CURRENT NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Try Moore's stock food. Dr. Roe, dentist, Merriam block. Eggs two doz., 25c. Bartel & Miller. Photos-Platino or Aristo. Sherraden. Dr. E. J. Cole of Woodbine is in the city. Kinne, Fire Insurance, Baldwin block. N. Kierch of Mineola was in the city yes

William Fair of Ida Grove was in the city resterday. H. Groepper of Mineola called in the city

yesterday O. H. Marsh of Glenwood spent yesterday

County Supervisors Auld and Kearney are in the city.

Miss Lizzie Fitzgerald is visiting in Bethany, Mo. R. C. Barton of Avoca was a guest in the

city yesterday. Ohio Knox has gone on a business trip to Port Arthur, Tex Rasmus Campbell of Keg Creek visited in

the city yesterday. C. L. Patterson of Griswold was a Council Bluffs visitor yesterday.

Wanted, girl for general housework. Henry De Long, 527 East B'way. E. H. Hayworth has gone on a trip into the eastern part of the state.

Superintendent Dimmock of the motor company is in Chicago on business. The infant child of N. P. Danlelson is reported very ill from blood poisoning. George and John Pullman of Silver City

were in the city on business yesterday. Mrs. Dell G. Morgan and son returned yesterday from a week's stay in Clarinda. Dr. John Green and Miss Margaret Ham-liton were married yesterday in Pella, Ia.

A. D. Hart, who recently moved from here to Cheyenne, is visiting friends in the city, business.

Rev. Barnaby, who has been conducting revival services in the Christian church in Oakland, is in the city.

Miss Laura Lond, formerly a Council Bluffs teacher, is taking a course of normal work in Highland Park Normal college, Des We give attention to little things in laun-

work. You get all that is best in fine work and good service at the Eagle laundry, 724 Bway. Hon. Henry J. Spooner, who has been transacting business in this city for the last

few days, has returned to his home in Prov-G. A. Golinghorst and family are in Imo-gene to attend the wedding of G. A. Goling-

horst, jr., to Miss Maggie Mohenerd. They will return in about a week. George R. Hazard and family of Seventh avenue expect to leave soon for the south. Miss Maude Cousins will take Miss Hazard's place as stenographer with Kimball Bros. James Smith, who has been in the employ of Harry Murphy, caught his hand in a pulley as ice was being hoisted from the wagon into the store house and his hand

badly injured. The department of public instruction a Des Moines has sent out a printed pamphlet addressed to the teachers of Iowa, urging the proper patriotic observance of the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

O. H. Marsh, county superlatendent of schools of Mills county, was in the city visiting Superintendent Sawyer. Mills county is also agitating the question of securing the establishment of a county high school.

Woodmen of the World of Council Bluffs woodmen of the world of County and Omaha went to Neola by special car last evening for a general good time. They have a flourishing camp at that place and installation of officers was one of the features of the into a strong central organization that will

the Congregational church will deliver the address. Rev. G. L. Goodell of the Trinity Methodist church will speak tomorrow even-

At the conclusion of the Wead case in the district court yesterday the trial of a suit be-tween the Sharples Creamery company and William Weston was begun. The creamery company is endeavoring to force the fulfillment of a contract with Weston, who was on of the purchasers of its machinery. Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a jury and the trial of the case will not be fairly begun until this morning.

About two months ago a horse belonging to George Turner strayed away and he failed to find any traces of its whereabouts till a few days ago, when he discovered that it was confined in a pasture in Cut Off island, north of this city. One Charles Schmeitheiss had taken the horse up and sent it to the pasture, where it has since remained. Schneitheiss claims to have posted notices of the taking up of the horse. but no legal form was complied with to obtain a title to the horse. He now is endeavoring to make Turner pay for the feed-ing of the animal during the full time and Turner has filed an information in Justice Vien's court charging Schneitheiss with lar-

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Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it. RETURNS VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT

Jury in Wend Damage Suit Finds for

Manawa Railway Company. The jury in the Wead damage suit reached a conclusion last night, finding a clean verdict for the defendant, the Lake Manawa Railway company. The greater part of the time spent in the jury room was taken up the reading of the lengthy instructions of the court and his interpretations of the law. The first vote resulted in 10 for the defendant and 2 for the plaintiff, and it only required a few more ballots to settle the matter. Judge Thornell was notified when the decision was reached and went from his hotel to the court house to receive it. Several of the attorneys interested in the

case were present. It is said the plaintiff will move for a new trial within a few days Beautiful novelties in valentines at

Seeking a Bootlegger.

