CITY CHAT.

Santa Claus at Eckhart's.

Read Schneider's special sale ad.

The best broom—Lee's Little Gem.

50 cents, 50 cents, 50 cents. Dolly Bros.

Skates, skates, skates, at Eckhart's.

Your choice for 50 cents. Dolly Bros.

Read them every evening—THE ARGUS wants.

Center draft banquet lamps 98 cents at Eckhart's.

Special sale at Dolly Bros.' slippers and oxfords 50 cents.

"Charley's Aunt" at Harper's theatre this evening.

While they last ladies' slippers and oxfords 50 cents. Dolly Bros.

All wool white flannel 12½ cents at McIntyre-Reck Co.'s big clearing sale.

Burglars will burgle. Alarms of all kinds at Rugh's, 324 Twentieth street.

A chance for the quick witted boy or girl—read THE ARGUS' offer on page two.

Stylish tan jackets, good $10 value, $6 98 at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

Extra quality new $7 mackintoshes $4.98 at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilcher have returned from a visit with Creston, Iowa, relatives.

A St. Louis gentleman is to claim a prominent Second avenue lady for a bride Dec. 10.

Residences and stores equipped with burglar alarm devices. Rugh's Twentieth street.

Ladies' 38 cent heavy fleeced vests and pants 25 cents at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

The first word in THE ARGUS prize book contest appears in a display advertisement tonight.

Men's fine seamless fast black hose 12½ cents a pair at McIntyre-Reck Co.'s big clearing sale.

Hon. H. S. Case, wife and daughter, of Chicago, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Thomas.

Special drive in $2 boucle two toned cloakings $1 25 at McIntyre-Reck Co's big clearing sale.

All who hear the Merrill piano, say it has no equal. Totten's music house, 1719 Second avenue.

Extra fine white bed spreads worth $1.12, now 75 cents, at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

Miss Annie Samuelson has been called to Kewanee on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Rock Island Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, gives a dancing party at Masonic hall this evening.

Have your pianos or organs tuned and repaired by W. C. Totten. Leave orders at Totten's music house.

Pretty jacquard figured dress goods reduced to 16½ cents at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

Once accustomed to it, you will always think of THE ARGUS want ads when you are in need. Try one.

The stage of water at the Rock Island bridge this morning was 80 and rising; the temperature 30.

Mrs. B. I. Wood, of Beardstown, is visiting at the home of her brother, J. E. Swan, 2008 Fourth avenue

For fine tone and finish the Weaver mandolin is in the lead. Come in and examine. Totten's music house.

Splendid $14 50, $16 and $18 jackets, in a variety of styles, $9.87 at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

The condition of Zee McMahon is reported slightly improved, a fact which his host of friends will be glad to know.

Twenty-two inch fine black satin Duchesse, the 98 cent quality, 59 cents at McIntyre-Reck Co.'s big clearing sale.

Prof. Bexell, of Augustana college, is organizing a night school, where the higher branches of education are to be taught.

Must make room for alteration and goods must be out of the way by Jan. 1. Flemming Furniture company, 1614 Second avenue.

William Schmiel has sold his fruit farm of 14 acres in South Rock Island to William Wiesener for $7,000 through Reidy Bros'. agency.

Col. Buffington announces the close of steamboat navigation for the season at this point today. Navigation closed Nov. 21 last year.

T. D. Eagal gives his grand opening lunch Wednesday evening, to which he invites all his friends at his new place, 305 Twentieth street.

Henry Rinck, the enterprising tonsorialist, has added two bath tubs to his parlor at 1434 Seventh avenue. He charges only 15 cents for baths.

Mrs. Douglass Bisant and children returned home to Denver last night, having been called here by the death of Mrs. Bisant's mother, Mrs. Tobin.

One hundred pairs soft, fleecy grey blankets, 89 cent ones 59 cents at McIntyre-Reck Co's. big clearing sale.

The time of Mrs. Nicholas Lege's funeral has been changed to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at which hour services will be conducted at the German Lutheran church.

