

CITY CHAT.

Band concert in Spencer square to-night.

Hon. E. W. Hurst has joined his wife at Nantucket.

98 cents for a suit worth \$1.75, at Simon & Mosenfelder's.

Mrs. Harry Sage leaves tomorrow on a visit to friends in Des Moines.

Mothers' Friend and Star waists 25 cents at Simon & Mosenfelder's.

Boys' pants for warm weather, 18 cents, 18 cents and 22 cents, at Simon & Mosenfelder's.

If you fail to see "Kajanka" you will miss one of the greatest attractions that has been in Rock Island for years.

The little Spanish skirt dancer in "Kajanka" is one of the best in this country, and the eight acrobats have no equal.

Bridge travel yesterday amounted to: Foot, north, 666, south, 697, total 1,363; teams, north, 679, south, 676, total, 1,355.

Frank Colson, of the Marengo Republic, who has been visiting with friends in the city returned to his home in Marengo, Iowa, yesterday.

Mrs. John Ohlweiller and Mrs. Chris Gaetjer left last night on the steamer St. Paul, on a visit to St. Paul and other northern cities.

Those \$1.95 suits, worth \$3, are the best suits for the price, ever sold in this vicinity, to be had only at Simon & Mosenfelder's.

By direction of the officers of the Citizens' Improvement association, the regular meeting will be postponed one week to Thursday evening, Aug. 20.

Ransom Van Riper who was overcome with the heat on Sunday, is still in a semi-delirious condition and is being attended by Dr. Craig during Dr. Carter's absence.

A pleasant surprise party was given yesterday to Mrs. William Henshaw at the residence of Mrs. W. P. Cochran, 1314 Fourth avenue. It was Mrs. Henshaw's birthday and she received a number of tokens of remembrance.

Eugene Robinson's famed floating shows are to visit Rock Island next Saturday, giving two entertainments—afternoon and evening. The attraction is one of the most unique and enjoyable ever seen in this country, and will be witnessed by a great many people on its visit to Rock Island.

Last Thursday at the home of the bride in Coe, occurred the marriage of Miss Sadie Moore to Benjamin W. Woodburn, Rev. A. Harper officiating. The happy couple started Friday on a wedding tour to Chicago and will make their future home in Coe.

Inquisition was made in the county court into the mental condition of Mrs. Elmira Dodge. The patient was adjudged of unsound mind and ordered committed to the Elgin asylum. Her insanity is of a violent form and last night her screams were heard for blocks in the neighborhood of the county jail, where she was confined until this morning, when she was conveyed to Elgin.

A new time card takes effect on the main line of the Rock Island road next Sunday. After that date all trains for Denver will run via Council Bluffs and Omaha over the main line, instead of by way of Kansas City and St. Joe. The new arrangement cuts off 36 miles between Chicago and Denver and is the shortest of the western trunk lines.

By recovering its bridge facilities at Omaha the Rock Island road can use 100 miles of connecting road built last year, the cost of which appears in the floating debt account, over which there has been so much comment on the part of railroad wreckers. The increase in earnings will undoubtedly be large enough to make this 100 miles of track handsomely productive. Omaha is expecting large things of the new line, and her business men are very enthusiastic over it.

In a letter to a friend in this city Manager Louderback, of the Davenport & Rock Island railway company, states that no one who does go around among the three cities realizes the difficulty the company's superintendents are having in giving good service and at the same time doing so much rebuilding and paying.

"When this is done," Mr. Louderback continues, "the three cities will have as good street car service as Chicago or Boston."

Governor Fifer has issued a reward of \$200 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Mercer county of Benton E. Hodson, charged with shooting on March 28, in that county, of Levi L. Sloan, who died June 7 from the effects of the wound. Hodson is described as being about 22 years of age, 5 feet, 6 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds, dark hair,

blue eyes, not very full face, with peculiar drawing of upper lip. When he talks he emphasizes his words with a little shake of the head.

Jesse Garner went to the quarters of his divorced wife, on the second floor at Brady and Fifth streets, Davenport, last night, and after firing two bullets from a 38-calibre revolver into the body of his wife, turned the muzzle of the revolver on himself and fired twice. Neighbors hearing the shots summoned medical aid, but examination showed that neither victim was dangerously wounded. The couple have been separated for some time past, and a divorce was granted the wife six months ago. The couple have five children living, two in Oskaloosa, which has for a few months past been the residence of the father, and three in the Orphans' home in Davenport. The woman has for about four months lived in a room in the block mentioned.

