The Soldiers' Home.

The Soldiers' Home commission meet in Chicago today, when it is thought their final decision as to the site will be rendered. Hon. H. C. Cleaveland, Sheriff John M. Reticker and Messrs. Morris Rosenfield, Gilpin Moore, of Rock Island, and Charles Deere, of Moline, are present.

Police Points.

Saturday evening Deputy Marshal Hull and Officer Bresnahan arrested James Parquette, a colored cook from Des Moines, in company with Tiny Taylor, of Moline, for adultery. The warrant was sworn out by his wife, who lives in Davenport. 'Squire Hawes will hear the case tomorrow afternoon.

Billy Babe, who was sent to the penitentiary for nine years for attempting to rape Emma Briggs, is back in the city.

Wedded Bliss.

On Saturday evening occured the marriage of Mr. Andrew G. Boehler and Miss Minnie Ohlweiler, both of this city. The bride is a sister to Mr. Louis Ohlweiler, who possesses all the attainments of a true woman, and will make her worthy husband an excellent helpmate.

At the Twentieth street Evangelical Lutheran church Saturday afternoon, Mr. Fred Buck and Miss Rosa Wendel, both of Rock Island, were made life companions by Rev. C. A. Mennicke. It is a happy little craft that thus starts down the stream of life.

Coal.

From the present prospects, Supervisor Bowman has struck it rich on his farm in Andalusia township. He has found a vein of magnificent coal, samples of which may be seen at his son's—the circuit clerk's office. The coal is the same as that of the Edwards mine in Mercer county, which P. L. Cable has mined so successfully. John Millet, of Hamlet, Mercer county, has moved his family to Andalusia, and he, with his son, are going to work the new discovery for all there is in it. Success to the genial doctor; may the vein yield him riches and abundance of it.

A Parrot Yarn

Mike Magrum has a parrot. It is a bird which is of almost priceless value to him. Mike is very fond of it as a pet, and so is his entire family. Not long ago that parrot went astray—it disappeared suddenly and failed to return, so Mike started in pursuit of it. After considerable searching he found it at a house not far from his home, and proving it to be his property demanded it, at the same time, however, offering the lady who had taken care of it since it had wandered off $5 for her trouble. But the lady would not give it up for such a price; she had become attached to polly and nothing less than an X would satisfy her. But Mike thought he had been liberal enough in his offer, and he therefore decided upon another course to obtain his property. The strong arm of the law was brought to bear upon the scene of action, and the lady having been served with a warrant, hastened to convey the bird to Mr. Magrum telling him that he could take his polly and call it square. So Mike is out the price of a warrant, but is in $5 and has got his bird into the bargain. He is willing to play quits now, and so is the other party.

Electric Lighting of Geneseo.

The subject of electric lights for Geneseo is one that is liable to be more or less discussed in the near future. Already representatives of several different systems are in communication with the city officials, and an agent of the Brush light has arrived there to look the place over with a view to putting in a bid if the folks decide to invest in that kind of an enterprise. It is understood the attitude of the council is that they are decidedly in favor of electric lighting, provided the lights can be furnished the city at an expense no greater—or no greater in proportion to the value received—than there is being paid for an inferior light. There is no disposition, however, to enter into any expensive experiment. The competition among the electric light companies is becoming so strong, however, that it is within the bounds of probability that terms may be made which will make the costs for electric lights in the city as low as is now paid for oil lamps.

The Carbon Cliff Sensation.

T. J. Davis' sudden death at Carbon Cliff is still agitating the minds of the people of Carbon Cliff and vicinity, and the general belief is that death was in some way caused by his own hand. There is therefore a prospect of a post-mortem examination yet. The children are at a loss to know where to bury their father. The son Charles called on Sweeney & Walker yesterday to ascertain if his father had left any papers with his attorneys concerning the burial place of his wife, but he had not. Mr. Sweeney advised the boy to go the place where she was originally interred and dig down far enough to see if the body is still there. A brother living in Kansas is on his way here, and it is hoped he will be able to unravel some of the mysteries of the eccentric man's actions. It is a queer family and the bitterness existing between the father and his relations by marriage seems to have transcended to his children. When members of the Schrom family offered their services Saturday evening, the oldest daughter of the deceased ordered them away from the premises. Even in the hour of affliction she remembered above all the family jars and disturbances. Davis will not be buried until his children know where to put him.

