

CITY CHAT.

City council meeting tonight. J. S. Gilmore went to Chicago today on business. Bleuer's band plays in Spencer square tomorrow evening. Samuel Keane, of Andalusia, was in town on Saturday. Boys velocipedes reduced to \$2.07 this week at McCabe Bros. H. J. Lowrey, of Chicago, is spending the day in the city. William Bunting, of Port Byron, was in the city today. Very special prices on black silks this week at McCabe Bros. R. D. McCreary, of Rural, was in the city Saturday on business. Mrs. Porter Skinner left this morning for Chicago on a visit to friends. Andrew Benning, of Springfield, Ohio, is in the city on a visit to friends. A son was born yesterday morning to Mail Carrier Henry Burris and wife. Sheppard's three quart lightning ice cream freezers \$1.64 at McCabe Bros. Mrs. J. G. Junge and children have returned from their visit to southern Iowa. Mrs. H. A. J. McDonald and son George have returned from their visit east. H. C. Harris and wife and City Clerk Robert Koehler and wife left this morning for Detroit. Advance shipments of fall and winter foreign dress goods are now arriving at McCabe Bros. Division Superintendent C. L. Ewing, of the C., R. I. & P., was in the city today on business. Messrs. and Mesdames H. B. Sudlow and W. B. Ferguson have returned from their Colorado trip. Robert Davidson has returned from London, England, where he has been visiting the past year. Messrs J. B. Lidders and C. J. Searle are home from the State Sons of Veterans' encampment at Decatur. Alva Banks has had his cottage on Fifth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth neatly painted. There is a report an application is to be made tonight for a receiver for one of Rock Island's foremost corporations. Ex-Ald. W. H. Edwards is home from Rockford for a week's sojourn and will devote himself to his paving operations. The Rock Island public library closed Saturday night until Sept. 1, pending repairs which are being made in the library rooms. Joseph Grosz went to St. Louis yesterday morning to represent Tailors' union 34 at the national convention of tailors. Prof. J. A. Bishop returned from southern Illinois Saturday, and this week is attending a county institute at Monticello, Iowa. The Ninth street M. E. Sunday school have a picnic at the wash tower tomorrow, leaving Market square on the 10 o'clock car. The curves and switches connecting the Second avenue lines with the Milan line were put in today by Forman Carstens of the syndicate track laying forces. Burglars entered the house of M. T. Stafford, 808 Twenty-first street, last night, but the family was aroused by the noise and the scampers fled, getting nothing for their intrusion. The great alteration sale is now in full blast at McCabe Bros'. Stores are cut in two by the erection of new buildings and prices are cut in two to make up for the inconvenience to customers. Miller's famous "Kajanka" company of 32 people is to appear at Harper's theatre on the evening of Aug. 13. Manager Montrose has caught one of the star attractions of the country in this entertainment. R. C. Justin, yardmaster at the C., R. I. & P. will be transferred to Chicago where he will occupy the position of yard superintendent, and it is understood that he will be succeeded here by Joseph McQuail who has had charge of the yards nights for sometime past. Signal Service Observer Waltz' meteorological summary for the month of July shows the mean barometer to have been 30.033; highest, 30.310; on the 9th lowest 29.767, on the 6th; the mean temperature 68; highest, 87, on the 11th, lowest, 47 on the 9th. The number of cloudless days were 14; partly cloudy days, 15; cloudy days, 2. There were thunder storms on the 6th, 7th, 13th and 21st. The Milwaukee and Rock Island roads are not letting any grass grow under their feet in the matter of taking advantage of their victory over Jay Gould and the Union Pacific at Omaha. They are after the tourists and commercial travel-