McEniry & McEniry have received another letter from Auditor Pavey. It pertains to the matter of the application of M. Bermond for a receiver for the Mississippi Valley Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance company, and states that the company has property liable for execution in this county. Thereupon the attorneys had an alias execution issued last evening and instructed the sheriff to levy upon the office furniture. That officer attempted to perform that task this morning, and was informed by Secretary Ferguson that the company had sued out a writ of error before one of the justices of the appellate court, with whom a bond had been filed and that a supersedeas would be issued out of the office of the clerk of the court in Ottawa today. Mr. Ferguson indemnified the sheriff, and the case will probably be settled.

Police Points.

George Lundy was fined \$5 and costs for intoxication.

John Siegrist was fined \$25 and costs this morning for his old offence.

Magnus Huber was fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Will yesterday afternoon for assaulting Charles Hilderbrandt.

Frank Appsey and James Morgan were each fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Will this morning for indulging in a fist encounter in the upper part of town.

William Richards, the horse buyer, brought in a pair of beautifully matched horses for the police department last night and the chief and his men were delighted with them, but the police committee thought the horses of too light weight. Hence the department will have to look further for a team.

The Street Car Dent.

There is nothing new in the street car matter, as far as anything like an actual event is concerned. There is enough on the surface to justify the belief that matters are tending toward a transfer of some kind or other among the lines on this side of the river, but it has not yet taken place, and, though it is said that it may be looked for tomorrow, there are other reports that seem to be reliable to the effect that it is not very likely to take place. It is not easy to determine what is to be expected among the many rumors that are flying. Dr. Allen was in the city yesterday, and his right hand man, W. T. Griffith, came here from Dubuque by his orders, but what was the precise end in view is not given out for publication.—Davenport Democrat.

A Fiery Difference.

Mrs. Sanctus—I am astonished to learn that so many of the congregation were weary by Mr. Overzeal's discourse last evening. I thought he was fired with his subject.

Mr. Gaffly—Indeed, well, I thought he ought to have been.—Boston Courier.

Luck.

The Deicate Dude—Did you bet at the waces, dear boy?

The Devilish Dude—Of kawse I did. I bet Neddie Nesselrode a pair of gloves that she couldn't name the winnash out of a bunch of eleven 2-year-olds; and, by Jove!—do you know, I won!—Life.

Safe Name.

Wool—Why do they call these cigars Henry Clay, I wonder?

Van Pelt—Couldn't say, unless it is because Henry Clay is dead.—Lake Shore News.

75 cents will clothe your boy in a neat fitting suit at Simon & Mosenfelder's summer clothing sale.

IN THE NAME OF THE PROPHECY.

First, let the vendors of the fruit in Constantinople. Certainly a "great cry over a little wool." Scarcely less foolish is the practice of those who fly to violent phisic for constiveness. They do themselves violently weaken their bowels by so doing, and disable 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 expedients, 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 effect, which also promotes a healthy secretion and flow of bile into its proper channel. Dyspepsia, debility, kidney complaints, rheumatism and malaria give rise to the Bitters.

FRAUD SQUELCHED.

A Pretty Scheme for Swindling Broken Up.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE MULOTED.

A Gigantic Business in Rascality Carried on with Chicago as Headquarters and in Many States—The Chief Scoundrel Gets Away with the Bulk of the Hoodle—A Loan Association That Made Precious Few Loans, but Pocketed Much Wealth—Plan of Operations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Alfred Downing, N. H. Tallman, and three young women clerks—occupants of the office of the "National Capital Savings Building and Loan Association of North America," room 35, Rookery building—were arrested yesterday by United States Marshals Hitchcock, Allen, and Charles, and the entire epistolary contents of the place taken to the office of United States District Attorney Milchrist. Downing and Tallman were taken before United States Commissioner Hoyne, charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, and placed under \$2,000 bonds for a hearing Thursday, Aug. 20. The three clerks, Misses Downing, Bartholomew, and Wadley, were notified that they were wanted as witnesses at the hearing.

Charged With Wholesale Fraud.

It is charged that the men who have been conducting this association have swindled thousands of people from every state in the union, taken in from \$300,000 to \$850,000, and given not one penny in return. There are still two men at liberty, they having disappeared several weeks ago. These two men, it is believed, got away with most of the funds. The strangest part of the whole gigantic swindle seems to be that it was indorsed by the leading commercial agencies of the land. The conductors of the nefarious enterprise did not stop at forgery either, as among the papers found in the office is a paper signed by the "auditor of public accounts of Chicago" to the effect that the concern was a substantial one and did a good business. There is no such officer in Chicago.

