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MINOR MENTIONS.

Grand, Council Bluffs. E. F. Clark, prop.

Mayne Real Estate agency, 539 Broadway.

The veteran fire department will meet this evening at 7:30 at No. 3 hose house to make arrangements to attend the funeral of the late William Oliver.

I. C. Clark was put in jail last evening, having failed to pay the fine imposed upon him by Justice Vien for moving into E. H. Sheafe's house without permission.

The remains of Andrew Hill, the suicide, will be buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his parents, 1408 Broadway. Hill was at one time a member of the fire department.

Bluff City lodge No. 71, A. F. and A. M., will meet in special communication this evening for work in the third degree. All master Masons are cordially invited to attend. J. B. Atkins, Secretary.

The Ganymede Wheel club received a letter last evening from the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen, stating that October 11 and 12 had been selected as the dates for the racing meet to be given here under the league's auspices. These dates have not yet been accepted by the club, and may be changed a few days either way.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Wizard Telephone and General Electrical company, with a capital stock of $100,000. The incorporators are Eli Brown, C. J. Willow and J. E. DeLee, and the purpose is to do a general telegraphic and telephone business, including the manufacture and repairing of instruments, and the operation of telephone lines.

Two desirable cottages for rent. Plenty of money for farm loans. Fire insurance. Money loaned for local investors on best of security. Special bargains in real estate. Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

Pay

Your water rent today and save 5 per cent. This is your last opportunity. Office open this evening.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

A great attraction—Crockwell's beautiful Easter window display.

Marcus' fire sale of clothing is still in progress. Have you had any of its benefits yet? A little money and—the results will surprise you. Clothing, shoes, hats, furnishing goods at prices dangerously near giving away ought to attract you.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Harvey Smith has gone to New Orleans to live.

James Nicol has returned from a visit to the Pacific coast.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Macrae, jr., are the parents of a nine-pound baby boy.

J. W. Squire and family will leave next month for an extended stay in Europe.

W. L. Reed, a Des Moines attorney, is in the city. He is one of W. S. Richmond's attorneys.

Mrs. G. E. Meyers left last evening for Philadelphia and will be joined there later by her husband.

Mrs. Hattie E. DeKay left last evening for a visit of ten days in Chicago, accompanied by her son, Earle.

H. M. Leffert has been advanced to the position of assistant instructor in the Bothwell School of Engraving in Omaha.

Mr. Seth M. Smith of Milford and his daughter, Mrs. Eva Culver of Emerson, are in the city, guests of Mrs. A. B. Moore.

E. H. Odell received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the death of his father in Stamford, N. Y. He left for the east last evening.

Rev. L. W. Bock, who has just returned from the Iowa conference of the German Evangelical church, held at Cedar Falls, will occupy the pulpit in this city for another year.

BENNISON BROS.

Forcing Down the Prices.

100 pieces new dress prints, 3½c yard.
36-inch LL unbleach muslin, 3½c yard.
36-inch dotted curtain Swiss, 12½c yard.
DRESS GOODS AND SILK BARGAINS.
44-inch all wool black crepon, 79c yard.
40 to 46-inch black and navy all wool French serge, 39c, 50c and 59c yard. Great values.
50-inch, our finest quality, black gloria silk, 86c yard.
China silk, all colors and black, 25c yard.
Our $1.00 novelty silks for waists now 75c yard.
Genuine real hair cloth, 49c yard.
100 36-inch gloria silk umbrellas, Paragon frame, at $1.00, worth $1.50.
Ladies' laundered percale shirt waists at 69c, $1.00 and $1.25. Nobbiest line in the city.
Our long waist, 50c; summer corset, 39c.
All silk ribbons, all colors, Nos. 7, 9, 12, 16, worth 20c to 35c, at 10c yard.
100 children's lace collars, worth 10c, at 1c each.
500 curtain shades, 15c each.
45c quality linen warp matting, 29c yard.
Buy your carpets, curtains and rugs of us. We can save you money. Give us a look.
BENNISON BROS.