ers now with announcement of the advantages of their direct Omaha line. The Milwaukee is running through direct, and the Rock Island will do so in a few days. Allowing weeds to grow on the roadside is reprehensible, and every land owner should be required by law to keep his front free from weeds by frequent mowing. This would induce them to level off and seed down to the roadsides to white clover and blue grass, which soon covers this ground and chokes out most weeds in the northwest. On the prairie the roadside weeds are a dangerous nuisance, as they scatter the seeds for long distances, and spoil fields which might otherwise be clean. The Herald says that the mayor of Du buque has ordered that the unlicensed dogs of that city be electrocuted instead of being barbarously shot. The experiment has been tried and works admirably. The machine is set in the vicinity of a lot of dogs and kills every unlicensed dog in the lot but does not injure a licensed one. The licensed dog has a metal tag on, which acts as a shield and the electricity takes no effect. The machine kills the dog, skins him and tans the hide in less than a quarter of a second. Verily, it is a great invention. If Inspector Lloyd can be spared from the Molise avenue paving job long enough he no doubt could find his services useful in seeing that the pavement is properly put down again about the curbs which have been laid connecting the Milan line with the Second avenue tracks at Seventeenth street. However, if the job at the corner of Twenty-third and Molise avenue is a sample, Edwards & Walsh would do better work without Mr. Lloyd's interference than with it. They certainly seem to have more pride in appearances than the inspector himself. Police Points. John Brand and his wife Emma Brand, living in Sauerman's building on Market square were before Magistrate Willitt this morning having been arrested by Officer Etzel for participation in domestic disagreements to an extent as to disturb the peaceful tranquillity of the other sojourners thereabouts. Fines of \$5 and costs each were imposed. There was a little neighborhood misunderstanding between Edward Normoyle and Frederick Willhouse, two farmers of Rural, on Friday evening, which was agitated considerably by both indulging freely in the flowing bowl, and which resulted in their both being before Magistrate Willitt on Saturday, each charging the other with assault and battery, and the magistrate assessed Willhouse \$7 and costs and Normoyle \$5 and costs, and all is now quiet along the line. A few days ago Miss Anna Rodine, of Rural, swore out a warrant before a justice of the peace in Milan, charging George Wilson, son of Frank Wilson, of the same township with bastardy, and the warrant was put into the hands of City Marshal Mosher, of Milan, for service. He found the younger Wilson at home all right, and as he did not object to going with the officer, the latter thought he was all right and asked him to remain there while he would go and get the girl so that he could have his hearing at once. The young man agreed to this, and the officer went after the girl with whom he soon returned, only to find that Mr. Wilson, Jr., had disappeared, and nothing has since been heard of him. Plead Guilty. Pleas of guilty were entered in the county court this morning as follows: William Hawkins, the colored "rooster" who participated in the shooting at the Diamond Jo landing a few nights ago, pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$25 and costs and ordered committed until fine was paid. John Dunn, who was arrested by Officer Hetter in the C., R. I. & P. yards some days ago, was also fined \$25 on a plea of guilty to carrying concealed weapons and ordered committed until the fine was paid. John Brennan and James Kelly, who tried the "smooth guy" act at Simon & Moserfeld, pleaded guilty to larceny and were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs and have 20 days in the county jail in which to meditate. IN THE NAME OF THE PROPHET. I get cry the vendors of the fruit in Constant-nople. Certainly a "great cry over a little wool." Scarcely less foolish is the practice of those who fly to violent physicing for constipation. They dose themselves violently weaken their bowels by so doing, and disabie them from acting regularly, so that, verily, the last condition of such people is worse than the first. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the safe and effective substitute for such vast expenditures, for it is by no means expedient to use them. What is needed is a gentle but thorough laxative, which not only insures action of the bowels without pain or weakening effects, which also promotes a healthy secretion and flow of bile into the proper channel. Dyspepsia, debility, kidney complaints, rheumatism and malaria give in to the Bitters.

FOR THE BIG FAIR.

