

MAY BUILD CANAL

P. T. Walsh, of Davenport, Returns From Isthmus, Where He Sized Up the Job.

REPRESENTED EASTERN MEN

If Their Bid is Successful He Will be Sent to Boss the Mammoth Undertaking.

The Panama canal may be completed under the direction of a Davenport man. P. T. Walsh of the Walsh Construction company and P. F. McCarthy of the McCarthy Improvement company have returned from the Isthmus of Panama, where Mr. Walsh went to look over the canal on behalf of leading New York and Philadelphia capitalists, who will be bidders for the work. The government is desirous of letting out the job to a single man or combination of men. Uncle Sam simply retaining direction of the construction and furnishing equipment and supplies, while leaving the actual arrangements for and the pushing of the work to the contracting company.

If the men whom Mr. Walsh represented on his trip secure the contract, Mr. Walsh will be put in charge of the construction of the canal himself, and will return to the Isthmus, probably for a 10 years' residence.

Requires Vast Bond.

He returns to Washington this week to be there when bids for the contract will be opened next Saturday. One obstacle to the letting of the contract to anyone at that time has been found in the fact that the government has stipulated that a \$2,000,000 bond be filed with the bid, and that a \$5,000,000 bond be filed for the work. Since this bond has been stipulated it has been found that, as the law prohibits bonding companies from going on a single bond for over 10 per cent of their capital and surplus, about all the bonding companies of the country would have to be on this bond, and then there would hardly be enough to fill it to the required amount.

Canal Not a Problem.

"The canal is a big proposition, but no longer in any sense a problem," said Mr. Walsh. "It is simply a proposition of moving a big lot of material, and the work is going along as well as the weather will permit."

"They have eight months of wet weather there, and then the rainy season begins. The only big work there that is bigger than what is being done

right along in railway construction in this country, is the famous Culebra cut. There for six miles a cut must be made through the rock of 120 to 300 feet deep, and it is to be 200 feet wide at the bottom when done."

CAUSE OF DEATH IS THE ISSUE

In Suit of Mrs. Minnie Coulter Against Insurance Company, Now on Trial in Circuit Court.

Whether typhoid fever or injuries received in an accident some weeks previous, caused the death of Harry Coulter, is the issue in the case now being tried in the circuit court before Judge Gest, in which Mrs. Minnie Coulter seeks to recover \$5,000 from the Travelers' Protective association of America, with head offices at St. Louis. Mrs. Coulter is the mother of Harry Coulter, and he held a policy with the association for \$5,000. While employed as a traveling salesman for the Rock Island Mattress company he sustained severe injuries in an accident June 4, 1902. He was confined for some time, and received from the company \$75 indemnity for disability. He died Aug. 29, and if as is claimed, his death was due to the injuries he sustained, the company is liable under the terms for the amount of the certificate. The defense is that he had been discharged as cured as far as the injuries were concerned, and that his death was due to typhoid fever.

Searle & Marshall are the attorneys for the plaintiff, while Jackson, Hurst & Stafford represent the defendant company. The case was commenced yesterday afternoon, and the selection of a jury occupied the time until this noon.

Licensed to Wed.

Arthur A. Meyers, Dubuque, Iowa; Elizabeth M. Thiesen, Dubuque, Iowa; John A. Burke, Rock Island; Mary R. Bruner, Rock Island.

How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.
One who is subject to bilious attacks will notice that for a day or more before the attack he is not hungry at meal times and feels dull after eating. A dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets when these first symptoms appear will ward off the attack. They are for sale by all leading druggists.

That's the house the doctor built—The biggest house you see; Thank goodness, he don't get our money.

For we all drink Rocky Mountain Tea. —T. H. Thomas' pharmacy.

FOUR VOTES EACH

C. J. Larkin and Carl Heipensell Evenly Favored as Library Board President.

ELECTION IS DEFERRED

Successor to Colonel C. L. Walker Must Be Chosen—Notice of C. P. Comegys' Appointment.