Flowers for Easter.

We have a fine lot of Easter lilies, colored hyacinths, double white violets, and many other plants in bloom. Also a nice assortment of cut flowers. Come and see them. Visitors are welcome. J. F. Wilcox, florists, 1132 East Pierce street.

Frank G. Carpenter Tonight.

"The Japan of 1894," magnificent photographic views. Secure your seats at Hart's, 415 Broadway, in advance.

Pay

Your water rent today and save 5 per cent. This is your last opportunity. Office open this evening.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

Think They Have the "Fourth Man."

Superintendent C. C. Starkweather of the Detroit police sent Chief Scanlan a telegram yesterday in which he intimates that he thinks he has "the fourth man" of the Griswold bank robber gang, and he wants to know if there is any one here who can identify him if he should be caught. "The fourth man" was probably mixed up in the robbery, but there is less evidence against him than any of the others, and the local police do not think a case could be made out against him. At the same time they would like to get hold of him, for through him it is possible they might be able to capture Riley, the missing burglar. Chief Armstrong of the Duluth police force thinks the Griswold gang is the same one which operated all through that section of the country not long ago. If one member of the gang can be located the rest would be located as a matter of course sooner or later.

Yes, the Eagle laundry is "that good laundry," and is located at 724 Broadway. If in doubt about this try it and be convinced. Don't forget name and number. Tel. 157.

Hay for sale, by the ton or carload. W. A. Wood, 520 Main street.

Another lot of those boys' and children's overalls just received. METCALF BROS.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk yesterday:

Name and Address.	Age.
Claude Kinkaid, Council Bluffs	26
Edith Anderson, Omaha	27
Ernest Ahlquist, Boone, Ia.	33
Hilda Carlson, Boone Ia.	32
Eugene Buckley, Shelby	28
Annie E. Ratigan, Pottawattamie county	27
Alfred McMullen, Pottawattamie county	21
Della Miller, Pottawattamie county	21

What is in a Name?

Everything, if applied to a Hardman Piano, sold by Mueller Piano and Organ company, 103 Main street.

Room for rent, one or two gentlemen. Corner Willow avenue and Sixth street. Apply to N. M. Pusey.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Richmond, Muffly and Crawford See a Chance to Escape Trial.

MOTION TO QUASH THE INDICTMENTS

Defense Sets Up that the Presentments Are Faulty in Several Essential Points—Judge Woolson Takes the Matter Under Advisement.

In the federal court yesterday morning the attorneys for Richmond, Muffly and Crawford of the Union Building and Savings association withdrew the plea of not guilty made several days ago by their clients and filed instead a motion to quash the indictment, claiming that the indictment failed to set forth the charge that the scheme of the Building and Savings association was in itself fraudulent. Judge Woolson set 7:30 o'clock in the evening as the time for hearing arguments.

S. F. Prouty of Des Moines spoke at the evening session in behalf of the men indicted on the charge of using United States mails to defraud the public, by holding out that the Union Building and Savings association was in a shape to yield big profits to its patrons, when in fact it was insolvent and its promoters knew it to be so. He held the indictment to be defective, in that it failed to charge that the letters were written in the furtherance of a scheme to defraud the public, and the defendants should at most be charged with making false representations concerning a legitimate institution. This, he thought, was not in the jurisdiction of the federal statute. In the second place, the indictment failed to set out the letters either in form, substance or purport. The defendants were not charged with misappropriating the funds of the concern, or with the intent to do so, and they were not charged with mismanagement. They simply held out to the public by means of correspondence the fact that the institution was solvent when it is claimed not to have been. This sort of an offense might be punished under the laws of the state, but not under section 3,894 of the United States laws, under which the indictment was found.

District Attorney Fullen followed with an argument in which he combatted each of these points. At the close of his remarks Judge Woolson took the case under advisement and will probably render his decision this morning.

EASTER NOVELTIES.

At the Boston Store, Council Bluffs.

KID GLOVES FOR THE WEEK.

