NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Hamilton's shoe store, 412 Broadway.

Davis sells glass.

Moore's food kills worms and fattens.

C. E. Alexander & Co., picture frames.

Bartel & Miller, 100 B'way, give "Stars."

Iowa Furniture & Carpet Co., 407 B'way.

J. C. Bixby, heating, plumbing. Tel. 133.

C. B. Jasquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway, 'phone 187.

Pottawattamie Tribe, No. 21, Improved Order of Red Men, will meet in regular session tonight.

Deputy United States Marshal Richards left last evening for Oakland, where he goes to arrest a couple of alleged bootleggers.

Catherine Pawlaski commenced foreclosure proceedings in the district court yesterday against Chris Jensen Neeby on a $1,025 mortgage.

Holmes Cowper, the Chicago tenor who will sing this evening at the concert at the Congregational church, arrived in the city last evening.

Frank Danforth of Norway, Me., who has been here settling up the estate of his late brother, Josiah Danforth, returned to his home last evening.

A full attendance is desired at the meeting tonight of Encampment No. 8, Union Veteran Legion, as there is business of importance to transact.

The following cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health yesterday: Bert and Leroy Deeds, 1211 Avenue A; Sarah Hayden, 122 Fairview avenue.

John Bersheim, J. P. Hess and S. G. Underwood, comprising the board of appraisers under the collateral inheritance tax law held a preliminary meeting yesterday afternoon in connection with the estate of the late Josiah Danforth. A meeting to appraise the property of the estate will be held February 25.

Anna Eleanor Falk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anders Falk, 223 Harmony street, died early yesterday morning from pneumonia, aged 17 years. Funeral services will be conducted at the residence by Rev. Larson tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which the remains will be taken to Essex, Ia., for interment.

The financial report of the Christian Home for the last week shows the receipts in the general fund to have been $256.90, being $56.90 above the estimated needs for the current expenses of the week. The receipts in the manager's fund amounted to $66.25, being $31.25 above the needs of the week. The balance of $31.25 was transferred to the general fund.

Mrs. May Molzahn will have a hearing before Justice Ferrier this afternoon on the charge of larceny from a building in the daytime, preferred by Mrs. Jennie Williams of 1003 West Broadway. Mrs. Molzahn rented a room from Mrs. Williams and fell into arrears on the rent. Mrs. Williams detained her trunk and clothing and Mrs. Molzahn went to the house yesterday morning and took them away. She was unable to give bail and was committed to the county jail pending the hearing.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Auctioneer, live stock a specialty. Address E. M. Estes, Crescent City, Ia.

Cold Day in Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs experienced the coldest day of the winter yesterday and the thermometers registered anywhere from 17 to 24 degrees below zero. At 7 o'clock in the morning it was 17 below zero, with the wind blowing strong from the northwest. From noon on toward evening the mercury commenced to drop even lower and at 4 o'clock the thermometer at the federal building registered 20 degrees below. At 11 p. m. the thermometer at police headquarters showed 24 degrees below zero. People in from the country reported that yesterday morning it was from 213 to 26 below zero.

The cold snap had the effect yesterday of inciting the local coal dealers to put an extra 50 cents a ton on hard coal, making the price $8.50. This they claimed they were compelled to do, owing to the scarcity of hard coal at all eastern points and the extreme demand from all sections of the country raising the price down east.

Treat for Music Lovers.

The concert to be given this evening at the First Congregational church under the auspices of the musical auxiliary of the Council Bluffs Woman's club promises to be a rare treat for music lovers and others. The concert will be followed by a reception for Mr. Holmes Cowper, the Chicago tenor. Mr. Cowper will be assisted by Mrs. C. P. Ely, contralto, and Mr. Simms, organist. The first part of the program will include selections from "The Messiah" and the second part will be miscellaneous.