At the regular meeting of the public library directors last evening a vote was taken on the election of a president to succeed Colonel C. L. Walker, who has retired from the board and been succeeded by C. P. Comegys, but as there were four votes each for the two candidates, Carl Heipensell and C. J. Larkin, the election of a president was postponed until the next meeting. Professor C. W. Foss presided at last evening's meeting, being elected chairman pro tem. The board received official notice of the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Comegys as a member of the board. J. W. Welch was unanimously elected a member of the finance committee.

Mr. Heipensell and James McNamara were appointed a committee to adjust the insurance on the building and contents.

The Daughters of the American Revolution presented a petition for the use of the art room of the library building March 1, 8, 15 and 22, for a series of lectures which the society is planning to give. The board granted the petition.

Librarian's Report.

The report of the librarian for December was received and placed on file, and was as follows:

General works	406
Philosophy	16
Religion	28
Sociology	94
Useful arts	77
Fine arts	41
General literature	121
Juvenile literature	1,243
Fiction	1,243
Travels	153
History	223
Total	4,911
Reference	1,234
Grand total	6,445

Financial statement: Received from fines, \$15.12.

December Bills Allowed.

A. C. McClurg & Co.	\$135.55
Kramer & Co.	1.75
Channon & Dufva	49.80
A. W. Crampton	1.98
Expenses	2.75
Salaries	295.00
Total	\$396.83

ANNOUNCE CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE

Members of Harris & Hess Company Decline to Discuss Plans, But Admit Mr. Harris May Retire.

In a notice appearing elsewhere in this issue, the Harris & Hess company, grocers, announce that important changes are to be made in the business in the near future. While the members of the firm declined to discuss the contemplated changes this afternoon, it was stated in response to an inquiry that probably W. B. Harris will retire from the business.

Rumors that L. S. McCabe will take over the grocery business of the company have been current for some time, but this has been denied by members of the firm of L. S. McCabe & Co., and was again denied this afternoon. The Harris & Hess company was organized some time ago, the stores of Hess Bros. and Mr. Harris being consolidated, and the new grocery store opened in the building on Third avenue and Eighteenth street.

OBITUARY RECORD.

Gustav Blaschke.

Gustav Blaschke died at St. Anthony's hospital shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, death being due to typhoid fever, with which he had been ill but a short time. He had been in the employ of his brother William Blaschke, cleaner and dyer. Mr. Blaschke has lived in this city for 11 years. He was born in Barsdorf, Schlesien, Germany, July 29, 1866, and was 40 years of age. He is survived by his brother and a sister, Augusta, living in Germany. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home, 1412 Fourth avenue. Burial will take place at Chippianock cemetery.

John A. Olson.

John A. Olson died last evening at 5 o'clock at his home, 2618 Seventh avenue, death being due to bronchitis. He had been ill and not able to work for some time. He was last employed at Rock Island arsenal. He was born in this city May 12, 1869, and had lived here all his life. The family was bereaved about seven months ago by the death of his father. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Harry and Elmer, and two daughters, Grace and Lydia, and his mother, at home, and one brother, William, who resides in Moline. The funeral services will be held at the home at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and will be in charge of Rev. W. S. Marquis. Burial will take place at Chippianock cemetery.

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Charles W. Davis.

Charles W. Davis, for a number of years a resident in this locality, died last week in Hannibal, Mo., and the burial took place Saturday afternoon at that place. Mr. Davis was born in Iowa, and resided for many years in Davenport. He was an engineer on the Burlington railway for a number of years and had resided at Hannibal for 11 years. He is survived by his wife and daughter at Hannibal, his parents who reside in Davenport, and two brothers living in this city, Frank H. and Leroy Davis, and four sisters, Mrs. Harry Higgins of Davenport, Iowa, Mrs. A. Kneberg of Moline, Mrs. Fannie Spencer, and Miss Julia Davis of this city.

Buried at Rock Island.

