COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

Try Moore & Ellis' "Sultana" 10c cigar.

The Bee office, No. 16 North Main street.

There will be a meeting of the Royal Arcanum No. 156 tomorrow night.

County Auditor Matthews is confined to his home by an attack of erysipelas of the face.

The fruit growers and gardners will meet in farmers' hall in the court house on Saturday afternoon.

Unity Guild will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wallace, 37 Bluffs street.

The Pearl street paving matter is scheduled as one of the first problems to be considered by the new council.

A number of Omaha people attended the concert given by Miss Bella Robinson and Miss Virginia Robinson last night.

The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. High class in every respect. Rates, $2.50 per day and upward. E. F. Clarke, proprietor.

Regular meeting of Myrtle lodge No. 12, Degree of Honor, this evening in the Grand Army of the Republic hall, for initiation.

The Woman's Relief corps will meet in regular session this afternoon at 2:30 and all the members are expected to be present.

Mr. W. C. Joseph and Miss Eva L. Barnard were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride. Only the relatives were present.

Robbie Erwin and George Helm, two boys aged 13 and 14, ran away from their homes in Elgin, Ill., and the police of this city have been asked to look for them here.

The ladies of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church furnished dinner for half the city at the Eiseman building last evening. The other half will be served this evening.

Charles Greenleaf, who was captured in Omaha and locked up on a charge of tapping the till at one of the depot hotels, has been given a sentence of fifteen days in the city jail.

"The Gold King" will be the bill at the Dohany tonight. There was not a vacant seat in the house when the curtain went up last night and standing room was sold as late as 9 o'clock.

Dr. A. L. Barnard of St. Louis and Mr. Frank Sanford of Richland Center, Wis., who were called here to attend the funeral services of the late Mrs. Abbie Barnard, returned home last evening.

Judge McGee of the superior court left yesterday for Kansas, to be absent two weeks. Before leaving he entered a judgment in the case of Steadman against Casady, a suit for $300 on a promissory note.

Charles Adams and Marilly James, both of Council Bluffs, were married last evening by Rev. Henry DeLong at 1616 Broadway. At the same time he united in marriage Alfred Shutliff and Bertie Reynolds, also of Council Bluffs.

Staff Captain Cousins and wife of the Salvation army will arrive in town this afternoon to assist in conducting the series of special meetings that are being held at the army headquarters. Saturday evening Foreman Tarkington of the motor shops will speak at the meeting. Rev. Henry DeLong is lending the army all of his energies to assist them in their meetings. Last night he spoke to a crowded house.

An insane man was reported to the police to be terrorizing the community in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Twenty-fourth street last evening. A telephone message asked for the assistance of an officer to capture him. When the officer arrived the man had disappeared. The residents were very nervous during the early part of the evening, but no further trouble was reported up to 11 o'clock.

If the Second precinct of the Third ward is thrown out on account of the irregularity in the registration it will make the third time in the last three years that a large part of the voters of the ward have been disfranchised by errors committed by the official boards. This state of affairs is the more remarkable for the reason that the Third is pre-eminently the business men's ward of the city, and the judges and clerks have usually been taken from the most intelligent class of people, and have almost invariably been business men and clerks familiar with accountant and office work.

There were about 200 people present at the banquet given by the Young Men's Christian association in Royan Arcanum hall to celebrate the victory won by the Blues in their great fight for new members. The official count showed that the Blues won the turkey by the handsome majority of 74 to 61. The banquet was a very enjoyable affair, and the victors and the vanquished united in thoroughly enjoying the turkey. An extensive literary and musical program was provided. The contest has had the effect of wonderfully increasing the interest and spirit of the organization. It is in better shape now than it has ever been. The next event will be the inauguration of the movement for a new building.