Snap Shots all go at 10 cents each at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

County treasurer to W. H. Wood, lot 18, block 2, Van Brunt & Rice's add., t. d.	$ 5
Same to same, lots 2 and 3, block 14, Bryant & Clark's subd., t. d.	9
Same to same, lots 45 and 46, block 13, Wright's add., t. d.	4
Same to same, lots 5 and 10, block 33, Everett's add., t. d.	2
Same to same, lots 3 and 9, block 1, and lot 11, block 2, Fairmount add., t. d.	14
M. Townsley and wife to E. R. Moore, undivided ½ of lot 19, block 1, Oakland, w. d.	2,480
William F. Wright and wife to J. W. Davis, e½ ne¼ 22-76-40, w. d.	3,000
John W. Walker, widower, to J. E. Wickham, lot 9, block 19, Galesburg add., w. d.	163
Eight transfers, total	$5,679

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Names and Residence.	Age.
Anton Jensen, Council Bluffs	33
Mary Bjorn, Council Bluffs	35
Patrick Feeley, Strana, Ia	28
Margaret Foley, Oakland, Ia	24
Walter M. Lewis, Sarpy county, Neb.	23
Maud Jeanneret, Sarpy county, Neb.	20

Half Sick Half Well

Many persons have their good day and their bad day. Others are about half sick all the time. They have headache, backache, and are restless and nervous. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and sallow and disfigured with pimples or eruptions; sleep brings no rest and work is a burden.

What causes this? Impure blood.
And the remedy?

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

It takes out all impurities from the blood. When these are removed, nature takes right hold and completes the cure. Price, $1.00 a bottle. At all druggists.

If there is constipation, take Ayer's Pills. Price, 25c. a box.

Write to the doctor all the particulars in your case. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost. Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

WILL RUN HIS OWN COURT

Justice Vien Not Inclined to Tolerate Interference of County Officials.

HE PROPOSES TO USE HIS OWN JUDGMENT

County Supervisors Attempt to Induce Justices to Enter Into an Agreement Relative to Bringing Criminal Suits.

When the Board of Supervisors of Pottawattamie county appointed an assistant county attorney, whose duties are to look after all state cases in the courts of the justices of the peace, it was with the intention of reducing the expenses of conducting such cases and to save the county from being taxed for numerous trivial cases which should never have been entertained by the magistrates. In the past the dockets of the justice courts, especially in the city, have been filled with cases alleging the minor offenses and which have proven a source of great expense to the taxpayers of this county. Having in view the purpose for which he was appointed, Assistant County Attorney Clem Kimball has drawn up an agreement that is intended to further assist in correcting the existing abuses in the courts of the justices of the peace. The agreement is as follows:

Whereas, In the prosecution of the minor public offenses, so numerous in this county, the county is put to unnecessary expense and guilty persons escape punishment by the failure of witnesses to appear and prosecute or by the failure of the prosecuting witness to give correct or reliable information to the authorities or of the accusers to know fully the circumstances connected with the alleged offense; and because in some instances it develops that the criminal procedure of the inferior courts is used for spite or revenge or to gain some private advantage at public expense; and,

Whereas, We are desirous to serve the best interests of the county and are confident that a definite understanding and cooperation between the magistrates of the county, especially in the city and the prosecuting attorney, will be conducive to a better administration of justice by the magistrates, who should not be prosecutors under the law; therefore,

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned magistrates of Pottawattamie county and the attorney appointed to prosecute before them, that in all cases except where the urgency of the case demands otherwise, the justice or magistrate shall ascertain whether the prosecuting witness or the person accusing another has personal knowledge of the facts, or has attempted to file an information elsewhere, and who and how many are the witnesses, whose testimony will tend to establish the offense or refer the accusing party to the assistant county attorney before filing an information. And in all cases where it shall appear that the persons desiring to file an information has a knowledge of the facts only by hearsay or has or knows of no other witness of the facts or circumstances, or where the case seems doubtful for any reason, that in any such events the magistrate will refer such person to the assistant county attorney before filing an information against the accused. That in all cases where an information has been filed without referring the same to the assistant county attorney, the magistrate will as soon as possible after the accused has entered a plea of not guilty and before the witnesses for the prosecution have been subpoenaed, refer the prosecuting witness to the assistant county attorney, with the understanding that unless he so appears and gives the names of the witnesses to support the charge the information will be dismissed on motion and the costs taxed to him.

That in all cases of such nature referred by any magistrates, the assistant county attorney will file the necessary information in the court referring the same to him; and said assistant county attorney shall attend to the prosecution of the case, giving the constable the names of the witnesses for the state necessary to be subpoenaed for the trial.

Council Bluffs has two magistrates, Justice Ovide Vien and Justice J. J. Ferrier. The latter signed the agreement when it was presented to him by the assistant county attorney, but Justice Vien refused, preferring to run his own court without any suggestion.