County Building

LICENSED TO WED.

21—Charles DeGraff, Buffalo Prairie, Mrs. Laura Leach, Drury; Ernst Buck, Miss Rosa Wendel, Rock Island; Andrew G. Boehler, Miss Minnie Ohlweiler, Rock Island.

23—Jacob Scherer, Miss Barbara Trighneider, South Rock Island.

RIVER NEWS.

The Diamond Jo Line Seeking Larger Quarters at St. Paul—A Challenge—General Items.

WANT LARGER QUARTERS.

The officials of the Diamond Jo Packet company have petitioned the council of St. Paul for the privilege of increasing its warehouse facilities on the levee at the foot of Jackson street. The petition sets forth that the present warehouse, jointly used by the Diamond Jo and St. Louis and St. Paul Packet companies, is not large enough for the transaction of the steamboat business. The petition requests the council to permit the petitioners to erect an additional warehouse west of the present structure, to be connected therewith by an arch over the passages way between the two buildings. The passageway will lead to a public dock which will be used for excursion and transient steamers generally. The original petition contained two requests, the first being as above noted, and the second asked for permission to widen the present warehouse by additions on the north and south. The latter has been abandoned, the petitioners seeking simply to secure the right to erect a new warehouse on the west of the present structure.

A CHALLENGE.

It now appears that the race between the rafters Clyde and the J. K. Graves will take place, notwithstanding the fact that it has once been declared off. The Clyde, in the opinion of many river men, has carried the broom this season on the river as the fastest raft boat. The following challenge has been issued by the owner of the J. K. Graves:

Jerry Turner, Esq., Lansing, Iowa:

MY DEAR SIR—I have some friends here who have heard so much talk about your boat, the Clyde, beating the steamer J. K. Graves, that they have become very anxious that the two boats should meet at some place where the friends could go, and that the friends of the two boats would make up a purse of any sum from $100 to $500 a side, and let the two boats race for the purse, and the winner to take the purse. My friends are now ready to put up any sum you name, not to exceed $500, against a like amount, and the two boats meet at Reed's Landing and race from Reed's Landing to Red Wing, and the winner take the purse. As to the judges, each side select one, and they select one, making in all three judges, whose decision shall be final, they, the judges, to keep the time. Should be pleased to hear from you soon.

MATT CLARK.

The distance from Reed's Landing to Red Wing is 131 miles.

RIPLETS.

The Mary Morton came from St. Paul past Friday, and left her trip here for the Josephine, which cleared for St. Louis on Saturday evening. The Morton and Josie were the last Diamond Jo boats to St. Paul this season. The Morton, after coming down as far as Dubuque, unloaded and went back up the river one hundred miles and met the Josie and relieved her of two of the four barges she had in tow. It was the intention to send the Josie to this point, but owing to a broken rudder the Morton came in her place. Capt. Boland, of the Morton, says his boat encountered considerable floating ice in the vicinity of St. Paul. The Morton has gone to Dubuque, where the Diamond Jo packets winter.

Captain Wash Hight, rapids pilot for the Diamond Jo line, left for St. Louis, his home, Saturday. During the winter he will command a boat on the lower river. There is very little about a steamboat that Wash don't know. He has been schooled in the business and he understands it thoroughly, and like the majority of river men, he is big hearted, cordial and jolly.

During the season just closed, Captain John G. Scott, the United States offiecal, has inspected 117 steamboats in the Galena district, by which the upper Mississippi river and its tributaries is known. This is a larger number than last year's record. The season was without any explosion or other fatalities.

The local office of the Diamond Jo company will close for the season this week, and Agent Lamont and his clerk, Ben Lamont, will take a needful vacation. Agent Bryson, of the Saint's line, closed up two weeks ago.

Business alongshore has suspended for the winter.

Sudden Decease.