Manager Alton is progressing rapidly with the formation of his new stock company, which will furnish the plays at the Dohany for an indefinite period after the conclusion of the present engagement of the Woodwards. Ralph Densmore and his wife, whose stage name is Caroline Clore, and Henry M. Blake arrived yesterday. Clint A. Robbins and wife will arrive this morning. This will make eight strong professional people, who are here now rehearsing for the opening night, next Monday. All of the people are from eastern companies and all have starred in leading one-night plays. It will be one of the strongest companies that have played here for a long time, besides being the first stock theatrical company ever organized in the city. The opening bill will be "The Octoroon," and the prospects are that it will be played to one of the largest audiences in the history of the theater.

Moore & Ellis' "Corner," best 5c cigar.

Wanted, good farm loans in western Iowa at lowest rates. Money loaned for local investors on best of security netting 6 per cent. Fire insurance written in reliable companies. Lougee & Towle, 235 Pearl street.

Columbia bicycles. Highest of all high grades. Call and see them at Cole & Cole.

Davis, only drug store with registered clerk.

Criminal Calendar.

Judge Thornell is making an effort to have the criminal docket cleaned up this week. The case of the state against N. L. Jensen will be called for trial this morning. Jensen is charged with having bought cholera infected hogs at South Omaha and selling them to A. J. Kirk.

When this case is out of the way the other cases on the docket will be taken up and disposed of in some manner in order to start in the March term with a clean bill.

Hot Bed Sash.

We have 1,000 hot bed sash which we are going to close out. They won't last long. How many do you want? We will make you a price that can't be duplicated. C. B. Paint, Oil and Glass company, Masonic Temple, Council Bluffs.

Be sure and visit the Broadway Methodist Episcopal ladies today at the Eiseman building. Elegant hot lunch at noon and chicken pie supper. Yesterday the tables presented a very beautiful sight, Mrs. Wilcox and Casper donating flowers for yesterday and today. Also potted plants and cut flowers for sale.

Don't miss our special sale of aluminum ware for the next ten days. Cole & Cole.

Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued by Clerk of the Courts Reed yesterday as follows:

Name and address.	Age.
Walter C. Joseph, Council Bluffs	25
Eva L. Barnard, Council Bluffs	24
Anton Mostik, Omaha	31
Christena Benisek, Omaha	20
R. E. Williams, jr., Oakland	27
Jessie Craft, Oakland	19

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

GEORGE ROPER FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Manslaughter for Killing Texas Baker.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE DID IT

Jury Was Out but Four Hours in Arriving at a Decision—Prisoner Will Appeal the Case.

George Roper was found guilty of manslaughter in the district court yesterday afternoon.

Roper was charged, together with John Webster and Frank Jackson, with the killing of Texas Baker in November last. The evidence was almost entirely of a circumstantial character. It was shown that Roper, Webster and Jackson had become involved in a row with Baker and that Baker had a jag and a couple of brickbats in his undisputed possession. In the row Baker was killed. Roper was found with a blood covered knife in his possession, and the evidence pretty clearly connected him with having used the knife to cut Baker's lip almost off. Webster was known to have used a club with which Baker's skull was fractured.

The case was given to the jury shortly before noon yesterday, and at 4 o'clock a verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned. The state is very well satisfied with the verdict in view of the character of the evidence offered. Roper will carry the case to the supreme court.

At the suggestion and recommendation of County Attorney Saunders the case of the state against Frank Jackson, indicted with Roper and Webster for the killing of "Tex" Baker, was dismissed by Judge Thornell yesterday. The county attorney was convinced that Jackson could not be convicted of anything more serious than an assault and battery, and did not care to have the county put to the expense of a trial in view of a number of mitigating circumstances in Jackson's case.

It is understood that John Webster, the third man indicted for the killing of Baker, will plead guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree, and the county attorney has expressed a willingness to accept such a plea. The evidence in the case against Roper has all tended to show that Webster took an active part in the killing, and the accused himself did not seem to care about having his case go to a trial. A verdict of murder in the second degree was all that the state had reason to expect could be secured by a trial.

OFFICIAL CANVASS COMPLETED.

No Change of Importance in the Vote Previously Announced.

Upon Mayor Cleaver and City Clerk Phillips devolved the labor of making the official canvass of the ballots cast at Monday's city election. The work was begun at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the clerk's office and was completed before noon.