The police last night were looking for a self-confessed bootlegger who has been in the city for a couple of days. He was in custody for a short time on the previous evening under the suspicion that he was a murderer of whom the police have a descrip-tion, but was turned loose. He frankly admitted then that he was a bootlegger who was trying to get away from the officers in Minnesota and was waiting to catch a train for the south. Yesterday he spent the en-tire day in a restaurant and told the story of his crime, which was selling liquor to Indians on one of the northern reservations Last night the police received a description of the man and a request for his arrest, but he could not be found.

Hail Death with Joy _"I was a great sufferer from Heart Disease. The disease was so great I was confined to bed for days I often thought I could hall death with joy No physician could give me relief. I procured a bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the

LAWYER STATZELL IS DEAD

Exira Attorney Expires at the Hospital After an Operation.

DEATH DUE TO CONCUSSION OF BRAIN

He Had Fallen from a Motor Train and Seriously Injured Himself -History of a Strange Case.

I. L. Statzell, the Exica attorney who was eported to have committed suicide recently, died shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the Woman's Christian Association asked the Chicago police to arrest Watts, hospital, where he was taken for the purpose and stated that they had traced him to of undergoing an operation to relieve compression of the brain caused by an injury, he fied, leaving his wife and family in A section of the skull was cut away at the base of the brain where the trouble was suppreclude the possibility of recovery. He did not regain consciousness after the operation.

Death was primarily due to a severe conussion of the brain caused by a fall on the granite pavement when Statzell was stepping from a motor train on the day of his arrival ing about the fall to his friends nor the people around the hotel, although he complained of feeling badly and suffering from severe of feeling badly and suffering from severe pain. While in this condition he took a dose of laudanum to obtain relief and was discovered unconscious. Physicians finding a two-level unconscious. Physicians finding a two-level unconscious. J. B. Young of Crescent left yesterday for cred unconscious. Physicians finding a two-Chicago, where he will spend two weeks on ounce phial empty jumped to the conup for dead. Statzell was restored to semiasciousness after an interval of several days. He then spoke a number of times days. He then spoke a number of thines about his fall on the pavement and later, when he recovered sufficiently to talk about it, he gave the details of the accident and told how talks about and told how the carly part of lest year Mrs. Waits y he had suffered from the pains in his In the hope of getting relief he had esorted to the use of the anodyne and had taken it only in small quantities over a eriod of two days. Inflammation or congestion of the brain followed and caused the alarming condition the man was in when

> The body was prepared for burial and was taken last evening to the home in Exira. Mrs. Statzell was present at the deathbed of her husband.

Sawyer's School Scheme. County Superintendent Sawyer has begun

the work of organizing the teachers of the county into a permanent body for educational purposes. He has visited the schools in each township and has secured the approval of the teachers to the general plan, which is to meet on March 5 in a county convention for the purpose of effecting permanent organization. The location of this meeting has not been fixed, but it will probably be Council Bluffs. At this meeting a permanent presi-dent and secretary will be elected, who will serve for at least one year, or perhaps longer. Meetings will be held quarterly, the locations to be fixed either by the vote of the convention or by order to the executive committee. These assemblies will be county conventions. The primary purpose is to discuss matters in which all of the educators of the county proceedings. The Alpha guards enable them to effect any desirable reform in County Superintendent Sawyer has just comevening's proceedings. The Alpha guards and band and the sovereign officers of Omaha county educational matters. All of the pleted a tour of the county and says this is were among the company. They will return teachers who have given the plan any conone of the things most talked about by the and band and the sovereign officers of change were among the company. They will return this morning.