Fred Grotegut expired suddenly at his home, 800 First avenue, at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. He had laid down on the sofa to take a nap, and when his wife attempted to arouse him to summon him to dinner, she found him dead. Coronor Hawes was notified and empanelled a jury consisting of L. V. Eckhart, (foreman) B. F. Knox, H. C. Harris, J. E. Swan, M. J. Sparr, Ben Huntley. Mrs. Catharine Grotegut, wife of the deceased, Dr. C. C. Carter and others were examined, and the jury rendered the following verdict:

We, the members of the jury, from the testimony given by said witnesses, find or verily believe that Mr. Fred Grotegut came to his death from a rupture of a blood vessel of the brain.

The deceased was 53 years of age; he was born in Germany and came to America thirty six years ago. He has been in Rock Island twenty-seven years, all of which time he has been a laborer in Buford's plow shops. His wife and four children survive him. The funeral will be held from the family home on First avenue at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of Germania Lodge.

Woodmen's Ball.

The first grand ball of Rock Island Camp, No. 29, Modern Woodmen of America, will be held at Armory hall Friday evening, December 11. The various committees are: On arrangements—C. H. Church, L. H. Salzman, J. C. Davenport, John Benedict, J. F. Dindinger. Reception—Capt. James Blaisdell, Capt. C. W. Hawes, H. D. Mack, Hon. H. C. Cleveland, J. M. Albrecht, Newt. Sargent. Floor managers—Dr. C. C. Carter, Louis Salzman, Wm. Boggess, Tom Christopher, M. R. Iglehart, John Benedict, Al. Banks.

Apple trees in some parts of California are producing a second crop of fruit this season.

GREETING TO JUDGE GLENN.

A Grand Banquet Tendered him by the Peoria Bar—An Elaborate Affair.

The appended account of a banquet tendered Judge Glenn at Peoria Friday evening, will be read with interest by the many friends and admirers of that jurist in Rock Island. Although his official visits to this city are few in a year, he is none the less popular and is always welcomed by the legal fraternity. The abstract is from an article in the Peoria *National Democrat* of Saturday morning:

During the past three weeks the Peoria circuit court has been peculiarly favored in the presence of Judge John J. Glenn, of Monmouth, as presiding judge, he having exchanged with Judge T. M. Shaw, of Lacon, as an act of mutual accommodation. Judge Glenn has presided in a number of complicated and difficult cases, and by his uniform courtesy and impartiality, and the eminent learning and ability he has displayed upon the bench, together with his genial gentlemanly qualities in private social relations, has won the highest regard alike of the members of the bar, the officers of the court, and the people at large who have been connected with the law suits before him or have been privileged to meet him in private. The term of his temporary official sojourn having expired, the bar deemed it a fitting mark of their high appreciation of his character as a judge and citizen, to tender him a banquet last evening at the Delmonico restaurant, about fifty lawyers, court house officers and newspaper men being present. The festal board was spread handsomely, tastefully and bountifully, and with its decorations of flowers, vines and pastry pyramids presented a most charming and inviting appearance. The company sat down at 9 o'clock, rising which Judge Glenn appeared escorted by Judges James and Page, and remaining standing until they had seated themselves at the head of the table, Judge James in the chair, and Judge Glenn at his right hand. Trautvetter's orchestra played choice music during the evening, and with their sweet strains contributed much to the pleasure of the occasion. The supper was elaborate and in the most palatable style of the culinary art.

The health of our guest, his honor, Judge Glenn, drank standing, with music, "Auld Lang Syne." His honor replied, briefly thanking the gentlemen for their greeting. His stay in Peoria, he said, had been both pleasant and profitable, and he was delighted with the city. He complimented the bar upon the gentlemanly manner in which they had assisted him in the administration of justice.

The toasts were couched in the felicitous diction which betrayed the honorable chairman's own conipositon, and the responses exhibited the wit and eloquence for which the legal profession are noted, and were especially happy as being free from the asperities in which they occasionally indulge in the forum and on the stump. They were appropriate to the social nature of the affair, and made it truly a feast of reason and a flow of soul. It was a quarter of twelve when the company dispersed, delighted with their evening's entertainment, and wishing Judge Glenn all happiness and success in the prominent and useful career that they hope lies long before him, for though of mature manhood he yet apparently possesses all the mental and physical vigor of youth unimpaired.

Track Echoes.

