20, at which time the place will be selected for holding their annual fall convention.

Bishop Coe, of Davenport, has secured a desirable tract of land for the proposed Catholic college at that place, the ground costing \$6,800, and will at once proceed to the erection of the first college building.

The parishoners of the Rev. Father

Nugent of Des Moines presented him with an elegant and costly silver service on the 7th. The set consists of a large pitcher, cups, bowl and salver, all but the latter being gold lined.

A half-dozen officials are now claiming the \$1,000 reward offered by Gov. Sherman for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of ex-convict Thum, killed at Cedar Rapids in 1884, Mitchell and his accomplices having been found guilty.

William Gallagher, an expert horseman well known to the sporting fraternity, attempted to suicide by jumping from a Davenport ferry, on Tuesday night. Long-continued description of too much personal liberty had unsettled William's limited reason.

A Dubuque doctor had a call at 12 o'clock on Saturday night from a stranger who, when fairly into the office, requested change of a \$5 bill. The doctor quietly opened his safe, drew out a huge glittering bowie knife, when the caller fled.

Will Clark, a former employe of E. H. Ryan, a Davenport hatter, is charged with having stolen from his former employer goods to the amount of \$200. It is also alleged that the matter was compromised by Clark's paying \$300 cash cash money.

Chas. Kieselger, the Sioux City sausage peddler, who failed to ferry his wife over the Styx with a bullet, attempted to kill the policeman who arrested him. Charley drew a bead on the officer's palpitation, but the gun failed to go off. The would-be murderer was jailed.

The Northwest crematory association, of Davenport, is rapidly gaining strength in membership. One hundred and fifty shares of stock at \$25 per share have already been taken, and the building of a temple for the incineration of bodies will be commenced at an early date.

The fascinating warbler and heart smasher, Emma Sherwood, who recently married George H. Evans, a prominent Des Moines grain dealer, has disappeared because her husband's bank account was not sufficiently long for her taste. George is to be congratulated on his good luck.

Sheriff Webb, of Boone county, offers a reward for the capture of Andy J. Dyer, who broke jail April 30. Webb had effected the arrest of Dyer at Colousa, in California, and was holding him on an indictment for forgery. Indictments are also out against him at Des Moines for like crimes.

Warren Parrot, a Marshalltown gambler sentenced to six months in jail on January 20 and pardoned by Gov. Sherman on the 22d of the same month, has had his pardon revoked by the governor for re-engaging in his nefarious business contrary to promises made. When captured he will finish his term.

Preparations, now being made for the coming firemen's tournament at Davenport, include a 900 foot track in front of the grand stand, which has a 10,000 seating capacity. A four-inch main will be laid to the course to supply the water tanks from which both steam and hand engines will take their supply.

Garret Brink, living near Fifield, had a hard tussle with robbers Tuesday night. He was assaulted, tied, robbed and shot in the ear, the ball coming out through his mouth. The villains then fired the house with the intention of cremating him, but Brink escaped and though badly bruised is still in the ring.

A Des Moines amazon, encumbered with a crying babe which she held under one arm, fairly whipped two policemen on Tuesday night, loosening an ear from one official's head and requiring the united efforts of four husky men of the force to get her to the station. The woman was arrested for living in adultery with her sister's husband.

Miss Mary Gelger, a young lady of Burlington who has been in ill-health for a number of years, attempted suicide Wednesday night by shooting. The ball passed entirely through her body below the heart, and although she arose to her feet after the shot and walked to her room, no hopes are entertained of her recovery.

George H. Nichols, commander of Kinsman post, Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines, in a circular without date, addressed "to the boys who wore the blue," desires to hear from all old soldiers in the state interested in securing a grand reunion to be held in Des Moines in 1886. Commander Nichols suggests a convention for the thorough organization be held at an early day and solicits correspondence on the subject.

A prohibition informer named M. H. Miller, said to be in the employ of the temperance alliance, came to grief in Carroll, where he is said to have got gloriously drunk, drew a revolver and proclaimed himself a b-a-d man with a record. He finally drew a bluff on the wrong man, got called, was soundly thrashed, arrested and fined \$50 for disturbing the peace and carrying concealed weapons.

Mr. T. L. Tracy, of Missouri Valley, had been forbidden the house by the father of his inamorata, but met his love on Sunday evening at the home of the young lady's brother, Mr. W. H. Bradley, where the irate "parent" put in his appearance armed with guns and other conveniences. Miss Bradley flew out of the back door, and Mr. Tracy was getting out the front way when the wrathful father shot him through the shoulder.

The Eldora Grand jury failed to find a bill against E. O. Ellis, the rink expert and marrying man. Ellis was discharged from custody and immediately repaired to the residence of Mr. Alcherman for his wife Belle; securing her, he started to return. The irate father, discovering the turn of affairs, turned himself and the house dog loose, and the go-as-you-please race between the dude and the dog and the outraged father, is said to have been highly interesting, the old gentleman winning second money.

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