The Salvation army is holding special services at the barracks on Broadway and the ministers of the different churches of the ministers of the different churches of the city are assisting them. Rev. Mr. Simms the city are assisting them Rev. Mr. Simms the city are assisting them the city are assisting them. The city are assisting the county and says this is teachers who have given the plan any continuous committee over the seachers and taxpayers. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan himself and has naturally been talking it up. In no section of the county did he encounter any opposition, and the only objection that was urged at all came from the city are assisting them. The county and says this is one of the things most talked about by the deachers and taxpayers. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan imposit talked about by the deachers and taxpayers. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan in any continuous committee over the seachers and taxpayers. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan himself and has naturally been talking it up. In no section of the county did he encounter any opposition that was urged at all came from the city are assisting the county and says this is one of the things most talked about by the deachers and taxpayers. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan himself and has naturally been talking it up. In no section of the county did he encounter any opposition that was urged at the county and taxpayers. will add 5 per cent to the general average will add 5 per cent to the general average of the county, who feel sore at Council Bluns of the county, who feel sore at Council Bluns for the attempt of the Bar association to secure the abolishment of the branch court All of these gentlemen declare of the Epworth Methodist church spoke last will add 5 per cent to the general average at all came from the citizens of the east end evening and tonight Rev. J. W. Wilson of of all teachers whose attendance is regular of the county, who feel sore at Council Bluffs a correct list of the teachers attending, show-ing their work and interest in educational if the court house proposition was not up

> Burlesque by the Flower Mission. The girls of the Flower Mission will give burlesque entitled "The Hades Woefully Afflicted Club," Thursday evening, February 10, at Chambers' academy. Admission, 25c. Daneing, 25c.

Through Fear of a Mouse.

A mouse yesterday morning was the cause A mouse yesterday morning was the cause of inflicting damages upon the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shubert to the amount of about \$300. The mouse caused matter the high school proposition could be with the development of the memorable Spirit Lake relief expensions of the memorable spirit expensio Mrs. Shubert to drop a lamp and the lamp set fire to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Shubert are the parents of Alderman Shubert and their home is at 200 South Twenty-first street. Yesterday mornng at 7 o'clock Mrs. Shubert took a lamp to get some clothes from a dark closet While she was doing this she disturbed the mouse and it ran under her feet. She screamed and dropped the lamp. It fell into a basket of clothes and exploded. In an intant the closet was a mass of flames and Mrs. Shubert's clothing was also on fire. No one was present in the house but her husband. Mrs. Shubert's burning clothing was extinguished before any injury was inflicted, but for some time the fire had undisputed entrol of the closet and the adjoining room. leaky water pipe had made it necessary to have the water shut off in the cellar and was some time before it could be turned Then both husband and wife worked with buckets carrying water and throwing it on the fire. In a few minutes they had it extinguished, but not until all of the contents of the closet had been reduced to ciners and the woodwork of the room badly charred. No alarm was turned in and the first information of the incident was conveyed in the notification to the insurance npany carrying the risk on the household goods. The mouse was the only thing in the room or the closet that escaped injury.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers are reported from the title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

Pearl street:
Robert P. Motheral and wife to Adolph
Schmidt, undivided ¼ west west frl.
½ sw¼ 6-76-39, q. c. d.
Ernest E. Hart and wife to Perry
Kerney, e½ sw¼ 35-75-41, w. d.
Lucinda M. Carter to Frank Carter,
east 53½ acres nw¼ 8-77-44, q. c. d.
R. Emig to Lizzie Fodish, government
lot 6 in 14-75-44, s. w. d.
Chicago. Rock Island & Pacific Railway company to Lars Peter Nelson,
all north and west of creek, se¼
nw¼ and ne¼ sw¼ 23-77-43, q. c. d.
Security Savings and Loan association
to Elizabeth Larsen, lot 8 block 2,
Mynster's Benton street addition,
w. d. 50

w. d. Villiam A. Mynster trustee, to Niels Jensen, part sel4 sel4 24-75-44, and lot 7. block 2. Mynster's Benton street addition o. c. d.