Discovered a Gigantic Swindle.

For six months and more letters have been received from all parts of the country protesting that the "National Capital Savings Building and Loan association of North America" was not what its proprietors represented it to be, and that it was collecting money and making no loans. Inspector Stuart took charge of the matter about four months ago, and has worked ever since to make a case against the officers of the association. He found that the concern was gigantic in its reach, and had agents in every state in the Union who were selling the \$20,000,000 of stock the company was issuing. At the time Captain Stuart took hold of the case the head man of the institution was Louis F. Mortimer, the general manager and secretary. He seemed to be the responsible man and handled all the cash.

A Rich Harvest at Lincoln.

Several weeks ago Mortimer and his father disappeared and neither have since been heard from. A short time ago Captain Stuart sent Inspector Gardner to Lincoln, Neb., where the harvest seemed to be the richest. Here Mr. Gardner found George O. Ferguson, who represented about sixty people that had been swindled. Mr. Ferguson came to Chicago with Inspector Gardner and the result was the captures made yesterday. After the arrests were made Mr. Ferguson explained the modus operandi of the gang that had been fleecing the citizens of his town. "They were represented in our town by Chase Bros.," said Mr. Ferguson, "who acted in good faith. The people of Nebraska are very much in favor of the building and loan association plan, and the officers of this concern were snapped up quickly."

How the Scheme Was Worked.

"It sold shares for 50 cents each, with a payment of \$11.95 each month for ninety-six months, at the end of which time a \$1,000 loan would be paid for. Then there was a membership fee of \$30, an appraisal fee of \$20, and \$45 for three months' payment in advance, thus making \$95. The concern made one \$500 loan that was genuine, and this was just enough bait to lead others to invest. Hundreds sent their money to Chicago, and on the strength of the loan they expected to make, contracts for homes and stores were let and building begun, but the money never came."

A Bonanza for the Managers.

Inspector Stuart and District Attorney Michrist went over the association's books and found seventeen loans had been made in as many states. A rough estimate of the amount of money the association received is \$175,000 in the year and a half the association has been in existence. The books of the association show that it had agents in all the states, but the most active were in Omaha, Denver, Des Moines, Portland, Galveston, Olympia, San Francisco and Minneapolis. Up to within several months ago the association did a big business in Philadelphia, where, however, the authorities got after the manager and drove him away.

Mortimer Was a Smooth Man.

President Downing and Vice President Tallman admitted after their arrest that enormous sums had been taken in, but they said that they had never been "in it." "We took in something over \$26,000 that I know of," said President Downing, "but I never got more than a poor salary out of it, and Tallman didn't get as much as I did."

"They got badly bitten both of them," said Inspector Stuart, "but they were in the deal and knew all about what was going on. Mortimer got the bulk of the money, and I haven't the least doubt that he got away with \$150,000. Mortimer is a clever talker and a smooth man generally."

Indorsed by Bradstreet and Dun.

One of the peculiar features of the case is the indorsement of the scheme by the Bradstreet and Dun agencies. The officers of both agencies examined the association and its affairs, but the evidences of prosperity were so great that the agents made favorable reports. Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and the southern states were worked, but the bulk of the victims live in states west of the Mississippi.

Will Be Elkins' Guest.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—A Sun special from Washington says the president will go to West Virginia in the autumn as the guest of the Hon. Stephen B. Elkins at the club house on Cheat mountain, near Beverly. Secretary Blaine has been invited to join the party, which will spend time deer hunting.

A CAMP MEETING IN PERIL.

The Cyclone Sweeps Through the Grove and Wrecks Things Generally.

LEON, Ia., Aug. 11.—About half past 11 o'clock Sunday morning a cyclone swept over this part of Decatur county. In this town the streets and yards were littered with fallen trees, and in many instances the streets were absolutely impassable. The opera house and school house were unroofed and two houses in the southern part of the town were completely demolished. Fences, sidewalks and outhouses were lifted up bodily and carried away by the wind. The falling trees wrecked the telegraph, telephone and electric light wires, and the town was in darkness during the night.

Trees Falling in Every Direction.

About half the citizens of this place were attending a camp meeting at Davis City, ten miles distant, and there the confusion and panic were indescribable. The camp meeting is being held in a grove on the banks of Grand river. Fully 8,000 people were in attendance. The storm struck the grove suddenly, and in a moment all was dark as night. Huge forest trees swayed and fell crashing to the earth, and broken branches were hurled by the wind through the crowded assemblage with terrific force. The tabernacle was crushed under the weight of two giant oaks, and all the seats and stands demolished.