Justice Vien, when asked what objection he had to signing an agreement that was only intended to help save the taxpayers expense, said he did not feel that there is any necessity for an assistant county attorney and that he intended, as he had done in the past, to use his own discretion as to filing informations in cases brought before him.

There is nothing in the law that compels any justice to refer any case to the assistant county attorney before filing an information and the consequence has been that the dockets have been filled with the most trivial of cases involving nothing more serious than a mere neighborhood or family misunderstanding or actions brought by persons out of spite or revenge. The costs in these cases never run less than $5 and in many instances amount to twice that amount and these costs the county is called upon to pay and the money has to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers. Even in cases where the charge has been dismissed against the defendant for want of prosecution and the costs taxed to the plaintiff the county invariably has to pay them just the same, as it is doubtful if there is a single case on record where an attempt has been made to collect the costs from the party taxed. It was to avoid such abuses that Mr. Kimball submitted the agreement to the justices for their consideration and acceptance.

Bluffs Co., U. R. K. of P., gives a dance at Hughes' hall this evening. Admission 25 cents.

Remember the exposition by getting some copies of Snap Shots at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee. Ten cents each.

BIDS ON DOING SCAVENGER WORK.

James & Co., Being the Lowest Bidders, Get the Contract.

The tabulation of the bids for city scavenging, which was referred to Finance Clerk True by the city council Monday night, shows that L. P. James & Co. are the lowest bidders. They bid as follows: For removing dead horses, mules or cattle, 50 cents per animal; hogs, 30 cents; dogs, 25 cents; cats and fowl, 10 cents; refuse matter, per load, 65 cents; vaults, per cubic yard, $3.50; household garbage, per trip, 15 cents.

Under the present contract with Nelson the city paid for horses, mules or cattle 75 cents; hogs, 35 cents; dogs, 40 cents; cats and fowl, 10 cents.

The contract will be awarded at the adjourned meeting of the city council on Monday, February 20.

Bluff City laundry, 'phone 314. Wagons call at any place in the city.

Stole a Typewriter.

A well dressed young man giving the name of August L. Mayer was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Deputy City Marshal Stockdale on suspicion of having stolen a caligraph writing machine, which he offered for pawn at S. Friedman's shop. When arrested Mayer gave his address as 3503 Avenue A. In this city, but later admitted he lived in Omaha. He told many conflicting stories to account for his possession of the machine and investigation in Omaha disclosed the fact that it had been stolen from the office of Dr. Coffman. A son of Dr. Coffman identified the machine as belonging to his father and Mayer was taken back across the river last evening in company with an Omaha officer.

INSTITUTE A RIGID QUARANTINE.

Authorities Act with Promptitude in Smallpox Cases.

At a meeting of the Board of Health yesterday morning arrangements were made with Dr. A. V. Stephenson, the county physician, to take charge of the case of George Youngs, the smallpox patient at 2759 West Broadway. The board contracted with the county physician to pay $200 for the medical care of Youngs, provided no other case developed in the next six months. If more cases arise the doctor is to receive $100 for each case for the first six and $50 for each additional patient. J. D. Anderson of 2832 Avenue I was engaged by the board as nurse for Youngs at a compensation of $5 per day. He will be in quarantine for forty days.

Every precaution possible to maintain a strict quarantine on the premises occupied by the Beckwith family has been taken by the Board of Health. During the day until other arrangements are made the house is being watched by one of the police force and at night by Lewis James, a special officer. Chief of Police Bixby and Deputy City Marshal Guannella yesterday built a shelter house for the officer on watch. The little house is made of strong weather boarding and is 6x4 feet. It is provided with a small stove and a window through which the officer on guard can keep his eye on the prescribed premises. The guardhouse was placed on the opposite side of the street facing the Beckwith home. In order to prevent any of the family leaving by the back door it was fastened from the outside. Mr. Beckwith and his family realize the necessity for the quarantine and are cheerfully abiding by the rules of the Board of Health. During the quarantine all the needs of the family will be supplied at the expense of the county and yesterday a large consignment of food of all kinds was delivered at the house, Mr. Beckwith himself making out the order for what they required.

The city pest house is all ready in case it is needed and the parties occupying it, a man named Katsenstein and his wife, are both immunes and will care for any patient the city may have to send there.

Some excitement was caused at the city hall yesterday by a report that another case of smallpox had been discovered on Frank street. On investigation the report was found to be false. It is estimated that the cost to the county in caring for the Youngs case will amount to in the neighborhood of $1,500.