A complete assortment of 5 and 7-hook Saxon Beauty kid gloves, in all colors and sizes; also full line colored Mosquetaires in all sizes, offered in one lot at 75c a pair. These gloves have never sold for less than $1.50 and $1.75 a pair.

A new line of glaced kid gloves in black and tan, large buttons and new stitching, worth $1.25, to go at 89c a pair.

$1.25 quality white chamois gloves on sale at 85c a pair.

A new lot of the celebrated Foster and Trefousse kid gloves just received.

SHIRT WAISTS.

50 dozen ladies' laundered shirt waists on sale this week. Examine values offered at 75c, $1.25 and $1.50.

A new line of gents' neckwear just received, including a beautiful line of Scotch plaids in four-in-hands and tecks. Best line of 50c ties in the city.

UMBRELLAS.

A good quality corolo silk umbrella, with natural wood handles, for $1.00, worth $1.50.

For $1.95 we sell a pure silk umbrella that cannot be duplicated at $2.50.

Our regular $3.00 umbrella we offer this week at $2.25.

LADIES' HOSIERY.

A full regular made stocking, Hermsdorf dye, extra weight, for 20c a pair.

Ladies' heavy ingrain hose that sold for 50c, now 25c a pair.

A regular 35c hose in black, tan and brown at 25c a pair.

50c quality ladies' hose in tans and browns at 35c, or 3 for $1.00.

FOWLER, DICK & WALKER,
Council Bluffs.

P. S.—Easter opening Thursday evening. Grand display of spring novelties.
F., D. & W.

Easter Lilies.

All kinds of plants and flowers. J. R. McPherson, green houses 1250 E. Pierce st. Telephone 244, night or day.

Pay

Your water rent today and save 5 per cent. This is your last opportunity. Office open this evening.

Gas cooking stoves for rent and for sale. C. B. Gas company.

WANT A NEW ROAD TO LAKE MANAWA.

Passenger Men Endeavor to Galvanize a Scheme that Is Apparently Dead.

A meeting of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company was held yesterday afternoon, at which the matter of building a line to Manawa again came up. W. J. Davenport of the Burlington and J. C. Mitchell of the Northwestern railways were there to lend their influence to the plan. Mr. Davenport read some figures to show that if an electric line had been in operation last year it would have paid well. As is now generally known, the main cause of the hitch in the Manawa railway project is the dispute between the company and Ben Marks, the former holding that Marks, for the good of the general public, should donate a strip of ground in addition to what he has already given, for terminal purposes, while Marks insists on keeping the strip, or at least to be paid a fair money value. A majority, at least, of the directors of the Motor company were opposed to the plan yesterday, and all of the arguments made by the railroad men were unavailing. They decided not to make any move in the direction proposed, and the electric railway to Manawa seems to have gone glimmering, for this year, at any rate.

The reason the railway men are interested in the project is that if there were a better line of railway between the city and the lake the Sunday excursions which were run from the neighboring towns to Council Bluffs and Omaha would be more profitable.

The excursion scheme was tried last year and paid the companies engaging in it very well, so well, indeed, that they are anxious to go on with a venture which they took hold of at the outset with fear and trembling. The Kansas City road expects to run its first excursion here June 2, and if everything turns out well will probably repeat the operation a few times during the season.

The men who are interested in Manawa's prosperity are working in conjunction with the railways, and expect to make up a list of inducements which will add to the crowds that come. In turn, the railways have been helping the Manawa people in their efforts to secure better transportation facilities to and from the lake. The old steam cars with their irregular time schedule have always been a drawback to the success of Manawa as a pleasure resort.

We Have Got a Sure Thing.

