WEEKLY COURIER

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 9, 1878.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Four mines in the Black Hills were sold to a California company on Friday last for $400,000.

Monday evening, between this city and Albia, on the C. B. & Q. passenger train eastward bound a son was born to the wife of the conductor of the Pullman sleeping car. She was removed to a hotel on her arrival in this city where she is receiving all the attention necessary. That young chap is a born railroad man.

POCKET PICKING.—A very aggravated case of pocket-picksng took place in the lower part of the city, yesterday. A man after over-indulgence in the cup that inebriates, went to sleep in his boarding-house, and some sneak thief followed him to his room and went through him for all he was worth. A man by the name of Shuey was arrested, to-day, charged with the crime. His trial has not yet taken place.

On Monday last, the mail carrier between here and Martinsburg, brought the mail into this city upon his back, traveling the whole distance, eighteen miles, carrying a good sized mail. The same with the mail between here and Blakesburg. Yesterday the Martinsburg mail failed to get in, but the distance from here to Blakesburg being shorter the carrier has succeeded in packing it in up to this date.

Jail Delivery.

Monday night last four fellows confined in our county jail on trivial charges, generally, effected their escape. As near as we understand the matter some person from the outside helped the prisoners in the hall to a scantling or something of that sort with which they pried off a cell door and two prisoners locked up there were released. Four persons in all got away, and all were recaptured before ten o'clock next day and all inside the city. Charles Bartlett, the fellow who robbed L. E. Gray's son last summer, Geo.. Zimmerman, Tom Shea and Peter Rush were the party. No blame is attached to sheriff Spilman as the matter was consummated when he was out of the city.

NEW YEAR'S DAY was duly celebrated, yesterday, by the gentlemen in calling on the ladies, in goodly numbers. While but few announcements were made in the daily, as to where ladies would receive, still nearly as large a number kept open house as did last year. We did not calling ourselves, but from gentlemen who did, we learn that they were hospitably received and entertained wherever they called. The greetings exchanged were cordial and we most sincerely hope that after three years of almost constant gloom and wet weather, that a new era of peace, prosperity and happiness is about to dawn on our city and county, and from henceforward we shall have royal good times and that sociability and good will may prevail more generally than heretofore.

From Thursday Daily.

Mr. John Jones, a farmer residing about five mile north of Newton, was found dead in his field on Saturday evening last. He went to work on his fence in the morning, and not returning for supper, search was made with the above result. He leaves a wife and three children. The cause of his death was heart disease.

B. F. Compton, the brakeman ran over sometime since, by the cars at Moulton on the North Missouri railroad, died at Moberly yesterday. It will be remembered that he was brought to this city immediately after the accident, and amputation was performed by Dr. Broom, surgeon of the road. He remained here for some weeks, but was taken to Moberly not long since, where he died as above stated from the effects of his wound,

Water-Works.

The mains on Front street were filled with water to-day. The hydrants were opened and the water discharged with great power. The trial was entirely successful. What pressure was put on we have not learned. After an hour's trial the increased pressure found a defective pipe at a point between the railroads near the pump house, and it bursted, the water flying like fun. It was soon repaired. Of course these defective points will all be disclosed after a few days' trial. The power disclosed is ample and more than is necessary. Our people may now have occular demonstration of the immense motive power, which has resulted from the expenditure, enterprise and pluck of many of our citizens.

From Friday's Daily.

A German named John Stolz, suicided at Des Moines yesterday, by shooting himself with a pistol. He was from Omaha, and was 55 or 60 years of age.

On Sunday evening last, Ten Murphy, of Davis county, shot Dan Layman, of the same county, in the head. They had been good friends and had been drinking out of the same jug previous to the attack. Murphy put all his property out of his hands and has fled the country.

Prof Tice's predictions in regard to the weather for this month have been tolerably fairly verified. It has been cold from the 1st to the 3rd as he predicted, but there is a failure so far in predicting cloudy weather, with rain or snow from the 4th to the 6th. From the 6th to the 9th he predicts very cold weather. From the 9th to the 13th, cloudy weather with rain or snow in places.