Novel Feature in a Reminder of Columbus. A CONVENT THAT SHELTERED HIM, And Where He Prepared for His Great Voyage To Be Reproduced at Jackson Park—Secretary Foster Takes Another Whack at Commissioner Owen—The National Reciprocity Treaty Announced—The Question of Russian Jewish Immigration. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The committee on foreign exhibits of the World's Columbian exposition have recommended the erection at Jackson park, in Chicago, of an exact reproduction of the old convent of La Rabida at Palos, Spain. This convent is more closely associated with the life of Columbus than any other building in the world. It was here that he applied for bread and water for his child, and here he was furnished shelter for two years while he was developing his theory of a western passage to the Indies; and it was here that he lived while preparing for the voyage, and in the little chapel attached to the convent he attended mass on the morning he sailed. Will Boss the Job for Nothing. It is proposed to make the reproduction exact. It will be of the same dimensions, of similar material, and wherever there is a blemish or a broken tile in the original they will be reproduced. The work will be done under the direction of Mr. Franklin W. Smith, a wealthy and enthusiastic amateur architect, who lives in the Moorish villa "Zorayda" at St. Augustine, Fla., during the winter and in the Pompeian villa at Saratoga during the summer. Mr. Smith has had more experience in the reproduction of ancient architecture than any other man, and tenders his services without cost to the exposition. MONTHLY TREASURY STATEMENT. Net Decrease of the Debt Nearly \$3,500,000—Income and Outgo. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The public debt statement issued from the treasury department Saturday shows a reduction in the debt during the past month amounting to \$3,447,500. There was an increase of \$300 in the interest bearing debt, due to the issuance of a small refunding certificate bond; a reduction in the non-interest bearing debt of \$1,557,902, and an increase in the surplus or treasury cash during the month of \$1,889,907. The aggregate of interest and non-interest debt, less \$100,000,000 gold reserve and \$55,783,715 net cash balance or surplus, is \$845,465,342, and of this amount \$619,529,429 is interest bearing debt, made up of \$559,680,230 4 per cent. bonds, \$30,180,700 4 1/2 per cents, and \$11,679,500 4 per cents continued at 2 per cent. Government Receipts and Expenses. Government receipts from all sources during July aggregated \$34,390,344, against \$38,333,216 in July 1890. Custom receipts were \$15,498,753, against \$23,053,286 in July a year ago; internal revenue receipts \$14,551,807, against \$11,717,499 in July 1890; receipts from miscellaneous sources were \$3,280,322, or nearly \$2,000,000 more than in July, 1890. Expenditures during the first month of the current fiscal year were \$39,719,051, against \$39,052,949 in July, 1890. OWEN'S POSITION DEFINED. The Immigration Commissioner Not Authorized to Decide Appeals. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Secretary Foster has issued a circular letter defining the duties of officials charged with enforcing the immigration laws. All rulings or opinions, the secretary says, covering new applications of the immigration laws or new questions arising under it, and all modifications of previous rulings will be signed by the secretary of the treasury or by an assistant, under the general direction of the secretary, and until otherwise directed Assistant Secretary Nettler will continue to have general supervision of immigration matters. His Opinions Subject to Revision. Mr. Owen, the superintendent of immigration, will supervise the official duties of inspection officers. When an appeal touching the right of an alien to land is taken to the superintendent, he is to prepare and submit his decision on the case to the secretary or assistant secretary designated to act in the premises, for his approval or disapproval. If the decision is approved it will be promulgated as written; if disapproved, it will be promulgated as revised. Foster on Jewish Immigration. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Secretary Foster has written a letter in answer to one addressed him by prominent Hebrews of this city. The latter letter asks that considering that the Jewish residents of this country will take charge of Russian Jews who seek a home in the United States and see that they do not become public charges, the statutes of this country be not so interpreted as to class them with paupers. Secretary Foster, while impressing upon his correspondents the necessity of averting an irruption of destitute aliens, and also of seeing that those who do come be widely distributed so as to supply a real want in scattered communities, says he will rely on his correspondents' assurance that they will notify their brethren in Europe of the statutes affecting them in this country but reminds them that any attempt to stimulate such immigration would be distinctly hostile to the spirit of their letter. Reciprocity With San Domingo. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The president Saturday issued a proclamation announcing the conclusion of a reciprocity treaty with San Domingo, which takes effect from and after Sept. 1 next. A large number of articles of American production are admitted free of duty, the list being similar to that contained in the treaty regarding Cuba and Porto Rico, proclaimed Friday, and many other articles have the duty reduced on them 25 per cent. Fired a Monumental Cannon. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 3.—At 9 p. m. on Thursday some unknown persons loaded and discharged the cannon which rested on a pedestal at the base of the soldiers' monument in Peabody cemetery, its muzzle pointing toward the Chapin memorial chapel. The noise of the explosion was heard over a wide area, but its cause was not ascertained until Friday night, when the cannon was discovered to have been moved from its former resting place while the chapel windows were found to have been shattered by the concussion.

LONGSTREET TAKES THE STAKES.