It is the Insurance gasoline stove, the only gasoline stove made that a child can play with and do no harm. It takes care of itself; can be blown out, left open or turned on, and there is no possible way for the gasoline to ignite or explode. No smell or odor, no dripping of gasoline, no burning your house down or burning your wife or mother-in-law to death. No misery, no funerals, no deaths or use for an undertaker if you use the Insurance gasoline stove, as it is absolutely safe. If you don't believe it ask any of our competitors, then ask them to blow out their stove and leave it open for ten minutes, then apply a match to the stove as we do with ours and see what will happen, but be sure to be a quarter of a mile away before he lights the match, as there is sure to be an explosion; then we would not get to sell you an Insurance stove, as there would be a funeral next day.

BROWN'S C. O. D., Sole Agents.

The Insurance Gasoline Stove,

Introduced by P. C. De Vol in 1894, and sold by him this season. Absolutely safe. Can't explode. No danger. Be sure you get the "Insurance."

P. C. DE VOL, 504 Broadway.

Planning for the Races.

The directors of the Union Driving park are working hard to make the running meeting, to be given this summer, a success. It is to commence May 29 and last ten days, thus taking in Decoration day and two Saturdays, each of which ought to see a big crowd in the grand stand. Purses to the amount of between $1,000 and $2,000 have been hung up for each day's races, and they are fully guaranteed, so that there need be no fear of the winner's going home without their stakes. The committees on the various features of the meeting have been appointed and are all hard at work. Secretary George F. Wright has written to the various railways for reduced rates and expects to hear from them some time this week.

New Shoes for Easter.

Come and see them. Patent leather in razor, needle, razor square, needle square, opera and needle opera. All the toes and all the styles and the colored shoes are elegant—not a bug among them, and all at medium prices.

Come and see our styles and shoes and prices and you will see why other dealers have the advantage of special sales so often. Shoes never were so pretty or so cheap as this year at SARGENT'S.

Pay

Your water rent today and save 5 per cent. This is your last opportunity. Office open this evening.

Remember the Easter supper at Broadway church Thursday of this week at 6 p. m. Price, 25 cents.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

Grade on North Second Street.

The city council met as a committee of the whole yesterday morning and went to the corner of North Second street and Avenue E to investigate the advisability of reducing the grade along North Second street. After looking the ground over they came to the conclusion that the problem was too difficult for them, and they referred it to the city engineer, who will make a report at the meeting of the council next Monday evening.

As the street is now, it is impassable north of Fletcher avenue. There is an ascent of eighteen feet to the hundred between Fletcher avenue and Avenue E, and twelve to the hundred from E to F. A grade was established some time ago, but to get down to it would require a cut of fifteen feet for a distance of several hundred feet. For teams to get to the houses located on the street north of Fletcher avenue it is necessary to go up Oakland avenue and then across. To reduce the whole street to a ten per cent grade would require a cut of twenty-six feet at the upper end. Although there would be great expense connected with a move of this kind some of the property owners are said to be in favor of it, believing that it would transform the adjacent property from a wilderness into some of the finest residence lots in the city. Only one property owner on the street so far has made any fight on the proposed cut.

Peck's Palace Grocery

Is the newest and nicest thing in town. Goods clean and new, prices just right, delivery prompt, 600 Broadway.

Special Easter Sale.

Children's school hats, 25c, 50c and $1.

Do you know where to buy a bicycle? At Cole's. Waverly, Westminster, Eclipse and other well known lines.

Ice—Nice, clean reservoir ice, cheap if contracted now. Mulholland, 5 Baldwin blk., telephone 186.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

W. G. Oliver Dead.

W. G. Oliver, one of the oldest residents of the city, died yesterday morning of paralysis of the throat, after a long illness. He was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, March 25, 1832, and came to Council Bluffs in 1857, leaving here shortly thereafter for St. Louis, but returning in 1863 and remaining here ever since. During his business career here he was a member of the firm of Oliver & Graham and later of Oliver & Son

In 1861 he married Miss Mary Farrell of St. Louis, who died about seven months ago. Six children, Robert, John, George, Margaret, Lizzie and Mamie, survive him. Margaret is Mrs. Nusbaum. Besides his immediate family, he leaves three brothers, John T. Oliver of this city, George Oliver of Glasgow, Scotland, and H. C. Oliver, postmaster of Chuluota, Fla. One sister, Mrs. A. C. Graham of Council Bluffs also survives him.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, 317 East Washington avenue, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Another lot of those boys' and children's overalls just received. METCALF BROS.