7. block 2. Mynster's Benton street addition, q. c. d. Elizabeth Larsen and husband to Niels Jensen, lot 8. block 2. Mynster's Benton street addition, w. d. Jennie C. Marcy and husband to William E. Dawson, lot 6. block N. Curtis & Ramsey's addition w. d. County ireasurer to E. H. Lougee, lot 3. Huntington's subdvision, tax d. ... S. H. Adams and wife to Hattle I. Fell, lot 14 and north 8½ feet lot 13, block 18. Riddle's subdivision, w. d.

Eleven transfers, total

Damage Case Goes to Jury. The Wead damage o'se against the Lake Manawa Railway company was not given to the jury until 4 o'clock yesterday after-

crossing must not be taken into consideration in determining the verdict. This ruling and instruction were looked upon by the attorneys for the defense as being distinctly in their favor. The question of contributory negligence was also clearly discussed and the law governing it set out in a clear man-ner. When supper was served to the jurymen last evening there was no prospect of rerdict being reached.

CHICAGO OFFICERS AFTER WATTS. Endeavoring to Locate the Neola Bank Defaulter.

A press telegram from Chicago last even ing conveyed the information that the Chicago police were engaged in the effort to discover the whereabouts of John Watts, the defaulting cashier of the Neola bank, who disappeared a year ago last summer with over \$18,000 of the bank's funds, which del, one of the directors. The dispatch stated that the Council Bluffs officers had Chicago.
Immediately after Watts got into trouble

posed to be located. The diagnosis proved to which he confessed to having appropriated The bill, in substance, provides that the acbe correct, but the brain of the injured man on the Chicago Board of Trade. Two atwas found to be in such a condition as to tempts were made to have him indicted by the grand jury before it was accomplished. In both cases this letter was submitted in evidence. The first attempt was made at the November term, 1896, but the young cashier's friends made a stubborn fight to pre-vent indictment, Mr. Dillin, who was one the house this forenoon, but a final vote of the number, going so far as to use a was not reached. Senator Pusey of Council in the city. The unfortunate man said nothing about the fall to his friends nor the peotime that the Mendel party was also favor-able to the effort that was being made to class. He wants the law changed so that clusion that he had taken it all at one time although his wife was still living with her tax and keeping it on hand for an indefinite and that his case was hopeless and gave him parents in Neola. The fact that he was indicted became known to him and he left Sloux City introduced a measure providing the country, going to South America. He for a repeal of that section of the code which was traced along the way during the entire provides for the deduction of debts from the trip until he reached Rio de Janeiro, where moneys and credits of individuals before they

> left Neola and was absent for some time, along the lines of the original bill, In December she returned and it was said she had been visiting in Chicago. This led the officers to believe that communication word that he had returned there and Sheriff Morgan left the city for the purpose measure. of assisting in locating him, going to Des Moines and from thence to Chicago. He was not found at the time and the cheriff re-

active in the effort to bring the cashier to justice. Mendel was obliged to call upon his friends to assist him in making up the a bill changing the time of closing the polls charged a few months ago. Watts is well his father were prominent in banking

County High School Popular. The plan of securing a county high school

under the provisions of the new Iowa code is being discussed all over the county.

fall and carried. Arraigned for Counterfeiting. Special Officer Donella of Omaha and Deputy United States Marshal Reikman reurned from Hamburg last evening with Wiliam Renshaw, whom they arrested at that place upon the charge of making and passing counterfelt money. Renshaw is an ignorant farmhand, who imagined he could success ully operate an independent mint, and for a long time has been engaged in the work of producing nickels and small coins. He succeeded in passing a number of them and this encouraged him to make money of larger denominations, and he successfully essayed the production of pewter half dollars. The evidence secured against him is of the most conclusive character. He was arraigned before Commissioner George F. Wright last

evening and asked to have his hearing postponed until this afternoon. In default the heavy bail bond exacted, he was sent to the county jail for the night. Take Storms to Anamosa. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 9.-(Special Telegram.)-Detective Tubbs and Deputy Sheriff Houston of Burlington arrived here early this morning with Abe Storms, the murderer whom a mob sought to lynch last

night. They remained here till evening, when they took him on to Anamosa, arriving there safely with him. Iowa Farm News. Parties at Tipton will operate a fifteen-

cre poultry farm. The farmers of Greene county are having a three days' institute at Paton. The farmers' institute of Tama county will be held at Tracr, February 15-16. Bert Dobell of Anthon has purchased four hogs in Ohio which cost him nearly