The result is substantially the same as shown by the returns taken from the backs of the official envelope on Monday night. The only change of any consequence was made in the count of votes cast for J. A. Gorham for city treasurer, and that change was in favor of Mr. Gorham, swelling his majority beyond the 400 mark. This is particularly gratifying to Mr. Gorham and his friends, for the reason that there was perhaps a stronger fight made upon him than upon any other candidate. The report that he was the Citizens' bank candidate was industriously circulated and for a time it was feared that it would reduce his vote slightly, but when the discovery was made that his opponent stood even nearer to the bank the tide turned again in favor of Gorham and he was carried into office again by the second largest majority given any of the republican candidates.

A special fight was also made upon Ed Canning, the candidate for marshal, and held the ticket with a majority of 539.

The following table shows the result of yesterday's official count. The first candidate named each time is republican, the second democratic and the third populist:

Mayor—	
George Carson	2,026
Victor Jennings	1,988
A. M. Hutchinson	104
Carson's plurality	38
Alderman at Large—	
O. W. Graham	2,050
W. H. Bradley	1,912
J. A. Churchill	122
Graham's plurality	138
Solicitor—	
A. S. Hazleton	2,206
G. A. Holmes	1,722
W. A. Travis	129
Hazleton's plurality	484
Treasurer—	
J. A. Gorham	2,234
L. Zurmuehlen, jr.	1,815
Gorham's majority	409
Auditor—	
F. L. Evans	2,090
H. C. Dye	1,825
L. Kinnehan	133
Evans' plurality	265
Engineer—	
Thomas Tostevin	2,038
S. L. Etnyre	2,015
Tostevin's majority	23
Assessor—	
W. D. Hardin	2,059
E. E. Mayne	1,997
Hardin's majority	62
Marshal—	
William H. Woods	1,698
Ed Canning	2,237
Thomas Callaghan	129
Canning's plurality	538
Weighmaster—	
William Higgeson	2,133
Thomas Johnson	1,903
Higgeson's majority	230
Alderman, First Ward—	
L. A. Casper	420
J. R. Bell	393
Casper's majority	27
Alderman, Second Ward—	
J. H. Pace	391
George S. Davis	357
John E. Ahles	43
Pace's plurality	34
Alderman, Fifth Ward—	
John Brough	397
T. A. Brewick	349
Brough's majority	48
Park Tax—	
Yes	862
No	621
Majority for	241

There were a total of sixty-seven rejected ballots, intended to be cast about evenly for the various candidates. A majority of them were evidently cast by the populists, and were rejected in most cases for the reason that the populists wanted to vote for some of the party candidates and had carelessly placed crosses in both squares.

The missionary society of the Second Presbyterian church will give a tea Friday evening, March 6, at the church, corner Harmony and Logan streets.

Have you seen the new gas heating stoves at the company's office?

CHICKEN THIEVES SENTENCED.

Given Six Months in Jail for Stealing Poultry.

Harrison Gilmer, John Parker and Charles Lawson were booked for trial in the district court yesterday on the charge of stealing chickens. These men were the leaders in the gang of thieves who have been making it unprofitable to own poultry in this section without a military squad on duty as a guard all the time. Early in February a raid was made on a number of chicken coops in the east end of the city and a large number of chickens stolen. John Abel lost fifty chickens and the police located the property and had the three men above named arrested for breaking into the chicken house. When the cases were called for trial the prisoners decided to plead guilty and were sentenced to six months in the county jail by Judge Thornell. They were all highly pleased to get out of the penitentiary, and had no complaint to make at the sentence of the court.

While the men took their sentence good-naturedly enough, there was a woman in the case who felt differently about it. Kitty Lawson, wife of one of the prisoners and brother of Parker, fell in a fainting fit just as the men were brought into court, and caused the bailiff no end of trouble and annoyance. The trouble came first and the annoyance later, when it was discovered that the faint was a feint cleverly executed and for the undoubted purpose of working on the sympathy of the court. The bluff was ill-timed, however, as the woman had mistaken Deputy Sheriff Wightman for the court and the play was lost on Judge Thornell, who did not reach the room until the woman had fully recovered.