Frames and Pictures at Cost.

To make room for new goods. Chapman's New Art Store, 17 Main street.

Ladies: Our new shoes are in.
SARGENT.

Evans' Laundry Co., 520 Pearl; tel. 290; shirts, collars, cuffs, fine work a specialty.

Inspector Mercer Promoted.

W. G. D. Mercer, who has been connected with the United States secret service for the past seven years, received notice last evening of a well deserved promotion to the department of mail depredations. He has filled the position he has had to the entire satisfaction of every one excepting the army of crooks with whom he had to contend, and his experience has well fitted him for the work he now takes up.

Davis, drug, paint, glass man. 200 B'way.

Gas heating stoves for rent and for sale at Council Bluffs Gas company's office.

Dr. Parsons, over Schneider's, 541 B'wy.

Dr. Laugel, office 410 5th ave.; tel. 180.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Marie Jansen, sprightly, good humored and attractive as ever, will be at the Boyd on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee, in "Delmonico's at Six," the play which introduced her to the public last season as a star, and in which she made such a pronounced hit. There can be no question that in this clever farce of Glen MacDonough's she is afforded a splendid opportunity for the display of her versatility. The part of Trixie Hazelmere, the queen of the vaudeville, is so peculiarly well fitted for her that it seems as if no other actress could make of it what Miss Jansen does. The saucy, clever sayings which come to her lot fall as happily from her lips as though they were originated at the moment, and her songs are interpolated in such a clever way as to give not the slightest impression of being forced. The whole performance is very refreshing and entirely free from coarseness. The sale of seats will open tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Hanlons, with their best effort, "The New Superba," will commence a five nights' engagement at Boyd's theater next Sunday evening, with a matinee on Wednesday. "Superba" is interpreted by an admirable cast and will no doubt draw big houses. The Schrode brothers are with the company. Charles Guyer, Bonnie Goodwin, Ellenore Carroll and Jean Mawson are also with the company.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair, with Variable Winds Promised for Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The forecast for Wednesday is:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Fair; variable winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Fair; variable winds.

For South Dakota—Fair; southeast winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, April 9.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall, compared with the corresponding day of the past four years:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Maximum temperature	71	43	60	48
Minimum temperature	45	35	32	26
Average temperature	58	39	46	37
Precipitation	.00	.02	.00	.00

Condition of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1895:

Normal temperature	49
Excess for the day	9
Normal precipitation	.19 inch
Deficiency for the day	.10 inch
Total precipitation since March 1	2.08 inches
Deficiency since March 1	.24 inch

MERITS OF THE IOWA STRIKE

Important Meeting of Representatives of Coal Operators at Ottumwa.

POINTS FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

Interests of Eight Thousand Men Involved in the Conference—Question of Keeping Up Wages Not the Only Trouble.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A very important meeting of the minority representatives of the coal operators in the state was held here this afternoon. These so-called minority companies employ 8,000 of the 12,000 miners in the state, and the meeting was for the purpose of making a statement of their side of the case. It is exhaustive and gives in detail the history of the now famous scale of 1893 and recites the reasons for the different differentials.

The statement treats caustically of the Centerville district, where the strike is now on. It shows that miners working for 75 cents in the Wapello and Mahaska districts can earn more than in the Appanoose district at $1. It shows that the big increase in the output of coal since 1889 was in that district and that it was overproduction which then precipitated a ruinous competition between the local operators and which they were endeavoring to force upon the entire state.

The companies represented today were the Wapello Coal company, by Senator H. L. Waterman; Whitebreast Coal company, Paul Morton; Centerville Block Coal company, H. C. Drake; Star mine, C. D. Ives; Phillips Fuel company, Henry Phillips, and Smoky Hollow Coal company.