BURGLARY.—Yesterday P. M., Mr. and Mrs. Fellows left their residence for the city. A man was working in an out house during the whole day. They locked the house up as is their custon on leaving home, made more necessary from the fact that they live in the suburbs of the city. While they were absent Mr. Hall, clerk at Moss Bros'. went out to see Mr. and Mrs. Fellows and coming to the house he thonght he heard some one within, but in attempting to enter found the doors fastened. Hall observed a light broken out of a window in a door, but thought it had been accidentally broken. Finally as he could not get in he went out where the man was at work in the out house and they both returned, the man saying he knew where they kept the night key to the front door. It is supposed that while Hall was gone to the out house the burglar escaped.

Upon the return of Mr. Fellows an examination disclosed that Mrs. Fellows pocket book containing about $20 was gone and some valuable jewelry was found upon the floor, having been taken from the bureau drawer. No jewelry however was missing. It is probable that the burglar was disturbed by Hall and made a hasty retreat, scattering the jewelry as he went.

Mortgage Notes Wanted.

I will purchase some long time notes secured by real estate mortgage.
wtf O. M. LADD.

JOTTINGS.

Can you write it 7 to 8 yet?

$225,000 was spent on the capitol in 1877.

Dubuque is boring an artesian well and has got down 835 feet to Potsdam sandstone.

Porter, the Marshalltown and Davenport bigamist, gets four years in the penitentiary.

The *Nonpareil* figures up $465,000 worth of improvements in Council Bluffs for 1877, which is a good showing.

A Creston minister got beastly drunk, the other day, owing to his parishioners being backward in paying his salary.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Millers' Association will be held at Des Moines, Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Bloomfield is having a terrible well-auger war. The prospect of its becoming a *bore* is pretty good.

The Des Moines & Minnesota narrow gauge railroad was completed to Story City, Monday, the last day of 1877.

Postmaster Page, of Kirkville, will please accept our thanks for a number of new subscribers sent us since New Years.

One of Creston's business men has the following notice posted up: "To trust is to bust—to bust is hell. No trust, no bust, no hell."

A considerable number of persons have enrolled their names as subscribers for the Daily or Weekly COURIER since New Year's Day.

Four thousand one hundred and fifty Des Moiners now sport the blue ribbon, and in consequence there must be less blue and red noses soon.

The history of Marion county, comprising 350 pages, has been published. Who will immortalize himself by writing a history of Wapello county?

The other day in London, Ont., a man was fined $5 in gold for swearing on the street on Sunday. This suggests a way to pay off the National debt.

Revenue agent, John B. Miller, has been transferred from the District of Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, to Michigan, with headquarters at Detroit.

The bank of I. N. Thomas, Des Moines, has joined the innumerable caravan gone before and has closed its doors. Nominal assets $48,000, liabilities $25,000.

Prof. Wales, Supt. of schools, at Albia, got into a wrangle with the School Board, and as a result, he has been dismissed. Albia seems to be in a bad way generally just now.

An eminent writer says that diamonds are merely an evidence of wealth, and that wearing them shows the absence rather than the presence of artistic taste. That is the reason we don't wear our'n.

On New Year's, at a ball in Union Hall, Burlington, there was a general hair-pulling among the women. One of the demi-monde commenced the row and one woman was stabbed in the cheek. So the *Gazette* tells it.

Mr. Maybray has opened a three foot vein of excellent coal on A. H. Hamilton's twenty acres adjoining the residence of Joseph Hayne. This coal bank is about a half mile north of the Court House and is especially excellent for blacksmithing.

A couple of rascals burglarized the railroad repair shops, in this city, one night this week, and "bagged" a suit of clothes belonging to one of the workmen. One was captured before he left town, and was sent to the Ottumwa jail for safe keeping until the next term of court.—*Albia Plaindealer.*

Corning has quite a sensation; a discarded lover tries to poison his lady love by sending her candy impregnated with strychnine. She suspicioned something evil and refused to bite but sent it to some physicians to analyze, the consequence of which was the finding of strychnine and the arrest of Samuel Bryan for attempting to kill Altie Stevens.