He Wins \$12,000 by Beating Tenny in a Mile and a Quarter Race. MORRIS PARK, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Michael F. Dwyer's horse Longstreet won the match race Saturday and with it \$12,000 for his owner, defeating David T. Pulsifer's Tenny. The weather was cool and pleasant and the track in first-class shape for the race. There were nearly 350,000 persons at the track when the bugle sounded for the race. Tenny was the first to appear for his warming-up gallop, and he pleased the critics immensely. Not so with Longstreet. He sulked at the upper turn, and then there was a great rush into the betting ring to back Tenny. After one break they were sent away with Longstreet nearly a length in front. The Jockey's Use Their Whips. The pair ran in this order, close together, to the quarter, both running under a pull. Longstreet held his lead to the top of the hill, when "Pikey" Barnes let Tenny out, and the great away-back rapidly closed on the leader. The couple ran head and head for a few strides, when Hamilton went to work on Longstreet and opened up a gap of three lengths, which he held to the mile post. Then Tenny moved up again and Hamilton went to the whip. Longstreet began to move away under the lash, when Barnes drew his whip, and once more Tenny gained on Longstreet. But Hamilton kept steadily at work on Longstreet and at the last furlong post had Tenny beaten and passed under the wire a winner by six lengths. Time, 2:07 3/4. TWO QUARRELING WOMEN. Their Rows Bring About the Probable Death of One Husband. CROTON LANDING, N. Y., Aug. 3.—J. Newton Baker, a private secretary of Robert Ingersoll, and a resident of this village, was shot in the arm, head, and just over the heart by Orville Anderson in front of the town hall Saturday evening. His condition is critical. Baker and Anderson live in the same house, and the shooting was the result of quarreling between their wives. Both men drew pistols when they met. Baker's wife was present when the fight took place and her frantic attempts to shield her husband probably had not a little to do with his getting shot. It was while she was struggling with him that Anderson closed in, and a moment later Mrs. Baker fainted. During the three-handed struggle Baker dropped his pistol, and immediately thereafter Anderson fired the three shots. He then walked coolly away leaving Baker and his half-crazed wife on the pavement. THE SELECTION OF JOHNSON. Another Witness as to the Republican Convention of 1864. NEW HAVEN, Aug. 3.—N. D. Sperry, postmaster of New Haven, takes issue with Colonel McClure, on the question of who was Lincoln's choice for vice president in 1864. Mr. Sperry has been postmaster of New Haven ever since 1861, except during Mr. Cleveland's administration. He was a member of the convention that nominated Lincoln and Johnson in 1864, and was secretary of the National Union Republican committee, with headquarters at the Astor House, during the campaign of 1864. He was personally acquainted with Mr. Lincoln, and had many interviews with him at that time. Lincoln's Influence Not Used. Mr. Sperry says that Lincoln never in any way expressed his preference for any particular candidate. On the informal ballot nearly all the New England states voted for Hamlin. After this a conference was held, and on the formal ballot the states voted alphabetically, and Connecticut was the first. New England voted to cast its entire ballot for Andrew Johnson, and Mr. Johnson received a large majority of all the votes. He says that the biographers are right and that Col. McClure is wrong, and that it was the convention and not Mr. Lincoln who selected Mr. Johnson. PARNELL SPEAKS AT THURLES. And No Horsepond Incident Mars the Festivities. DUBLIN, Aug. 3.—Notwithstanding the threats and intimations of the anti-Parnellites the reception of Parnell at Thurles yesterday was most enthusiastic. A multitude of people attended the meeting, most of them from the country, and nearly all ardently in favor of Parnell. The streets were adorned with Irish flags and arched with evergreens. The people took the horses from Parnell's carriage, and if dragged the carriage with Parnell in it to the market square. Is Watching the Liberals. There Parnell delivered an address of his usual tenor. He affirmed that his policy was unchanged, that he distrusted the Liberal party, and would keep his hands unfettered until he had seen clear evidence of an honest purpose to fulfill Liberal pledges. He warned O'Brien and Dillon to be careful not to be drawn into a dangerous course by blind confidence in Gladstone. Spooner in Great Luck, Perhaps. RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 3.—It is reported by parties from Montgomery county, N. C., that another rich gold find has been made close to the Uwharrie river, in that county. It was discovered that two of the natives had about four quarts of gold nuggets, and that they were in the habit of spending their nights away from home. They were watched, and it was found that they were working a very rich vein on the property bought recently by Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, and other associates. A telegram has been sent to Mr. Spooner, and the work has been stopped. Booth's Salvation Colony. LONDON, Aug. 3.—It appears that part of the object of General Booth in going to South Africa is to inspect the large tract of land which he has secured in Swaziland for starting his Salvation colony, somewhat on the plan outlined in "Darkest England." The general will be received, on his arrival in Swaziland, by companies of Salvation Army Zulus. These Zulus were, many of them, in Cetewayo's army, and fought the British savagely at the time of the Zulu war. They are said to make excellent converts, the methods of the Salvation army suiting their ideas of religion. Gored to Death by Texas Cattle. ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 3.—A report has reached here from the Cherokee country that near the Neosho river four people have been gored to death by Texas cattle. A woman and two little girls were first attacked and literally torn to pieces. A cowboy who attempted to rescue them was thrown from his horse and instantly killed.

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