OPERATORS MAKE A STATEMENT.

Concluding, the operators say: "The operators making this statement believe that wages and differentials should be fixed with reference to what miners can earn under them, rather than for the purpose of diverting established trade from one place to another.

"The scale fixed by the Ottumwa agreement is based on that principle, allowing for all other questions which may properly be considered in connection. Considering the growth of business in Appanoose county and what a miner can earn under the scale of 80 cents and $1, the discrimination, if any, is in favor of instead of against that district. At 75 cents per ton and allowing for his daily working expenses a miner can earn more money per day in the thick veins of the middle districts than he can at $1 per ton in Appanoose.

"It will bear repeating that the whole trouble in the important districts is bitter local competition and personal enmity among local operators. The responsibility for these conditions is entirely local, and business sagacity and common fairness requires that they should be dealt with locally. The signers hereof desire sincerely to protect the coal mining communities of the state from the public calamity of competition among miners striving to see which can work for an existence at the lowest wages. Let such condition of things be started and it is impossible to see where it will end."

FOR ABDUCTING HIS GIRL WIFE.

John Harris Causes the Arrest of His Mother-in-Law at Boone.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—About a week ago quite a sensation was developed here in the elopement of John Harris with Georgia Hood, a pretty 15-year-old girl. When her parents learned of the marriage they locked her up in a room and would not allow her husband to see her. Early this morning she was driven to the depot in a closed carriage with her mother and Miss Birdie Clark, a relative, and the party started for California. Harris, when he learned of the proceedings, had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Miss Clark on the charge of abduction and the party was placed under arrest at Boone. An officer was sent after them and they are expected back here late tonight.

BOONE, Ia., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Birdie Clark from Cedar Rapids was arrested by an Ames officer on the noon train. Tonight Harris reached here to claim his bride, but was outwitted by Miss Clark and Mrs. Hood. They had secured legal advice and got away from the officer on the plea of taking a little ride about the city. This was at 7 o'clock, and at 11 they have not returned to the hotel. They are thought to be in hiding in the city, though they may have gone to some other town and taken a train west to Los Angeles, their destination. The young husband meanwhile has secured legal advice and has been scouring the city all evening to find his wife, but has failed. The young bride was a prisoner. She did not want to go to California with her mother, but to go back to her husband. The two women did not allow her out of their sight, claiming she was too young to know her own mind. The mother says that if she still insists on going back to Harris after a few months' absence she will make no further objection. She says the girl is only in the eighth grade of the Cedar Rapids schools, is but 15 years old, and that somebody committed perjury in securing a marriage license for them.

Old Contempt Case Revived.

SIOUX CITY, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—O. C. Tredway, a prominent Sioux City attorney, was arrested today under a contempt order issued against him two years ago by District Judge VanWagenen. At the time the order was made Tredway was an attorney in the case of Paulus against Franz and refused when called on to produce the books of the Franz Brewing company, then in his possession. The court ordered him imprisoned for contempt until the order was complied with, but Tredway appealed to the supreme court. The lower court's decision was recently affirmed, and after some delay a warrant was issued. Tredway was taken under it today and will have a hearing before Judge Gaynor Thursday. He claims the books were destroyed in a fire a year ago.

President Cutter of the Iowa Telephone company is in the city conferring with its patrons with reference to the reduction in rates to be made July 1. He proposes to give patrons the use of the toll lines free, to make a straight reduction on all instruments, or to make a moderate reduction on instruments in private houses, a smaller reduction on those in business houses and to give the toll lines free within a radius of fifty or 100 miles.

An order was made today for the sale of the assets of the Union Loan and Trust company on May 15, and of the estate of D. T. Hedges on May 6. The order was made on the application of the Credits Commutation company, which holds the greater part of the claims against both estates.