Miss Mollie Hull, formerly of Oskaloosa, and well known to many of our citizens, was married at Denver, Colorado, on the 2d of Jan., to Mr. J. D. McIntire. A reception was given at the residence of Mrs. Campbell, of Denver, who is an old school mate of Miss Mollie's mother. We had an invitation to attend, but owing to press of business could not. We wish the happy couple abundant prosperity, and happiness unalloyed by the carking cares of life.

Please Give Attention.

The old books of the COURIER are now set aside and new books opened. We desire to settle all the old accounts at the earliest practicable time and we invite parties to call upon us for this purpose. These accounts must be balanced in some shape. I become the owner of all the accounts and assume all the debts of the concern. A. H. HAMILTON.

A gentleman at Abingdon sends us $1.50 and enrolls himself as a patron of the COURIER. He says, "No policy for me. Give us the principles of the glorious old Republican party that saved the country."

And the same is just what we are trying to do.

The Annual Meeting

Of the Wapello County Agricultural Society will take place at the City Hall, on Wednesday, January 17th, at 1 o'clock. All members of the society and all others interested in making it an institution both profitable and successful pecuniarily, and beneficial in advancing the agricultural and mechanical welfare of the county, are earnestly requested to manifest their interest by their presence and advice. SECRETARY.

An Ioka correspondent of the Sigourney *News* says:

> Our merchants are without trade, our blacksmiths without iron, our hotel without guests, our wagonmaker without stock, our druggist without quinine, our neighbor's woodyard without a chip, and our physicians without a little something for the stomach's sake. Verily we are enjoying the undisturbed quietude of an isolated community.

All of which comes from the terrible bad roads.

Until recently the Cincinnati *Enquirer* had a poet on its staff. The other morning the following appeared in the column devoted to the poet-reporter:

"Not a sound was heard, not a random note,
As his pen o'er the paper he hurried;
Not a candidate asked him to take someting hot,
Nor to move from the spot where he worried.

"He wrote it quickly, at dead of night,
The words on his lead pencil burning,
By his struggling talent's feeble light,
And a precious little learning."

They have no poet on the *Enquirer* now. He was shot at sunrise and buried by the paragrapher's association.—*St. Louis Times.*

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian Missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable compound for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for general debility and all nervous complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The recipe will be sent free of charge, to all who desire it, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address with stamp, naming this paper, Dr. J. C. STONE, 44 North Ninth St., Philadelphia Pa. oct256mdaw

From the Daily of Jan. 2d.

NEW YEARS.

The beginning of the new year was duly celebrated in this city with as much ceremony, perhaps, as usual. Monday evening the Lyceum of the Main Street M. E. Church had a very interesting and profitable meeting, the discussion being engaged in by some of the best talent of the city.

The Sheridan Guards, a military organization a little over two years old and taking front rank among the militia companies of the State, celebrated the dawning of the New Year with a grand military ball at the Opera House, which like all its predecessors was notable for the completeness of all details, handsome decorations, &c. They were assisted by the Light Artillery company, who ushered in the evening with several rounds fired from their new brass field piece, which they kept up until after the New Year was fairly born. The dance was very successful.

Yesterday was devoted mainly to pleasure, and although the streets were in a horrible condition people generally made the customary calls on foot, and were, perhaps, all the more heartilv received by their lady friends. Calls were not quite so common, perhaps, as they were a year ago.

The German Turners had a very pleasant, home-like party, to which only Germans were in attendance. Their hall was crowded and a happier crowd probably never assembled.

Last night, in the line of amusements, we had a session of the Literary Society of the First M. E. Church—largely attended and unusually interesting.

Last night, the Select Quadrille Club gave one of their inimitable parties at the Opera House. The crowd of young people in attendance was very large, and with everything in the best of trim they chased the hours rapidly away until early morning. The managers of the Select Quadrille Club, as usual, earned the thanks of all their friends for their energy and the success of this party.

Dan Garner, in this connection we should say, prepared a bountiful and elegant supper in the armory of the Guards, for the party on Monday night and also last night. The decorations of the hall were simply perfect, and was a wilderness of flags, evergreens, &c. Dan, as a caterer, is a success, and he never made it more manifest than on this occasion.

In a Justice's court in this city not long since, a female wiiness was called to the stand to testify in a case then on trial.