An old-fashioned cornhusking bee was held in the Grand Army of the Republic hall at Kingsley. A mass meeting of Black Hawk county

\$400.

citizens will be held in Waterloo Tuesday February 22, to consider the sugar beet in dustry. The Ringgold County Farmers' institute meets February 16 and 17 at Diagonal. It ends with a grand banquet. Prof. J. R Sage of Des Moines is to be one of the

speakers. Chris Oleson, a farmer living four miles west of Waterloo, has quite a curiosity in the shape of an 8-month-old calf that never had any hair. Its skin is of a dark blue hue, Mr. Oleson has been offered \$250 for the calf, but the offer has been refused.

There is a competition between the cow of Iowa counties of to which shall most rapidly increase the bovine population. One in Floyd county started with triplets, a Howard county cow followed with four while now a quintet is reported from Lyle The Cedar Rapids canning factory is anx-

Goes Through the Smate with Very Little Opposition.

WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME A LAW

Objections to Senate Changes Will Be Met and Overcome When Measure Goes to House Agnin.

DES MOINES, Feb. 9 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Temple amendment, which was introduced in the legislature at the special session a year ago and after meeting defeat was made good by his bondsmen, C. D. Dil-lin, his brother-in-law, and Herman Men-last campaign, today passed the senate by a last campaign, today passed the senate by a vote of forty for to four against, three not voting and three absent. The bill has already passed the house at this session, although in a slightly modified form. Objections to the senate changes will be met when the senate bill reaches the house, but they will not be sufficient to defeat the measure. against suit for damages against the company.

The Prentles bill to secure the appointmen of a superintendent of the Cherokee hospital was supposed at that time to be in Chicago, the bill is to prevent cities from levying the

PRIMARY ELECTION BILL. The primary election bill will be reported for passage by the house committee this morning. In the senate it is in the hands had been established between busband and morning. In the senate it is in the hands the wife and that he might be expected to return to Chicago within a short time. Ten house, but republican sociators are inclined days ago the sheriff's department received to the belief that it is loaded. River county

The democrate of the house will hold caucus tomorrow on a liquor manufacturing bill. Representative Potter will present and turned to this city. A few days ago he again advocate his bill, which has been modified left, going east ostensibly to attend court to permit the manufacture of liquors by left, going east ostensibly to attend court to permit the manufacture of liquors by at Avoca. He is still absent and the presumption is that he is now or has resumption is that he is now or has resumption is that he is now or has recently been in Chicago and has asked the
aid of the city police in finding his man.
No effort has been made by Watts' family
or friends to repay the half of the losses
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amount of the shortage, and the last per-tion of his obligation to them was only disfusion law. It has placed the bill to abolish known in this city, where he passed many the circles in the hands of a special compears of his life, and where both he and mittee.

The special house committee on board of control will meet tomorrow to outline a Members are gradually coming closer to the plan for a strongly centralized The Rays state uniformity and state pub-

lication textbook bill will be taken up by the house committee tomorrow. Two factions of women are besieging the

it left in charge of the Women's Christian Temperance union with state aid. Both PIONEER LAWMAKERS MEET. The cixth biennial convention of the Pio-

eer Lawmakers' Association of Iowa opened this city with seventy-five in attendance matters, and this report will be used by the county superintendent in determining if the teachers are entitled to the 5 per cent. today. The association's constitution limits and taxpayers in Walnut, Avoca, Carland and other towns frankly admitted that the ever, men prominent in the name of a central high school, where stablishment of a central high school their pupils could get the next thing to col-legiate education, would be most desirable and would relieve all of these towns of the and would relieve all of these towns of the heavy expense of attempting to maintain a high school course in their public schools. It would also enable them to strengthen their grade work and greatly increase the efficiency of the primary teaching. The colors are found to be a seen of the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching to see the primary teaching to see the primary teaching. The colors are found to see the primary teaching the primary teaching to see the primary teaching the primary teaching the primary teaching to see the primary teaching th matter the high school proposition could be submitted to the voters of the county this pedition of 1857, in which he assumed a conspicuous part.