Loss of Life Apprehended.

Several cottages were also damaged, some being unroofed and others being crushed by falling trees. In spite of the suddenness and force of the gale, however, no one was killed and only a few slightly bruised by flying debris. It is feared that when reports are received from the country districts they will bring news of loss of life, as the sweep of the wind along the open prairie must have been irresistible. Such news has been received is to the effect that the damage to crops is heavy. Corn has been beaten to earth, stacks blown away, and fences demolished.

THE DISASTER AT YORK FARM PIT.

One Man Dead and Others Expected to Die—Sixteen Victims.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 11.—The mine disaster which occurred at the York Farm colliery on Saturday afternoon was far more serious than was reported. Sixteen miners were burned, several of whom are in a precarious condition. The following is a correct list of those injured: John Corby, of Oxford, N. Y., expired in terrible agony nine hours after the explosion; Robert Kelly, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; James Miller, of Herndon, N. J.; William Conley, of Minehill, N. J.; John Conners, of Minehill, N. J.—all seriously hurt; George Tierney, of Yorkville; James Tydaback, of Yorkville, N. Y.; William Smith, of Pottsville; Thomas Golds worthy; Joseph Robertson, Mt. Hope, Pa.; David Davis and son Thomas, Pottsville; Henry Zimmerman, Scotts Run, Pa.; Minersville; George Alexander; Charles Sowers, Yorkville. Two or three of the above are expected to die. The coroner's verdict exonerates any one from blame.

HERMAN RASTER'S REMAINS.

They Arrive at New York and Are En Route to Chicago.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—When the steamship Elder came to her dock last evening she had on board the remains of Herman Raster, former editor of The Illinois Staats Zeitung; Mrs. Raster, with her daughter Anna, her sons Edward and Walter, and her brother-in-law Mr. Thumler, of Berlin, accompanied the remains. Mr. A. C. Hering, proprietor of The Illinois Staats Zeitung; Paul Rothbart, and Herman Heinrich, of Chicago, members of the committee on arrangements, escorted Mrs. Raster and family to Meyers' hotel, in Hoboken, where they stopped over night. Funeral services were held in the rooms of the German Press club at 2 p. m. today. After the funeral services the remains were forwarded to Chicago.

Killed by a Rattlesnake.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 11.—The body of Miss Lulu Bowling was found Saturday in the woods near Nashville, in Cannon county. The young woman had been bitten by a dozen places by a rattlesnake, as was shown in as many discolored places on her body, which was badly swollen. Coiled up beside the body was the reptile which had caused the young woman's death. It was killed. It measured five feet and had eighteen rattles, and a button, and was one of the largest rattlesnakes ever seen in the county.

On the Diamond Field.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—League scores at base ball yesterday were: At New York—Chicago, 4; New York, 3. At Boston—Pittsburgh, 5; Boston, 9. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 6; Cincinnati, 8. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 3; Cleveland, 17. Association: At Columbus—Columbus, 5; Boston, 6. At St. Louis—St. Louis, 3; Baltimore, 15. At Louisville—Louisville, 9; Washington, 5. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 8; Athletic, 16. Western: At Omaha—Denver, 9; Omaha, 8.

Illinois-Iowa: At Joliet—Joliet, 9; Ottumwa, 7. At Cedar Rapids—Cedar Rapids, 8; Quincy, 9.

Killed by His Cellmate.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.—John McCloskey, aged 28, and George Barclay, were arrested for drunkenness and placed in one cell. They had been there but a short time when they quarreled, and the turnkey upon going to the cell found McCloskey lying unconscious upon the ground. He was removed to a hospital but died without regaining consciousness. Barclay, clay, who admitted having struck McCloskey, was committed without bail to await the coroner's inquest.

Bill Arp's Nephew a Murderer.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 11.—Hezekiah Arp, a nephew of the original Bill Arp, shot two men to death near the state line in Fannin county Sunday. Arp had a claim against William Bramlett, who was about to leave the state, and had a yoke of oxen attached. This produced a quarrel, during which Arp shot Bramlett through the heart. Bramlett's brother interfered. Arp shot him through the heart. Arp belongs to one of the leading families of his section.

Death of an Aged Jurist.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Judge Ogden Hoffman died early Sunday morning of paralysis of the heart. He had been ill for a long time. Judge Hoffman had been a United States judge for over forty years, longer than any other United States judge in the country.

Killed by a Bursting Pulley.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 11.—At Childersburg, Ala., yesterday the pulley of a saw-mill burst, instantly killing Jim Pointer and fatally injuring Fireman William Smith.

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