She was asked to give her name and she replied, "Maggie ——."

"What is your age?,'

"Thirty-five years."

The court leaned back in his chair, scanned her closely for a few moments, and remarked: "The court after considering all the facts involved in this part of the case, concludes. madam, that your are old enough to be called Margaret, and will so enter it on the record." The entry was made.

A new Counterfeit Five-Dollar Note on the First National Bank of Hanover, Pa., has made its appearance. The paper is very thin and color dark; date February 20, 1864, and bearing signatures of F. E. Spinner and L. E. Chittenden.

About September 20, 1877, a well-executed Counterfeit Five-Dollar Note on the First National Bank of Tamaqua, Pa., made its appearance. Upon the face of this Note, the letter "S" in the word "DOLLARS" has a blurred look, as though done in printing. On the back the word "owing" is spelled "ownig," and the word "thousand is spelled "thousaud."

The Counterfeit Five-Dollar note on the First National Bank of Hanover, Pa., is printed from the same counterfeit plate as the "Tamaqua," and bears the same characteristics, with the exception that the word "owing" has been corrected, but two dots can be discerned over the word.

It would be well for the public to refuse all $5 notes on the above banks.

A Lesson for Young Men.

Adjt. Gen. N. B. Baker's son Will, who was one of the brightest and handsomest boys in Iowa a few years ago is now in jail at Cheyenne for murder, and a mob made an unsuccessful attempt to hang him a few days ago. "Young Baker stoutly denies being guilty of wilful murder. He does not deny having killed Murray, but he claims to have been so much intoxicated that he didn't know what had happened until informed the next morning. He says if he did kill Murray he did so because he was 'crazy drunk.' They served together in Company F of the Fifth Cavalry, and were the best of friends down to the day of Murray's death. Baker says he is very sorry that it occurred, and that whisky has put him where he is. He has hopes that his friends will get him out of the difficulty. Colonel Steel will probably defend him, and he says he would like to have a good lawyer from Iowa to take part in the defense. On Saturday he received a letter from his mother, who resides at Des Moines, stating that she and his brother, Dr. E. L. Baker, who resides at Indianola, in that State, will come out and attend his trial. His brother-in-law, Col. John S. Runnells, who is Supreme Court Reporter for Iowa, is also expected to visit him."

Ottumwa was happy for a minute, one day last week, when the new water-power started up, and began to make the "wheels go wound and wound," but "she caved," in course of a few hours, and dashed its hopes in mud about ten feet deep. However, we wish them any amount of success, and believe such energy as they have displayed will ultimately succeed.—*Oskaloosa Herald.*

And we have succeeded, and the "wheels go wound and wound" again, and will continue to do so until Ottumwa becomes the second Lowell of America.

STARTLING ARREST.—At half past eleven o'clock Monday night the Grand Jury returned indictments against F. R. West, Harry and Ab, comprising the late firm of F R. West & Sons, bankers. The presentment was for "larceny by embezzlement."

The statement as to the basis for the indictment is reported to be as follows:

The Layfayette Bank, of St. Louis sent the Wests a State Warrant for about $2,100 last May. A few days later they were paid the money by the State Treasurer, and soon after they notified the Layfayette Bank that the Treasurer had uo money with which to cash the draft, but would have in the course of three weeks. The St. Louis bank replied, instructing them to return the draft to St. Louis. To this demand no answer was returned until the day before the Wests failed, when they mailed to the St. Louis bank a draft on Chicago for the amount. These are the items of the testimony upon which the indictment was found.

The Wests were arrested Tuesday morning, when they immediately gave bonds for $5,000 each.—*State Register.*

The people of Iowa ought to be thankful for the support to their waning credit, in respect to the treatment of the railway companies, which the Supreme Court of the State has just rendered in deciding that the act of 1875, of the Iowa Legislature, allowing cities, townships or counties to vote a tax in aid of a railroad or other public corporations, is constitutional and valid in principle and fact. The neighboring state of Missouri has been less fortunate, its local courts having encouraged repudiation by admitting the existence of a technical flaw in the railway aid laws.—*Railway Age.*

CARRIERS' ADDRESS!

January 1st, 1878.