Funeral services over the remains of Jacob Swazy were held this morning at Rock Island arsenal by Rev. J. F. Lockney. The soldier was buried at the arsenal cemetery.

FAILED TO RETURN WAGON OR MONEY

One of Two Missing Men is Arrested and Held to Grand Jury for Embezzlement.

Ira Carr of South Rock Island, was arraigned before Magistrate Elliott this morning for embezzlement, on complaint of Arthur Goebel. He was held to the grand jury under \$300 bonds, in default of which he was committed to the county jail. It seems that there were two men in the case, but as yet the other man, Homer Hall, has not been apprehended, though a warrant is out for him. The two men in partnership with Mr. Goebel, were selling apples and onions in Moline and Goebel furnished the horse and wagon for the other two. Goebel claims Carr and Hall failed to return with the horse or money received for the apples and onions. It appears they sold the horse and wagon to a Moline grocer for \$8. Legal steps are being taken by Goebel to recover the horse and wagon.

Carl Bergstrom was placed under \$500 to keep the peace, his wife being the complainant. He was charged with threatening to kill her.

THE WEATHER.

Snow flurries and colder tonight with the lowest temperature about 15 degrees above zero; Wednesday, fair and colder.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 30; at 3:30 p. m. 26. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours 47; minimum 30. Velocity of wind at 8 a. m. 6 miles per hour. Precipitation .34.

CITY CHAT.

Beal & Schmitt, High class tailors, Illinois theater building. Insure with Beecher Bros. Buy a home of Reldy Bros. Tri-City Towel Supply company. Try the pure Jewel cough drops. For bus, baggage, express, call Robb's. For bus or express, Spencer & Trefz. The stage of water was 5.70 at 6 a. m., and 6.00 at noon.

H. T. Siemon wants your tin and furnace work. 1526-1528 Fourth avenue.

Cyclamen plants in bloom, 10 cents to 25 cents at the Long View Floral company.

If you like Mrs. Austin's famous buckwheat flour, won't you kindly tell your friends how delicious it is?

Trinity guild will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Barrett, 1120 Fourth avenue.

Mrs. Austin's buckwheat is the real thing—gives you genuine old buckwheat flavor. Be sure and get the genuine.

To make room for spring stock we will sell all ferns, palms, azalias, etc., at a reduced price. Long View Floral company.

George Wagner, pioneer brewer and one of the oldest residents in this city, is lying at the point of death at his home on Fifth avenue.

Expert manicuring, shampooing and thorough treatment of the hair and scalp given by Mrs. Sol Levi, 736 Seventeenth street. Old phone west 59.

Owing to a contemplated change in the business, we request that all bills against this company be presented at once. The Harris & Hess Company.

Just received by E. B. McKown, a choice mixed coal from one of the best mines in the Springfield district. It can't be beat for large and small heaters. Sells this week at \$2.00 per ton, delivered.

The rain last night caused delay on the street car lines, particularly the Long View. Mud was washed over the tracks in places to a depth of several inches and during the evening the service was very irregular.

Mothers who give their children Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup invariably endorse it. Children like it because the taste is pleasant. Contains honey and tar. Conforms to the national pure food and drug law. Sold by all druggists.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin get DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve. Sold by all druggists.

"The Store That Saves You Money."

Young & McCombs
ROCK ISLAND

EXTRA SPECIALS: CORSETS.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we'll sell all Warner's and R. & G. Rust-proof Corsets at the following prices: All \$1 corsets 87c. All \$1.50 corsets \$1.37. All \$2 corsets \$1.79. All \$2.50 corsets \$2.23. All 75c, 69c and 59c corsets 49c, and all 50c corsets 39c.