CITY ENGINEER WILL CONTEST.

Serves Objections to Counting the Second Precinct of the Third Ward.

City Engineer S. J. Etnyre has determined to continue the contest for his office, despite the fact that the face of the official returns show that Thomas Tostevin, the republican candidate, has a majority of twenty-three. Mr. Etnyre makes no charges of fraud or any of the usual discrepancies usually incident to an election, but bases his contention for the office upon the rather novel theory that the Second precinct of the Third ward should be thrown out for the reason that the registrars did not comply with the law, which requires that the board of registration shall sit on specified days at some public place within each voting precinct. It is the duty of the mayor, the city clerk, and incidentally the members of the city council to select the boards of registration and locate their offices. The law contemplates the location of these offices as nearly as possible in the center of the precincts where they shall be the most easily accessible to the largest number of the voters. It so happens that Alderman Brown of the Third ward is a half owner of a drug store at 617 South Main street. The store is located in the Third ward, but it is within the limits of the First precinct. Notwithstanding this fact, it was selected as the office of the registrars for the Second precinct, and during all of the days of registration the voters of the Second precinct were compelled to go into the First precinct to have their names properly inscribed on the official lists. With this statement of facts Etnyre went before the canvassing board yesterday morning with the following notice of contest:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Council Bluffs, Acting as Canvassing Board:

Gentlemen: I hereby protest against the counting of the vote of the second precinct of the Third ward of the city of Council Bluffs, as returned by the judges of election therein at the March election of 1896, and for grounds of much protest, say that no registration was had in said precinct prior to or on the day of said election, as is by law provided.

I further call the attention of this board to the fact that the officers, mayor and clerk, show the appointment of registrars for said precinct, and the notice of the mayor fixed a place for their meeting outside the limits of said precinct, and at the store of Messrs. Brown & Wesner, No. 617 Main street, a place located in the First precinct in the Third ward.

I therefore ask that the vote of this precinct be rejected and that I be given a certificate of election to the office of city engineer. S. L. ETNYRE.

The official returns from the Second precinct show that Etnyre received 145 votes and Tostevin 181. If the votes of the entire precinct is thrown out Etnyre will have the benefit of the difference between the two figures, amounting to thirty-six votes, and this will overcome the twenty-three majority against him and leave him a clean majority of thirteen.

Mr. Etnyre says he has personally no desire to contest the election. The Third ward is Mr. Tostevin's home ward and Etnyre believes he ought to have the benefit of the fine complimentary vote that was given him by his friends and neighbors.

"But my party and the men who backed me," continued he, "are determined that if I am so far beaten upon technicalities it is our privilege and duty to take advantage of other and more important technicalities than the awkward marking of ballots cast for me, that while clearly indicating the intention of the voter to vote for me were thrown out because there were some irregularities in the shape of the little crosses placed in the squares. One of the rejected ballots was marked with an indelible pencil. The voter in beginning to mark the squares had followed the usual habit of many people of putting his pencil to his lips. It was a republican ballot, and the first mark was quite heavy from the moistened blue pencil. The succeeding marks were less distinct, until the voter came to the engineer's office. Then he apparently hesitated an instant, and, before making the cross in the democratic column opposite my name, had again moistened his pencil, and then quickly marking the other squares in the republican column, folded his ballot. In folding the moist blue pencil made a faint offset on the opposite side of the paper. For this reason the ballot was thrown out. Another voter had used one of the cheap hard pencils with which the booths were supplied, and in making the cross opposite my name a little bit of grit had caught the paper and slightly torn it. This was also declared to be a marked ballot and was excluded. But it is not upon these grounds that the contest will be made, but solely for the reason that the registration board did not comply with the law by making the registration within the precinct. If the law will permit them to go into the Second precinct it will permit them to go into some other ward, or even out of the city, and make it nearly impossible for the voters to find them.

"There are some other features about the election and count that are a little mysterious. There were 4,118 votes cast that were counted for the three candidates for mayor and only 4,053 counted for engineer. What became of the other sixty-five that were not counted for either Mr. Tostevin or myself?"