Commissioner Fairthorn, of the Davenport, Rock Island and Moline association, has issued a new tariff, making rates on traffic originating at the seaboard from Chicago to the points named as follows: First class, 30 cents; second, 25 cents; third, 20 cents; fourth 15 cents; special, 12½ cents. Rates from Chicago are to apply only by the Rock Island and St Paul roads, and from Milwaukee by the St. Paul only. Where freight is forwarded by any other line in the association the local tariff will be applied. In another through tariff the eastern territory is partitioned between the members of the pool in such a manner as to give each road a proportionate share of the business.

Conductor Murphy, who runs on one of the short line trains on the Milwaukee road, passed through a remarkable experience some years ago. At that time Murphy was running a train on the River division, and in an accident he had both legs badly crushed by the cars. The doctor informed him that he did not think he could recover, and his only chance was to have both legs amputated. Murphy would not consent to the loss of his limbs, and his relatives were sent for to be with him when he died. Instead of dying the plucky Irishman began to recover. Now he does not show any lameness, and he suffers nothing from the accident beyond an occasional twinge of rheumatism.

The C., M. & St. P. road has bought a new pump which is to be used in providing the water in Savanna for their use at the shops. It is placed in the machine shop. The water is to be taken from the slough at a point almost directly west of the shops. A six inch supply pipe and a four inch delivery pipe will be used. The pump is a Knowles duplex 14 inch stem cylinder, 8½ inch water cylinder and has a twelve inch stroke. Its pumping capacity is about 432,000 gallons per day.

St. John's latest "hanger" represents a map of the C., R. I. & P., with other insignia emblazoned upon the face of the moon. It will be observed that he clings to his favorite advertising device, "A Man," and it is no less successful now as the "man in the moon." It can be observed that he cannot come down any too soon for St. John or the C., R. I. & P.

W. O. Willis, the popular C., B. & Q. passenger conductor, took his train out for St. Louis Saturday morning, after a two weeks' lay off.

John Mussler is handling the baggage and express on the Beardstown run this month.

New Ice House

The ice firm of P. and J. Siegrist have erected a new ice house near the abattoir in the southern limits of the city. The building was constructed by I. S. Burton and has a capacity of 1,800 tons, where the old one held but 1,300 tons. The popular firm is now in a way to store away a great quantity of the frigid substance.

Tri-City Conference.

A tri-city conference of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the association's parlors in this city, Friday evening, December 4. State Secretary I. E. Brown, of Chicago, and other notable workers in the cause, will be in attendance.

BRIEFLETS.

The three champions at the Rock Island rink tomorrow evening.

George Buford, Esq., of Kansas City, is spending a few days in the city.

Lawyer C. W. McGovern, of Orion, was in the city today.

Supervisor Cozad, of Edgington, was in the city today on business.

Peter Johnson, of Hillsdale, was in the city today.

The three flyers at the Rock Island rink tomorrow evening.

W. Peterson & Co. have a nice line of fine, warm lined shoes, which are being sold very low.

W. A. Lohr, of the American Express company, has been visiting at Freeport for the past few days.

Rubber goods, the finest line that can be found in the three cities, at W. Peterson & Co.'s.

The place where you can save 25 per cent on the dollar is at No. 1601 Second avenue, sign of the "big glove."

The Gamble and Watt-Bromley race will come off at the Rock Island rink tomorrow night.

The finest stock of footwear in the three cities can be found at W. Peterson & Co.'s.

Major W. H. H. Benyaurd, U. S. A., in charge of the Hennepin canal survey, has been "granted sick leave for six months."

For prices on the best hard coal in the city call at the Port Byron Lime Association. Telephone No. 1091. 6 dtf

A large and magnificent line of rubbers for ladies, gents and misses at the popular house of W. Peterson & Co.

County Superintendent Southwell issued a teacher's certificate to Charles D. Marshall, of Cordova.

The public schools will close Wednesday for the week, giving the teachers and pupils a holiday for Thanksgiving, and an extra vacation day.

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. George W. Aster, son of Supervisor Aster, and Miss Bertha Ehleb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ehleb, December 9.

Twenty seven loads of hogs were purchased in Market square for Gilmore's slaughter house this morning. Gilmore began operations this morning.