Clearance Sale News

Special prices have been applied to the largest as well as the smallest lines of merchandise, of which a few of the many are mentioned:

\$30 ladies' suits	\$12.98	\$2.45 clothes wringers	\$1.98	65c reversible mohairs	49c
\$6.98 ladies' skirts	\$3.98	65c bed blankets	56c	75c all wool serge, yard	59c
\$12.50 ladies' suits	\$5.00	75c cotton blankets	65c	10c huck towels for	8c
\$35 and \$37.50 coats	\$20.00	12 1/2c flannellets for	10c	98c linen napkins, dozen	85c
\$20 ladies' coats	\$16.50	79c lace curtains	64c	12c linen crash, yard	10c
\$15 ladies' coats	\$7.98	62 1/2c all wool carpet	49c	\$1.25 black taffeta silk	89c
\$7.98 children's coats	\$3.98	39c Smyrna mats	29c	\$1.25 black peau de sole	89c
\$1.39 bed comforters	\$1.23	20c Japanese matting	15c	\$1 ladies' wool pants	73c
25c talcum powder	9c	7c indigo blue prints	4 1/2c	58c misses' union suits	48c
25c toilet soap	8c	10c outing flannel, yard	6c	30c fibre water pails	23c
5 1/2c table linen	48c	10c comforter calico, yard	6c	200 yards of sewing cotton	2c
15c linen crash	12 1/2c	75c navy blue panamas	59c	25 per cent discount on furs,	
\$1.75 bed spreads	\$1.48	\$1.25 black Sicilian, yard	89c	10 per cent discount on jewelry,	
20 per cent discount on cut glass,		\$1 men's Monarch shirts	49c	15 per cent discount on horse blank-	
\$1.55 wash boilers	\$1.25	\$1 Parisian mohairs	75c	ets.	
				10 to 20 per cent off on china.	

Trading Stamps in Every Section During this Sale.

HE'S WANTED HERE

Man Who Tried Swindle at Keokuk Worked It Successfully in Rock Island.

MRS. JANE YOUNG VICTIM

Secured Deed to Property on Worthless Check—Requestion to Be Asked for an Indictment.

It has been learned that a man giving his name as Samuel James, held at Keokuk for attempting a swindle, is wanted here for successfully operating his game in Rock Island, with Mrs. Jane Young as his victim. Under the name of James Strong, he made a deal for the purchase of a certain piece of property, paying \$1,500 for it, in a check on a local bank. Mrs. Young did not cash the check at once, and when she went to the bank to do so, she found that there was no money there to pay the \$1,500 order with, and learned also that Strong had secured a loan of \$300 and given a mortgage to the bank for the amount. The deed and abstract had been delivered to the

Leaf Lard That is All Leaf.

The "U. S. Inspected and Passed" stamp is not put on leaf lard unless the lard is pure leaf, but the U. S. STAMP ON A LARD CAN DOES NOT GUARANTEE "LEAF" unless the LABEL also says "leaf lard," and a leaf lard label is no guarantee unless the U. S. stamp is there also. LOOK FOR BOTH. The U. S. stamp is on GILMORE'S pure leaf lard, being THE ONLY U. S. GOVERNMENT INSPECTED HOUSE in Rock Island or Moline. This lard always has been all leaf; not a pound of other fat goes into it. It is made of selected leaf and rendered in open jacket kettles. None can be made better. Old phone west 3, new 5003.

swindler by Mrs. Young, and the instrument, together with the mortgage to the bank for the \$300 loan, had been filed in the recorder's office. Action has been taken to have the deed set aside.

Tried Game in Iowa.

A few days ago dispatches appearing in the newspapers told of the arrest of a man known as Samuel James at Keokuk, for attempting a similar game, involving property worth \$4,000. An investigation was made by the authorities and the man held at Keokuk has been positively identified by means of photographs as the man wanted here. Strong is under indictment here for the swindling of Mrs. Young, and the authorities will make application for a requisition for him as soon as the Keokuk authorities have disposed of the case against him. It is believed that the case at Keokuk is insufficient to hold Strong or James, as he was known there.

Absentminded.

La Fontaine, the famous fable poet, was a most absentminded man. Meeting one day in a saloon a young man, he was so favorably impressed by his conversation that he expressed his admiration for him in the most flattering terms. "But he is your own son!" exclaimed a guest in astonishment. "Is it so?" replied the poet. "Then I am the more delighted to make his acquaintance."