Victor Jennings had not fully made up his mind as to the question of making a contest for the mayor's office when asked last evening. The exclusion of the Second precinct of the Third ward would not help him at all, but would reduce his vote. He said last night that he was considering the subject in a prayerful mood and not listening to the demands of his party leaders.

In the meantime the republican candidates are resting very easy and have no fears of losing the fruits of their victory.

WILL PLEAD GUILTY AT ONCE.

Altmansperger Ready to Be Punished for His Peculations.

Charley Altmansperger, the defaulting manager for the Seifert & Weise Lumber company at Minden, has expressed a willingness to save the county of Pottawattamie the expense of going into the details of his forgeries and peculations at Minden, and will plead guilty on Saturday to the charge of forgery.

Altmansperger was for a number of years the manager of the lumber business of Seifert & Weise of Avoca, and had charge of their business at Minden. He was considered one of the staunch men of the town, and had the confidence of everyone. His plan for getting rich in a hurry was to accept cash payments from farmers and patrons of his firm and then forge the names of the customers to notes and turn them over to Seifert & Weise in place of the cash. He was also treasurer of the school district at Minden, and was not required to give a bond, so the school district is out something like $1,000. Quite a large number of farmers entrusted their insurance business with Altmansperger, and since his arrest it has developed that he had a habit of pocketing the premiums and never recured any policies for his patrons.

At the last session of the grand jury Altmansperger was indicted on seven different counts of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. He has made no effort to deny his guilt, and seems anxious to get the case disposed of and enter upon his service for the state in atonement for his crimes. Mrs. Altmansperger has removed from Minden to Council Bluffs in order to be near her husband, and is allowed to visit him daily in his quarters at the jail.

Only two weeks more remain of the great furniture sale of the Durfee Furniture company. All of the stock of the Council Bluffs Furniture company must be closed out by March 1.

We offer you only clean, crisp, snow white laundry work and best delivery service at Eagle laudry, 724 Broadway. Telephone 157.

SHUTS OUT THE NATIONALS

Building and Loan Association Bill Passed by the Iowa Legislature.

STATE PRESERVED FOR THE LOCALS

Provisions Made so Stringent that Foreign Companies Cannot Afford to Comply with Their Requirements.

DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special.)—The senate consumed its entire session in discussing the substitute for the various bills governing building and loan associations. Senator Ellis moved to strike out all that part of section 21 of the committee which required all building and loan associations not incorporated under the laws of this state to make a deposit of $100,000 either in cash or approved bonds. Senator Junkin made a lengthy argument in favor of allowing this section to remain, citing the fact that this provision has been incorporated into the statutes of nearly every western state. He held that the retaliatory clause and the provisions relating to examinations would not prevent wildcat companies in other states from coming in and preying upon the people and withdrawing at the end of each year. Senator Carney admitted he was a stockholder in a domestic company, but said that these associations were not asking for such protection. Senator Eaton desired to know if the associations alone were to be consulted, why the senate hadn't better stop this wrangle and let the associations make the laws? Senator Trewin also defended the section.

In answer to a question, Senator Junkin said he favored the retention of this provision on the broad principle that it was the duty of the senate to protect the citizens of Iowa, as against the citizens of any other state. The senate refused to strike out the section by a vote of 37 to 8.

The senate bill differs from the one passed by the house in many particulars. The senate is not disposed to authorize these associations to do anything in the nature of a banking business, and proposes to make the deposits so large that no outside company can afford to comply with the conditions. Every motion or amendment tending to remove or modify these requirements was uniformly voted down.

Senator Lathrop moved to reduce the filing fees from $100 to $25, the same as required of domestic companies, but the motion did not prevail.

An amendment by Berry was adopted requiring foreign corporations to file with its annual report the names of all stockholders in this state, with the residence of the same, in order that the stock may be assessed for taxation.