Hail Columbia!
The pride of the Nations.
Hail Columbia!
The land of the free,
The asylum of the refugee,
Who fleeing from tyranny
Find here forever
The boon of Liberty.

Hail to the New Year!
Counted in with a flourish,
Farewell to the old, gone out of date.
May the New Year
Be one of good cheer
In spite of its fate
Of being 7 to 8.

Hail to the band!
Who, with noble devotion,
Drove from our land
And over the sea
The foreign oppressor,
The tax stamp assessor,
And wrote with their swords
Our freedom's decree.

Hail to the Pioneer!
Who with patient endeavor,
Hewed down the forest
And sailed up the stream,
Built up our high-ways,
Opened our by-ways
And made the land blossom
As fair as a dream.

Hail to the men!
And hail to the women!
Who fought slavery's curse
In season and out,
Crime of the centuries,
Sum of all villainies!
Hail to the heroes
Who were in at its rout.

Hail to the soldier!
Who when treason's defiance
Rang through the land
Like a fire-bell at night,
Stopping not to ask why,
Willing to do or die,
He shouldered his musket
And rushed to the fight.

Patient in duty,
Invincible in valor,
Obedient to orders
Was the patriot in blue;
Of labor he shirked not,
Of triumph he feared not.
His was the type
Of the manly and true.

And down in the valleys,
And up on the hillsides,
And deep in the woodlands
And out on the wave
Freely his life spent
Bravely to death went
That from the traitor
His country might save

God bless his widow,
God bless his children,
God bless the cause
For which he was slain.
Keep our hearts warm to them,
Keep our hands open to them
And thus we may prove
That he died not in vain.

Hail to old Grant!
The soldier and statesman,
Who led our brave armies
The foe to o'erwhelm.
He sticks like a brother
"And don't shake his mother."
All hail to the day!
When he again takes the helm.

Hail to the man!
Who is true to his party,
Hail to the Christian
Who fights for his church,
Who stands by his friends sir,
Regardless of ends sir,
And never crawfishes
And leaves them in the lurch.

Hail to the woman!
Who is modest and virtuous.
Hail to the matron
Who bears men to be great,
Whose early tuition
And wise admonition
Makes men fit rulers
To govern the State.

Hail to the preacher!
Who votes as he preaches,
Hail to the pastor
Who fights as he prays.
Church of the militant!
Church of the triumphant!
Show us the right
By your own upright ways.

Hail to the dollar!
The bright silver dollar,
The coin of our sires
And the hope of the poor,
Keep it along rolling,
All gold rings controlling,
Until it finds entrance
To every man's door.

Hail to the men!
Who with muscles of iron
And faces begrimed
With the patent of toil,
From farm house to hovel,
With plow, pick and shovel,
They're the noblest of earth
Who delve in the soil.

Hail to the doctor!
Who takes his own physic.
Hail to the lawyer
Who all dodges discard,
Whose counsel is lawful
Whose fees are not awful;
And hail to the merchant
Who gives three feet to the yard.

Hail to our patrons!
Who a third of a century
Have stood by the COURIER
Like a brave band,
Slow to discourage,
Quick to encourage,
They're the salt of the earth
And the best of the land.

Hail to our State!
Whose people's affections
Flow like its streams
Which run down to the tide,
For true conciliation
Without humiliation,
To the living and dead
Who are Iowa's pride.

Hail to Ottumwa!
The gem of the valley,
The gate of the State
And its citizen's boast;
A city set upon a hill,
Let its light shine 'till
Of all Iowa places
It becomes the foremost.

Hail to the people!
Who are kind to the Carrier,
Who brings you the COURIER
Red hot from the press,
Not minding whether
Its good or bad weather;
So open your hearts
And buy this address.

Hail to our friends!
And hail to our foemen;
Hail to the sick,
And hail to the well,
Of every condition,
In every position,
The Carrier sends greeting,
And hail and farewell!

A correspondent writes to an exchange and asks: "Suppose I see a young lady home from church and the night is dark and rainy, and upon arriving at her home she darts thro' the door without saying as much as 'good night,' leaving me standing outside, what would you advise me to do in such a case?" And the exchange answers: "You had better start for home at once, if you have an umbrella. Under no circumstances should you stand on the steps of a lady's house all night. It would be preferable to crawl into the nearest friendly store box and wait for daylight to appear or the rain disappear."