A Remedy.

"For some time past I've been buying a dozen eggs every week at this store, and I invariably find two bad ones in every dozen. Something's got to be done about it," said an irate housekeeper.

"Well," said the new clerk naively and with a quiet smile, "maybe if you only bought half a dozen you'd only get one bad one."—Grocer's Literary Gazette.

It Lasts.

When a man writes a proposal of marriage to a woman he has written something that will last forever. A woman never destroys a letter that contains an offer of marriage.—Acheson Globe.

To live long it is necessary to live slowly.—Cicero.

For any disease of the skin there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Salve. It relieves the itching and burning sensation instantly and soon effects a cure. Sold by all leading druggists.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, reliable little pills. Recommended by all druggists.

Grand Masquerade.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the big rink prizes, \$10 to the finest dressed lady, nickel plated skates to lady with most novel makeup, \$10 to man with most novel makeup, nickel plated skates to man with second best makeup. Usual prices.

Best for Home Use.

Order a case of Cross Country, the best family beer. Rock Island Brewing company. Old phone west 89, new 6089.

Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing at Beal & Schmitt's, Illinois theater building.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is absolutely free from any opiate or narcotic. Contains Honey and Tar. Sold by all druggists.

All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.

Jingalls
JEWELER
1307 27th AVE.
ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

It is the small things, the value

we ourselves give to the moment

that makes for the difference be-

tween success and failure in life.

Even so small a matter as a few

minutes lost will often deter-

mine the business relations of

men for all time.

It's easy to be right. Just try

one of our watches.

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HARNED & VON MAUR

Our Most Successful Pre-Inventory Sales

LARGELY because they are not sales on paper, but every department is very strongly represented. Merchandise which up till recently sold at full prices is now greatly reduced, part being short lines or broken sizes, and some which for one reason or another we do not care to inventory. The value-giving is entirely characteristic of Harned & Von Maur sales, a feature which has been instrumental in extending the scope and popularity of such events in this store. The savings are worthy of your immediate inspection.

Dress Goods and Silks at Wholesale Prices

PERHAPS no previous sale ever caused so many tri-city women to endeavor to anticipate their dress needs as has this—the offering of our entire stock of dress goods and silks at wholesale prices. Have you not been wanting a dress of some particular fabric, either silk or wool? Our well assorted stock contains the finest wools that have been produced, among them many charming fabrics that will be prominent in spring fashions. Regardless of color or grade, you may now take your choice at actual cost to us.

This unique offer will close tomorrow evening at 5:30. You must hurry.

The extent of the saving to you is 20 to 25 per cent. Excellent bargains, indeed.

Pre-Inventory Reductions in Women's Gloves

UNEQUALED values are offered in this pre-inventory sale owing to the extreme reductions made to quickly close out certain lines, as follows:

An assortment of about seven dozen Perrin's "Belfort" kid gloves, two-class, pique sewn, soiled, were \$1.75, now \$1.29

A lot of the "Marvel" washable kid gloves, in sizes 5 1/2 and 6; light shades; were \$2; to close out at, per pair \$1.29

16-button Suede Gloves, slightly soiled, small sizes, \$3 gloves at \$1.58
Soiled and odds and ends of Golf Gloves that were 50c, now half \$25c

LACES ARE REDUCED.

Irish Crochet, Orientals and Chantilly Laces; bands, galloons and edgings, in black, cream and white; 45c laces, 33c; 50c laces, 23c; \$1 laces, 49c; \$1.25 laces, per yard, 63c; \$2.25 laces, per yard \$1.25

JEWELRY SPECIALS.

50c Gold Plated Neck Chains, 25c; 39c and 50c Collar Supporters, 19c; 25c Pin Sets, 3 on card, now 10c; 25c Beads, variety of colors, 19c; \$1.50 Combs, \$1; 50c Combs, 25c; Rogers' \$4 Knives and Forks, dozen \$2.98