The contest over the method of completing the soldiers' monument will come up in the senate as a special order tomorrow. The majority of the senate committee has reported in favor of the removal of all medallions of dress parade soldiers and non-residents, some twelve in number, and the substitution of the medallions of members of regiments not now represented. Palmer and Bell, both veterans of the rebellion, will file a minority report in favor of removing all inscriptions. The house committee agrees with the minority of the senate, but it will require the joint action of both branches of the general assembly in order to change the present designs.

The house committee on public health killed the following bills: By Baker, providing for a state board of embalming; by Whelan, requiring the engineers of all stationary and semi-portable steam engines to pass examination and secure a license; by Marti, providing for the cremation of all persons dying of contagious diseases.

The pure food bill, introduced by Van Houten, has been reported for passage. Both food and drugs are included. The standard of purity for drugs is the same as laid down in the United States Pharmacopeia.

CIGARETTES AND "HOPS" PROHIBITED.

After a sharp contest over parliamentary points the Phelps' bill, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, was taken up and passed, 69 to 21. The only amendment to the Phelps' bill provides that nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent wholesale dealers from supplying at points outside the state in original packages. With this exception, both the manufacture and sale within this state are absolutely prohibited. Temple opposed the bill on the ground that it was in conflict with the Interstate Commerce act.

After voting down further amendments the building and loan bill was passed substantially as it came from the committee. Ayes, 46; nays, 0.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

Senator Funk presented a lengthy statement of the condition of the state finances. The sum available for extraordinary appropriations on a 2-mill levy is $390,000; on a 2½-mill basis, $675,000, without the additional normal schools, the sum total of the appropriations asked for exceed $1,800,000, almost three times greater than the highest estimate of receipts. The report scores former legislative assemblies for making appropriations in anticipation of expected revenues, and gives the following reasons for the depleted condition of the state treasury: The state census and the code revision have made important drafts upon the state treasury, not included in previous estimates; the money in the state treasury of the war and defense funds, received from the general government and appropriated for the erection of the soldiers' monument had been used in meeting demands upon the state, and the fund has been called for during the last biennial period.

After this announcement the republicans met in caucus and decided to make every possible effort to finish up the code, at this session.

The following bill to suppress opium joints passed the house unanimously:

Any person who shall keep and maintain any shop, house, room or other place, to be resorted to by other persons, in which opium or any of its preparations or compounds is sold, or given away to be smoked or used in such place, or who allows opium or any of its preparations to be smoked in such house, shop, room or other place, and every person who resorts to any such house, shop, room or other place for the purpose of smoking opium or its preparations and compounds, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $500, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

The legislature not only finds it necessary to enlarge the insane asylums, but it is also found on investigation that the penitentiaries are full to overflowing and their capacity for properly caring for the convicts must be increased. For this purpose the house committee on appropriations has prepared a bill to enlarge the capacity of the Fort Madison penitentiary as follows:

For placing a new tier of steel cells and fixtures	$30,000
For extension of yard wall, to be built of stone	18,000
For building wall of cell house and raising roof one story	3,000
Total	$51,000

There has been some feeling in favor of establishing an intermediate reformatory for the incarceration of juvenile criminals only, but the present condition of the state treasury will not admit of this action at present.

Aristocratic Amid Squalor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—George Burmeister, an old man 80 years of age, who lived in a wretched little hut in the suburbs of the city, has been placed in confinement, and will be taken to the department of the county farm for the insane. He has become violently insane, and when the police went after him this morning, they found nothing in the room he occupied but leaves. It has been discovered that his wife is a descendant of one of the kings of Denmark, and that she has remained aristocratic in all their squalor and poverty. When appearing on the streets it has been in silks, white kid gloves and white veil. The old man has been going about the streets for years picking up what he could find in the streets and alleys.

Tired of High Taxes.

DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The supervisors of this county have developed a plan for building a court house, which has been needed for a generation, but could not be built because the taxpayers in the county, outside the city, would always vote down a proposition for a tax. The supervisors are satisfied no tax can be voted for a number of years, and have now raised the regular levy so that it will produce a surplus over all expenses. This, in about three years, will be sufficient to pay a large part of the cost of the court house, when it is hoped a tax can be secured for the rest. The plan was put into operation very quietly, but it has been discovered that the board raised the general levy with this object in view, and now there is trouble. The board insists on the plan and has the entire city back of it, which will in all probability result in its being carried out.