A well known blacksmith got into an altercation with an employe of a hardware house this morning, when the blacksmith was severely punished for calling his antagonist a liar.

A telephone from Milan today says that it was Constable Schooley instead of Lafferty who was asked to arrest the suspicious looking character Friday evening after the depot robbery.

E. Titus, representing a soap house in New York City, is in the city. His drummers are eight fair creatures who make a house to house canvas of the city.

Go to Bennett's glove factory to get your gloves and mitts, where you will find an assortment of over three hundred styles, and they are constantly making them. Go one and all, both great and small, and buy your gloves of Bennett.

Several invitations have been received in this city to the china (20th anniversary) wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. Schlegel, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, which occurs tonight. The couple formerly resided in this city, and have many friends who would like to be present on the happy occasion.

Shot the Intruder.

A ball room tragedy occurred near Monmouth about 12 o'clock Friday night. A ball had been given at the residence of Mr. Paul D. Birdsall, and during the evening two uninvited guests arrived in the persons of Samuel Claybaugh and John South. The former and young William Birdsell had been on unfriendly terms for some time and Claybaugh added insult to injury by being present without an invitation, but expectorated tobacco juice on the parlor carpet. This exasperated Birdsell and an altercation ensued during which Birdsall shot Claybaugh through the abdomen, the ball entering the right side and glancing off toward the spine and paralyzing the lower limbs. Recovery is impossible. The would be murderer gave himself up to the sheriff at Monmouth. He is 21 years of age and the victim is 22.

Home Entertainment.

COMEDY.

At the German theatre last evening, a ludicrous comedy entitled, "Courting by Prescription," was given in the German by home actors and actresses. The play was given under the auspices of the German English school, and the theatre was packed by a delighted audience. The leading role was taken by C. C. Knell, who possesses genuine dramatic talent, and he covered himself all over with glory by his stage deportment.

THE CONCERT.

The ladies' auxiliary corps of the Y. M. C. A., will give a rich entertainment at the Central Presbyterian church next Thursday evening, the proceeds to be donated to furnishing the Y. M. C. A. rooms in this city. The following excellent programme has been prepared.

1. Piano Solo—"Selection," Mrs. J. F. Robinson.
2. Solo—"The Watcher" ..... Geibile, Mr. W. C. Collins.
3. Duett—"One Word" ..... Nicolai, Mrs. Frank Gould and Mr. Knocke.
4. Quartette—"More and More" ..... Seifert, Messrs. Corns, Don, Cooke, and S. J. Collins.
5. Solo—"Absence" ..... Prase, Miss Bogue.
6. Organ Solo—"Fantasie" (Il Trovatore) Dorn, Mr. S. T. Bowlby.
7. Solo—"Ruby" ..... Gabriel, Mrs. Frank Gould.
8. Quartette ..... Messrs Pleasants and Bogue and Messrs Corns and Cooke.
9. Solo—"Because of Thee" ..... Tours, Mr. Louis Knocke.
10. Quartette—"Dancing O'er the Wave" White, Male Quartette.

Winter and Marriage.

"Marriage licenses are not in demand at present, only one having been issued this week, says an exchange. As the weather grows colder there will probably be a marked increase in the demand. For some reason the bleak, barren days of early winter cause a sense of loneliness to take possession of men and women, and they barter to take to themselves a partner to shorten the dreary hours and make the blazing hearth seem brighter while the chilly rain beats upon the window pane and the downy snowflake descends gently to mother earth or is sent swirling across the barren plain by the ever-recurring blizzard. In the spring, man is inspired by the animation which pervades everything, feels his ability to battle with the world and takes not to himself a mate as do birds of the air and beasts of the field." How poetically too-too!

Fire and Accident

Insurance in reliable companies at lowest rates, apply to E. Lieberknecht, real estate, loan and insurance agent, and notary public. Collections made. Office 171 Second avenue. eodtf

Hard Coal.

Have you bought your hard coal? Watkins & Hill will deliver all grades of hard coal. Give them a call. Telephone 1197.

A party of English hunters lately slaughtered thirty buffalo in the Yellowstone Park without taking any parts of the animals for use.