Governor Shaw addressed the association briefly in the morning, extending them thanks for their service to the state. He was elected an honorary member of the as-

briefly in the morning, extending them thanks for their service to the state. He was elected an honorary member of the association. The lawmakers will visit the saciation. The lawmakers will visit the legislature Friday afternoon. Major Hoyt is legislature Friday afternoon. Major Hoyt Sherman, a member of the eleventh general assembly, will be the association's next president.

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Cedar Rapids Man Has Refused to Get Up for a Year.

CEDAR RAPIDS. Ia., Feb. 9.—The commissioners of insanity have issued an order for the commitment of Richard Bye to the insane asylum at Independence and be will at once be taken to that institution. Bye was at one time a successful business man on Wall street, where he afterward suffered losses. Later he was an editor of a newspaper in Kentucky. He came to this city about three years ago and for a time was a first y successful business man, being engaged in the life insurance business. Today he is in a condition that puzzles the authorities and everybody else who has investigated his case. Possessed of a fine education and of the spirits, who have refused to release him from their power. A man six feet three inches in height and weighing 230 pounds when he went into this trance, he is today only a few pounds lighter and apparently enjoying the best of beath.

Wants to Go to Paris. enjoying the best of bealth.

Wants to Go to Paris. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-John H. McGibbons of this city may be appointed United States commissioner to the Paris exposition, to succeed Moses P. Handy, who died a few weeks ago. It is said Senator Allison has recommended his appoint-ment. Mr. McGibbons is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. McGibbons of this city. Up to the time of Major Handy's death Mr. McGibbons was really his first assistant in the work which he was doing for the United States in its connection with the great exposition of Mr. McGibbons has had wide experience in exposition work and his capabilities for the office are beyond question. He was chief of the Bureau of Awards of the Cotumbian exposition at Chicago, and after the exposition had closed he remained in Washington for a year, settling up the affairs of the office. Under Major Handy, Mr. Mc-Gibbons had charge of the Chicago office of the commission. Mr. McGibbons visited his parents here last Christmas and at that time renewed his many old acquaintance-ships. He is a quiet, industrious young man and generally well liked. He was a prominent member of company H of the local

that the railway company was operating a TEMPLE AMENDMENT PASSES tary and treasurer showed the company to street car line and not a railway line and the absence of any signboard at the grade of officers for the ensuing year was as fol-lows: President, A. R. Little: Oskaloosa; secretary, William A. McFadden, West Liberty; treasurer, Allen C. E. Croft, Independence. The next meeting will be held in this city. Tomorrow a breeders' institute will be held, at which a number of papers of interest to breeders of Poland-Chinas will be read.

> Telephone Ordinance Passed. DENISON, Ia., Feb. 9.-(Special.)-By a ote of 5 to 1 the city council granted a fifteen-year franchise to the Iowa Telephone ompany last night. It is probable, however, that it will not receive the sanction of Mayor Romans and either become a law without his signature or be passed over his veto. The ordinance provides a maximum rate of charges of \$1.50 for residences per month and \$2 for business houses; a readjustment of rates every five years and the expiration of the franchise at the end of fifteen years.

Will Have Electric Lights. SAC CITY, Ia., Feb. 9 .- (Special.)-At a special election held here Monday the question of granting a twenty-year franchise to a local company to establish an electric light plant at this place was carried by a large majority. A company, composed of Asa Platt, D. Carr Early, Judge S. M. Elwood and other prominent citizens, will take the matter in hand at once and Sac City will not remain in darkness much longer.

Insurance Agents Meet. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 9.-(Special

Telegram.)-The ninth annual meeting of the Iowa agents of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company was held here today. with about thirty members from all parts of the state in attendance. A number of papers of interest to the members were read. Cuts His Thront.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 9.-(Special Tele gram.)-This afternoon Frank Glenn, brother of the postmaster at Leeds, Ia., cut his throat with suicidal intent. It is not thought he can live. The cause was unrequited love. Glenn is 29 years of age, Teacher Hurt.