IOWA WILL FIGHT THE TRUSTS.

Laxity of the Law of that State to Be Remedied.

SIOUX CITY, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Original notice was filed today of a suit to be commenced at the next term of court against the Farmers' Trust company, a financial house with an office here, in which a decree will be asked depriving it of its franchise to do business in Iowa. M. S. Foote, the shareholder at whose instance the action will be brought, alleges that the company's headquarters are at Chicago, but that it was incorporated in Iowa to evade the Illinois law regulating trust companies. He also calls the company's business methods in question and asks that action be taken by the authorities to compel its dissolution. The proceedings are of unusual interest, from the fact that it has long been the custom of foreign corporations to take advantage of the laxity of the Iowa law to file articles in the state. A decision against the Farmers' company will cause consternation among such concerns all over the country.

GIVING THE RAILROADS TROUBLE.

Efforts Being Made to Increase Assessments All Over Iowa.

DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The state executive council has commenced its annual task of equalizing the railroad assessment and will be busy a good part of the time for two weeks. It is expected that the assessment will be considerably raised this year, but the roads are making a hard fight against it, and there will be long hearings. E. E. Carpenter of Beloit has made contracts with nearly every county in the state to act as attorney for them in getting the assessment raised. He is to get a percentage of the additional taxes collected by the counties as a result of the increase. He is filing complaints and statistics with the council to show that the levy ought to be increased about 200 per cent. It is said that if the council should conclude to make any considerable increase under his contracts he would make a fortune. He has been making these contracts for several years, and has a fair chance to win this time.

Worked Against Iowa Students.

DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—There is trouble between the University of Chicago and Des Moines college. When the Chicago institution was reorganized the college here, being a Baptist institution, was affiliated with it, and their curriculas are arranged so that students from the Des Moines school can receive credits in the Chicago university for work done here. It is necessary that examinations in the school here be inspected by representatives of the eastern schools, and this has caused all the trouble. The Chicago men have marked examinations of students so low that it has been almost impossible for them to reach the grades. They have been disposed to rebel for a long time, and now the faculty of the institution here has taken up the fight and it is announced that unless a better chance is given to Des Moines college it will withdraw from the affiliation. President Harper of Chicago is expected here in a few days to try and fix up the trouble.

Epidemic Measles Subsiding.

HASTINGS, Ia., March 5.—(Special.)—The epidemic of the measles that has been raging in this vicinity for the past two weeks is subsiding. Several fatalities have resulted from them in this neighborhood.

A large number from here attended the funeral services of the late Dr. Griffith at Emerson today.

Deserted His Young Bride.

DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Ralph E. Rickey, student in a business college, married Clara Knosby of Perry a few days ago. Her father made them a wedding present of $200 and they came here to live. After less than a week of happiness the groom got the wedding present into his clutches and left for parts unknown. His wife and father-in-law had warrants sworn out and officers have located him at Pella. He will be tried here for desertion and larceny.

Rudd Merchant Fails.

MASON CITY, Ia., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—N. Wienstedt, dealer in general merchandise at Rudd, has failed, giving mortgages on the stock to Dubuque parties. Assets, $12,000; liabilities, $15,000.

Lived One Hundred and Sixteen Years.