Des Moines River Land Claims Again.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Dispatches were sent out from Des Moines yesterday and printed here to the effect that records of the government land office had been recovered from F. G. Clark containing the names of about 500 persons who had filed claims on Des Moines river lands prior to the decision against the settlers in favor of the improvement company and after the issuance of the injunction in the case, upon the injustice of which bills of indemnity were passed by congress. It was stated that these 500 claimants would receive a portion of the indemnity from the government, all of which is said to be utterly unfounded by those in position to know. No records of the land office were recovered from Clark. Copies of names of persons who offered to file claims on land after the decision referred to were secured from him by Register Evans. The records of these offers are not in existence, so far as search reveals. The claims were received and filed after the decision. Offers were frequently made to file claims, and it is this list which has been "recovered" by the government. The recovery means absolutely nothing. It is said on the part of good land attorneys that the persons whose names are on this copy cannot hope to recover a cent indemnity from the government.

Knights of Honor Grand Lodges Meet.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A meeting of the Iowa grand lodge of the Knights of Honor was held here today. Little of general interest was transacted. The following officers were elected and installed: Grand dictator, H. S. Hulbert, Marshalltown; grand vice dictator, J. C. Lewis, Burlington; grand assistant dictator, T. J. Upson, Marshalltown; grand treasurer, M. Carmo, Keokuk; grand guide, S. Spealman, Cedar Rapids; grand guardian, A. Thompson, Cedar Rapids; grand sentinel, C. H. Cogswell, Cedar Rapids; supreme representative, C. Hills, Keokuk.

Ray Elliott Case Settled.

DES MOINES, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A decision was filed today by Judge Wade in the celebrated Ray Elliott case at Marengo. The decision is in substance that the plaintiff, Burke, has no legal title by adoption. The child is the ward of the state and subject to the orders of the courts. For the good of the child, if Ray Burke, the child, is the son of an abandoned woman, the court is loath to find such a conclusion, judicially fixing a stigma on the child.

The Elliotts believe the child is theirs. He is attached to them and the family. The evidence of Burke's marriage is unsatisfactory. Mrs. Burke, as a witness, shows unfitness for the custody of the child. The preponderance of evidence favors the identity of Ray Elliott. The case is disposed of on other grounds which it is unnecessary to discuss. The child is remanded to the Elliotts' care.

Twelve Years for Shooting a Boy.

DES MOINES, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—At Indianola, Ia., today, T. P. Edgerton was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary for the shooting of Willie Sanday last September. The boy was one of a number who were discovered in Edgerton's melon patch and were shot at by him with fatal results. Edgerton is 60 years old and has a wife and four children.

SOIL WAS NEVER BETTER IN IOWA.

Season Opens Above the Normal Date with a Sufficiency of Moisture.

DES MOINES, April 9.—The Iowa crop bulletin issued today says: The season has opened about as early as in the average of the past ten years. The soil has never been in better condition for plowing and seeding, and the work is generally at an advanced stage. There has been sufficient moisture to facilitate farm operations and not enough to obstruct the work. The bulk of small grain has been sown in the larger part of the state.

Some meadows and pastures show the serious effects of the extended drouth, and this will probably result in plowing up a considerable area of grass lands, to be planted in other crops.

Missouri Farmers Well Favored.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 9.—The weekly crop bulletin of the Missouri Department of Agriculture says: "During the fore part of the week the weather was quite cool and heavy frosts occurred in many localities, though very little damage is reported; but during the last three days the temperature was much higher and the mean temperature of the week was from two to three degrees above the normal throughout the state. The precipitation was slightly in excess of the nomal in the northeast section, but in all other sections there was a deficiency. The rains were very beneficial to wheat, oats and grasses, but much more is needed in the central and northern counties. On the whole, the week was very favorable for farming operations, except in a few localities, and fairly favorable for growing crops. Wheat came through the winter well, very little being reported winter-killed, and is generally in fine condition.

Wheat Turning Green in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9.—The Indiana weather bureau weekly crop bulletin issued today says: Cold, dry weather continued during the greater part of March, and the season for farm work and crops were much retarded; but during the last week of March and the first of April higher temperature prevailed, and few local rains and snows were beneficial to crops and farm work.

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