GRISWOLD, Ia., Feb. 9 .- (Special.) -- Miss Hannah Pitten, a school teacher, was thrown from a sleigh while on her way home from school and so badly bruised up as to be unable to teach this week, Iowa Press Comment.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Three daylight trains across the state of Iowa en route to Denver will not lessen the good opinion in which the state is held by the people who travel. Iowa is at all times ready for inspection.

Marshalltown Times-Republican; The vet erans of the Soldiers' Home do not want a permanent preacher and the reasons they give are good and strong. Representing various creeds they prefer to have supplies from various churches. Perhaps, too, some of them have recollections of the old army chaplain. Keokuk Gate City: Iowa uses annually

about \$150,000 worth of school books. They are all right in quality, but the price is too high. If some way could be devised t bring about reduction in cost without im pairing quality the needs of the case would be met exactly. No suggestion yet made in sures such a result. Clinton Mirror: Within a couple of years

a democrat very near Judge Hayes said, "Probably Walter will never run for congress again"-but he's been out in the cold longer than usual and wants to get under cover again. There will be more satisfaction in waxing the Little Giant again than in defeating several United States cenators Cedar Rapids Republican: The appropria

ions committee of the house has listened to the voice of the people and turned : deaf ear to the plaint of the cheese parer in the matter of the library at the State university. It has recommended that the amount asked for by the Board of Regents to replace the books destroyed by fire be granted. Good!

BISHOP DUDLEY'S STORIES.

His Early Experiences in E with Some of the Natives. At the dinner to Rt. Rev. Thomas Undergood Dudley-twenty-three years a bishopthe bishop told several good stories, relates the Louisville Courier-Journal.

When he first told his friends in Baltimore that he was coming to Kentucky some of them were astonished.
"You're not going to Kentucky, are you?"
asked one startled man,
"Yes, indeed,"

"Yes, Indeed."
"Why, do you know what kind of a state that is? I saw in the paper where a snan killed another in Kentucky for treading on a dog," The bishop said nothing and the man said, impatiently: "What are you going to dog." The bishop said, impatiently; do about it?" 'I'm not going to tread on the dog," was

"I'm not going to tread on the dog," was the bishop's answer.

"One of the first places I visited in Kentucky," said the bishop, "was Lebanon, where I went with our friend Waller there. I 'killed' Lebanon with one visit. * * * I went to bed at the tavern and left Waller eitting up, I thought I must have sept half the night when I was awakened by a vigorous controversy in the room, I peered out of bed and saw Waller still sitting up, Beside him was a big, raw-boned man in his shirt sleeves.

Wail, I want this hyar question settled.

And here is a story of one compensa ion:
The bishop had gone to Beattyville, and
the place was rough and desolate. A rough-"They tell me you're from Virginia," said

the man,
"Yes,"
"They tell me you fought with the
rebels,"

"Yes,"
"Give me your hand, pard, My name's Bill Bolan, an' I'm a blacksmith down "Bill." said the Bishop, "I am proud to "Bill," said the Bishop, "I am proud to meet you."
That night Bill Bolan went to the service and heard the bishop preach, and he went afterward, too.
Twelve years later the bishop went to Beattyville once more, It was sunset. He was met by the town's clergyman, "Bishop, Bill Bolan died yesterday, and before he died I baptized him," said the minister, "In his last words he told me to tell the bishop that he loved him."
That, said the bishop, was indeed a compensation!

A Theatrical Incident. A certain theatrical company which finished its Washington engagement last night, relates the Post, possesses a sober National Guard.

Paland China Breeders.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-first annual meeting of the American Poland-China Record company was held here today, with nearly 100 members present from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. Reports of the secre-

divined bad news in the yellow envelope, would unnerve the actor, so, with great presence of mind, he determined to suppress the message till after the play. Word went round quietly that the stage manager had bad news for Mr. Blank. The company betrayed a sympathy for the unfortunate actor, which quite surprised him, when the curtain fell on the last act they all gathered around him, as the stage manager, with a solemn face, handed him the telegram. Mr. Blank, gathering a premonition of disaster from the pitying faces around him, hurriedly tore open the envelope. The message was from his young son on the farm in New York, it read:

"Only seventeen of the twenty-one eggs I set have hatched out."