DUBUQUE, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Christian Coonrad of Delaware county, aged 116 years, is dead. He was with Perry on Lake Erie.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Mayor Johnston said last evening, while speaking about the repairs needed on Twenty-fourth street, that the original contract with the California Petroleum and Asphalt company was in the vault at the city clerk's office. This contract contains a five years' guarantee clause exactly similar to the Omaha contracts for paving. In fact, the paving contracts of South Omaha are a copy of the Omaha contract. The contract for the Twenty-fourth street paving provides that 15 per cent of the contract price for the work be retained by the city until the expiration of the guarantee to repair the pavement for five years. This 15 per cent, which amounts to about $15,000, has been invested in bonds of the city, and the city treasurer states that these bonds are now in his possession as trustee. While it is a fact that the record of the minutes of the city council does not show any action taken on the resolution offered at the meeting of September 8, 1893, the city holds to the original guarantee in the contract. When the work of paving was about half completed, the company was enjoined from doing further work by certain citizens on the plea that the pavement was worthless. By reason of this, work was delayed about a year, and the company claimed that it was unfair that the five years' guarantee should run from the date of completion of the work, as by that time over one-half of the paving would have to be kept in repair free for a period of six years. The delay was, of course, no fault of the contractors. On account of the absence of any record in regard to the resolution, which was introduced, averaging the time for free repairs, there is some doubt if the city can hold the contractors beyond September 1, 1897, though according to the contract the time would not expire until September 1, 1898.

Diseased Stock Regulations.

Major Davis, sanitary inspector for the Department of Agriculture at this point, has served the railroads and the stock yards with the orders of the department governing the control and disposition of animals afflicted with contagious and infectious diseases. The orders are virtually the same as in force last year, except one paragraph, which has been added by the secretary. It is:

"Animals affected with hog cholera, tuberculosis or sheep scab, shall be considered animals affected with contagious diseases as designated by the law and the regulations of the bureau of animal industry, and shall not enter into interstate trade nor be brought into contact with other animals intended for such trade. Such affected animals shall not be permitted to enter any stock yards or other places where animals are handled for interstate trade, and when so found at such places, shall be condemned, tagged, and placed in quarantine by inspectors or employes of said bureau, until proper disposition is made of the same."

The railroad companies are compelled, under these orders, to disinfect cars in which diseased animals have been hauled and the Stock Yards company is required to disinfect the quarantine pens at specified times. The quarantine pens at the yards here are located quite a distance from the pens of other animals, and are kept in the best condition possible.

Donations to the Hospital.

The Hospital association acknowledges the receipt of the following donations last month: Milk, Mrs. Sloans, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Winkler; fruit, jelly and breakfast food, Mrs. Beaver; cakes, hams, plums, pickles, rolls and sugar, Washington tent No. 67, Knights of the Maccabees; jelly, Mrs. Pennell and Mrs. Caughey; furniture and books, one room furnished throughout by the women of St. Martin's Episcopal church; arm chair and books, Mrs. McBride; magazines, Mrs. Elsie Gibson; one rug, Mrs. Feater; old linen, Mrs. Talbot; tableware, salt, pepper, castors, Mrs. Feater; sign, Mr. Coombs; tray, cups, saucers, sugar basin, milk pitcher, plates, towel rings, the King's Daughters; coal, Christie Bros., and South Omaha Coal and Ice company; medical services, Dr. S. V. Schindel.

Magic City Gossip.

Chief Car Inspector Cressy is sick.

W. H. Meyers of Scribner was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. A. Kent of Louisville is in the city, visiting friends.

Meyer Klein has returned from a trip through eastern Iowa.

The horse sale Saturday will attract a number of out of town buyers.

William Griffith has gone to Emerson, Ia., to attend the funeral of his uncle.

There will be a meeting of republicans at Pivonka's hall this evening. Speeches will be made.

Work was commenced yesterday on the new building at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth and N streets.

At the Christian church this evening Rev. T. E. Cramblett of Omaha will give a stereopticon lecture on "Napoleon."

U. S. Grant circle, No. 16, will give a social at the residence of Mrs. Bayless, 407 North Twenty-fourth street, Saturday evening.

Four members of the Board of Education are to be elected this spring, three for a term of three years and one for one year. Messrs. Cheek, Hagan, Slate and Bruce retire.

This evening Oak Leaf grove No. 8, Woodmen of the World, will give a leap year card party and entertainment at Ancient Order of United Workmen hall. Members of South Omaha lodges are invited.

The Third Ward Republican club and the Lincoln club of Albright have consolidated. The officers are: President, William Trapp; vice president, J. Breton; secretary, William Oney; treasurer, Ivor Thomas. The club will meet every Wednesday evening at Twenty-eighth and R streets.

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