In the vicinity of Rio Grande City, Texas, there has been no rain since April, with the exception of one slight shower. In consequence there is no pasturage, and the suffering stock is only kept alive by feeding on the prickly pear, from which the thorns are first cut.

Two Hearts that Beat as One.

During the month of December twenty-eight marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Court, as follows:

John Hunn and Jennie Tolliver.
P F Hinds and Mary Thompson.
J B McCright and Nancy H McCright.
Jas Bartley and E M Zimmerman.
Geo Bellhymer and Mary A Higdon.
S M Biddison and Katie A Graves.
Dwight M Shelden and H A Fish.
Bedford H French and Margaret L Stevens.
Elmore Dwire and Mattie Horner.
Wm Barzee and Anna Lawyer.
John Thompson and Dora Eakins.
Jonathan C Jones and Anna J Lynch.
John T Hensen and Rachel C Mace.
Ed F Wentz and Anna R Doxsee.
Fred Virden and Bell Link.
Oliver R Albertson and R B Ireland.
Henry A Ryder and Lilly L Wallace.
James Parsons and Sarah Belknap.
Martin V Leonard and Orel Pearsen.
Nelson Finley and Mary E Jones.
Jno P Hodson and Florence Hendrickson.
John T Miles and Hannah Wood.
Sandford A Buchanan and Margaret E Copple.
M S Daugherty and E J Dudley.
Alex P Speer and Ida Harlan.
John Shuttlefield and Sarah Thompson.
John King and Amanda J Crain.
William Sharp and Ann M Coffman.

The total number issued during the year was 249, a large increase over 1876.

IOWA.

The Baptist Church at Iowa Falls has a violin and clarionet to furnish sacred music.

The cigar makers of Davenport have forwarded a petition to Washington asking Congress to modify the new order.

Thomas Smith, the Marshalltown bigamist, was arrested in Ames. He has a wife living at Iowa City and one at Marshalltown.

Keokuk has the most select prisoners in the State. Last week they refused to accept of their meals because the bill of fare did not suit their taste. A fast of several days made bread and water suit them to a T.

There are 24 distilleries in Iowa, 134 breweries, 70 wholesale liquor-dealers and 3,691 saloons. These figures are derived from Government's license records, and of course do not include all the places where illicit making and selling is done.

C. K. Peck, of Keokuk, has commenced suit for damages against the Government for $50,000. Peck had received a number of contracts to supply the Yellowstone posts with wood and hay; one was filled, the other was not. The Government paid him $10,000 and retained the balance for breach of contract.

PROBABLE MURDER.

Skeleton of a Man Found with a Bullet Hole through His Skull.

Information was brought to this city yesterday that a human skeleton had been found in the willows about a mile below the Union Pacific bridge. Coroner Faul was at once notified and he summoned a jury and proceeded to the spot. Upon their arrival there they found all the bones of a human being, a portion of a vest, a part of a pair of pants and an empty pocket-book. There was no flesh whatever on the bones and they had the appearance of having been bleached by exposure to the action of the elements for at least four months. In the front portion of the skull, just above the eyes, a hole was found that had the appearance of having been made by a bullet. Close to it an indentation was observable, as if the person had been struck with some blunt instrument. The body was found by the edge of the willows close to the prairie and as no boots or hat was discovered the supposition is that the man was murdered after he had prepared himself for a night's rest. It is possible that he might have been one of a party of campers and having money, been killed by his comrade or comrades. The bones were first discovered by Mr. S. Lambert and Chas. Adams, who came across them while gathering poles in the vicinity. The whole matter is wrapped in mystery and no evidence could be found by the jury to throw any light upon it, but after examining the skull and hearing the testimony of Mr. Lambert, in reference to finding the remains, came to the conclusion that there had been foul play and rendered the following verdict:

"The said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said person now lying dead, unknown to the said jurors, came to his death by means of a gunshot wound in hands of some person unknown to the said jurors."—*Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, Dec. 30.

The Last-Found Democratic Statesman.