OLDEST OF ALL INSECTS.

The Humble Cockronch King of All His Kind.

There is doubtless many a good housewife

in this world who wonders, as she chases about the kitchen and the pantry, poking into dark nooks and crannies, with her pall of hot water or box of poison, whatever the little pests celled cockroaches are here for, anyway, and what good they do. questions, says the New York Sun, would ! rather difficult to answer, for, like most of nature's scavengers—and they, or most their varieties at least, have certainly been such in the past—they have obtruded in these times of advanced sanitary arrangements and "modern improvements," where their services might well be dispensed with. But there is no doubt, however much we may begrudge the little insects a few that warm crevices in our homes, or an sional burial place in our puddings culsine at the summer hotel, that by all recognized laws of priority they have least as much right here as we have for their very, very great-grandsires were set-tiers upon this earth many ages before our progenitors were even thought of. In Bible times their presence was far

more disagreeably felt than in our own, both nore disagreeably left than in our own, both cn account of the different and more clov-enly mode of living that prevailed among those peoples and of the warm climate of the countries of which the Bible tells. And it is probable, although no distinct mention is made of the cockroach in the Scriptures as among the animale of Noah, that it was nevertheless, in the very vanguard of the procession that so placidly wended its way into the ark. Even the first of her kind, the wife of Adam, was unquestionably acquainted with the little six-footed creatures. But Eve was a very happy-go-lucky sort of dame, and was as little troubled with house-hold cares and victuals as she was with fashion, and it is likely that the fact of their existence did not weigh heavily upon her mind.

The antiquity of the cockroach, however, is not reckoned by the thousands of years with which we commonly compute our vas stretches of historic time, but by the million and millions upon millions. Its beginning takes us back through misty and unfabled ages, past the epochs of the gigantic mastodon and the tremendous glaciers that swept over the northern part of this land, to disappear beneath a warmer southern sun past the epoch of the huge and horrible eptiles that wandered over the universal marshlands and bogs, and flitted through the air with their strange, flapping wings, like the flends in Dante's "Inferno!" past the long period of the luxuriant solitudes of the carboniferous forests, when the great forces of nature were at work storing away the rich beds of coal into which we delve today; pus the time when whales and glant sharks and sea monsters lashed the waters into foam. the monarchs of the ocean. Their origin carries us back to the very commencement of things. They were one of the earliest of the forms of life and the ploneers of insect life. As some one has said, "they are the true aristocrats of insects," the kings of their kind The habits of the cockroach the world over

are much the same. Everywhere they are the followers and unwelcome guests of man-Like the ravens of the "north countrie" of which Dr. Henderson has told us, "where he goes they go," keeping out of his sight by day—excepting some South American varieties—and feasting by night, for which they were aptly termed by the old naturalists lucifugae, or "flyers from light." Their diet, however, is necessarily varied, from their wide distribution. The giant roach, as has been intimated, is often carnivorous in its tastes, but taken us a family, the cock roaches are extremely omnivorous. In these altitudes their menu consists of whatever is best in the larder or the pantry, and they are particularly partial, as many can attest, to glutinous and sugar foods, such as care-fully prepared pastries and confections. Their cunning is surpassed by no other insect, and they are past grand masters in dren's games of 'hide-and-seek," when hunted or pursued by an enemy. On such occasions, when the danger is past or passing, instead of keeping to or emerging from their retreats, it is their custom thoroughly to reconnoitre, with their sensitive antennae and orgus eyes, ever ready to disappear at the least alarm. And "cornered," they will invariably resort to

possum." There are one or two varieties of the cock reach that are quite handsome in appearance, being a pale yellow or bistre in color, with a dash of black or brown. They are denizens of the interior wilds of Brazil and bordering countries, and their habits are vegetarian, as they feed upon the rich and luxuriant flowers

and forest growths. Chemical's Stock Declines NEW YORK, Feb. 9.-Among the share: sold at public auction at the New York real estate salesrooms were three shares

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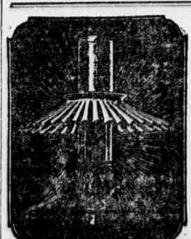
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