Manager G. M. Huntoon, of the Central Union Telephone company, is passing the Havanas among his friends. It is an 8-pound girl. The young lady arrived last evening.

Miss Winnie Parmenter and Frank McCrary and Miss Wilda Parmenter and Charles McCrary, the brides both cousins of E. E. Parmenter, of this city, were married at Hamilton, Mo. It was a double wedding.

As an inducement to the public, the Eastern Fair will give one-half dozen first class photographs of any member of your family free with every $5 purchase for the month of December only. 2107 and 2109 Fourth avenue.

William Jackson left for Chicago this afternoon to meet General Attorney J. G. Johnson, of the Modern Woodmen, and to prepare with him the papers for the proceedings affecting the Woodmen injunction in the appellate court.

The trial of Capt. J. N. Long in the district court at Davenport for murderous assault upon Capt. James Osborn is absorbing the attention of the public on that side of the river, and every particle of testimony is received with closest interest.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church will meet at the parsonage on Nineteenth street tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Topic: "Missionary News from all Lands." This is the first meeting with the new pastor's wife. A full attendance is desired.

A sale of Poland China hogs will be held Monday, Dec. 11, 1896, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp on the farm of Henry E. Winter, one mile southeast of Milan; 45 head of thoroughbred Poland China hogs, consisting of 23 boars and 22 sows, will be sold. Don't forget to attend this sale. Come one. Come all.

County Clerk Kohler has a letter from Arthur Loewy, superintendent of the Illinois northern hospital for the insane at Elgin, in which he asks friends of the hospital to aid in making the coming holiday season one of enjoyment and interest to every patient of that institution. To this end the superintendent asks for contributions of wearing apparel, money, books, pictures, fruits, nuts, confectionery, etc.

The will of Mrs. Anna Tobin, drafted Oct. 19, 1896, has been admitted to probate in the county court. Mrs. Tobin leaves $1 to her son David; $25 and a portion of lot 9, block 3 in C. Lynde's addition to her daughter, Mrs. Douglass Bisant, on condition that she assumes the payment of one half the incumbency thereon; and to her son John Tobin, who is named as executer of the will, Mrs. Tobin leaves all the remaining property.

It may interest the people in general to know that some of the restrictions that surrounded the use of the old Rock Island bridge will not govern in the new one. Not only may cyclists run as fast as they please, so they do not scorch, but drivers of teams may move on a trot, or any gait that is permissible on the streets, and where it is safe to speed up the street cars this may be done. There need be no fear on account of rapid street cars. The Tri-City Railway company will see that no person on the bridge is subjected to any risks of any kind on this account.

FIRE AT THE COLLEGE.

Gymnasium at Augustana Damaged Early This Morning.

Fire damaged the floors of the gymnasium at Augustana college to the extent of $300 this morning. The flames caught from the stove in which fire had been left last night. The fire department's prompt and efficient service prevented greater destruction and also saved the apparatus. The loss is covered fully by insurance, and Manager Jesperson says the damage will be repaired at once.

THURSDAY'S SPECIAL.

Young & McCombs.

1,000 pairs childrens' wool hose, size 6 to 8½, three pair for 50c.

1,000 pairs ladies' black cashemere hose; for tomorrow two pairs for 25c.

10 dozen ladies' black wool mittens 9c.

Blankets 37½c a pair.

Celebrated Kean's club skates 24c a pair.

Gent's wool fleeced shirts and drawers worth $1, tomorrow 58c each.

500 yards cotton flannel, the good kind, 4½c a yard.

Gents' tennis night shirts worth 75c, tomorrow 48c.

25 dozen men's gray wool socks, always 25c, tomorrow 15c a pair.

Horse blankets, good ones, stay-on kind 79c.

1886—Ten Year Guarantee—1896.

I will replace free all work that I have done during the past 10 years that is not satisfactory.

G. M. BABCOCK,
1725 Second avenue