It is said of Farley, the new California United States Senator, that he is not a fluent speaker, which defect once gave occasion to a practical joke at his expense. The Hon. J. W. Coffroth was desirous of becoming a candidate for Congress from the same district as Farley, and, being asked by the latter, as a personal favor, to write a speech for him, copied an old valedictory address which had been delivered in 1853 by another prominent California politician. This speech Farley carefully committed to memory and delivered before a large audience, many of whom had been posted beforehand in regard to the joke. Worse than that, an opposition newspaper printed the two speeches the next day in parallel columns. The ridicule heaped upon him was too much for Farley and for many years he kept seduously out of politics.

The Iowa State Grange under a Cloud.

Des Moines Leader.

The Iowa State Grange is under a cloud. At least that would appear to be the case from the fact of a mortgage being on record in the court house covering their entire stock in store and given to secure a debt on it. There were proceedings against it in bankruptcy begun first, but they finally gave this mortgage and placated the irate creditor. The institution has discharged all its clerks, and seems about to withdraw into a cave of gloom. There has been lots of money sunk in it.

The Methodist Almanac for 1778, gives a complete list of Methodist organizations in the United States, with the number of members belonging to each. They are as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, 1,673,287 members; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 822,342 members; Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 80,000; African M. E. Church, 214,806; African M. E. Zion Church, 200,000; Evangelical Association (Albrights), 105,013; United Brethren in Christ, 143,841; Union American M. E. Church, (colored), 2,550; Methodist Protestant Church, 113,405; American Wesleyans 55,000; Free Methodists, 19,232; Primitive Methodists, 3,320; Independent Methodists, 12,500. The total number of members in the United States is over 3,315,000; in Canada the methodists number 161,172; in Great Britain and her colonies 907,404. The aggregate of Methodists Church members in all the word is stated to be 4,383,888. The total net increase of lay members for 1877, throughout the world, is given as 211,309.

The aggregate value of the cattle, hogs and sheep received at the Union Stock Yards, at Chicago for the year 1877, is $99,000,000.

According to the Chicago *Tribune's* elaborate and carefully prepared annual statement and review of the trade, manufactures and commerce, of Chicago, for the past year, the grand total of Chicago's wholesale and jobbing trade for 1877 amounted to $595,000,000 (gold valuation), as against $586,800,000 in 1876—increase in 1877, $8,200,000. And this, too, in spite of the fact that 1877 was a terrible "hard times" year.

New buildings erected in Chicago during 1877, 1,348, with a frontage of 33,802 feet; total cost, $5,343,800. Were they to be placed side by side in a continuous line of street, these new buildings would extend to a distance of six and a half miles.—*Chicago Journal.*

The Ladies

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Central Asia, once the garden of the world, dotted with green forests, produced sustenance for its people, but since the destruction of its forests much of the continent has become a pathless and almost lifeless waste.

It is proposed to redeem from sterility the great desert in the western part of Kansas and Nebraska by daming the Arkansas and Platte rivers and turning the water into the desert, forming a lake, from which water could be drawn for irrigating purposes.

General Le Duc, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, has been collecting data concerning the cultivation of the tea-plant in this country. He finds that in a strip of country lying in the latitude of the northern part of South Carolina, and running from the Atlantic coast westward to the Mississippi, and also in a certain valley in the southern part of California, the climatic conditions are very favorable, and the results of the few attempts that have been made in the cultivation of the tea-plant in these regions have been so encouraging as, he thinks, to remove all doubts as to the success of future efforts to produce it here.

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But the State cannot afford to trust such vital interests to the precarious fortunes of private enterprise. Better abolish our expensive high schools, if need be, in favor of training schools, where our boys and girls may be fitted to become independent, industrious, and self-supporting citizens. Our public school systems, then, need reform in two directions. 1. The gamin should be reclaimed from the street, and, if refractory, should be placed in reformatory schools. 2. Our present curriculum should be modified by the introduction of polytecnic instruction.

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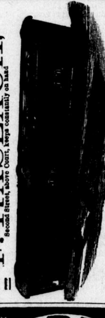

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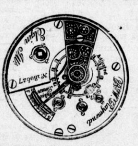

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