The quarantine on the house of Mrs. Harris at Avenue H and Twenty-fifth street was raised yesterday. Mrs. Harris and her husband had been quarantined for nearly three weeks. The woman had not been infected, but had been exposed to the disease by nursing a smallpox patient at Hamburg, Ia. She is a nurse by profession.

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS.

Meeting is Held and Articles of Incorporation Adopted.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' association met last night and adopted articles of incorporation and a set of by-laws, as reported by the special committee appointed for the purpose. The articles of incorporation set forth the object of the association to be the advancement of the commercial and material interests of Council Bluffs. The officers are to consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and an executive committee of seven members. The association will have no capital stock and its indebtedness at any one time is limited to $100. The executive committee is to conduct the affairs of the association, the incorporated life of which is to be five years.

The by-laws provide that the entrance fee for members shall be $5 and that they shall not be assessed to exceed $10 each year. This assessment is to be made at the annual meeting by the executive committee. The regular meeting nights shall be the second Thursday in each month. The following standing committees are to be appointed: On manufactures, on mercantile interests, on transportation and railroads, on legislation and arbitration, on new enterprises, on municipal affairs and reception.

The following were appointed as members of the executive committee, of which General E. F. Test was elected chairman: Victor E. Bender, Dr. Cleaver, J. P. Greenshields, C. W. McDonald, F. H. Hill and Frank Keys.

The following were named for the membership committee, but their appointment was deferred until President Everett has had an opportunity to confer with each one and ascertain if he is willing to serve: Mayor Victor Jennings, chairman; M. F. Rohrer, E. Walters, Thomas B. Metcalf, H. I. Forsyth.

H. A. Searles was elected vice president of the association in the place of E. P. Searles, who declined to act.

The following resolution was introduced, but action on it was deferred until the next meeting:

Resolved, That the members of this association, all things being equal, shall patronize the manufacturers, merchants and solicitors who are members of this organization, giving them the preference over all outsiders when placing business or making purchases, thus beginning the expansion of the business interests of the city in general by helping in this practical way such parties who, by their membership in this association, show that they are ready to take a part in such movement.

Hazel camp, No. 171, M. W. A., will give a dance and cake walk on Thursday evening, February 9, at Knights of Pythias hall.

Trade where they give "Stars."

Fire in a Shoe Store.

At 11:30 last night fire broke out in the store occupied by the Duncan Shoe company at 23 South Main street and the stock was considerably damaged by smoke. The loss, which it is difficult to estimate, is covered by insurance. Owing to the severe weather a hose burst and only one stream could be turned on the fire. The fire was caused by an overheated flue.

Plain sewing, tailoring in repairing clothes. Mrs. G. H. Baker, 146 Vine street.

Davis sells drugs.

IN DEFENSE OF HER GOOD NAME.

Mrs. Hughes Asserts Her Innocence of Any Attachment for Goude.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A climax was reached today in the testimony of Mrs. Hughes, accused of her husband's murder, and a good deal of feeling was displayed. In narrating the events of the night previous to her husband's death the defendant said that Hughes sat on the side of the bed and made several attempts to count his money. Finally he asked her to get up and count it, which she did. There was $155 in the pocketbook. Her husband took the book and tossed it under the pillow with the remark, "Lottie, here is $155; if you should ever need it, use it."

In the testimony following Mrs. Hughes squarely contradicted five of the strongest of the state's witnesses. She said she never went to the bed of Mr. Hughes, sr., after her husband had died or told anyone that he kept appearing to her; she had never walked home with Jesse Goude but twice and then in the daytime; she had never kissed Goude or been familiar with him.

IOWA HARDWARE MEN MEET

Gather in Their First Annual Convention at Des Moines.

FULL LIST OF OFFICERS IS ELECTED

State Auditor Gives Out Some Figures Relating to Savings Banks—Iowa Mutual Hail Association in Convention.

DES MOINES, Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The hardware men of Iowa are in session. The first annual session of the association was held at the Commercial exchange rooms here Wednesday. The convention will complete its deliberations tomorrow. Fully 200 retail dealers of the state are in attendance at the meetings. At the meetings Wednesday the constitution and by-laws adopted at the provisional meeting in Council Bluffs were adopted after amendment, officers and a directory board of permanent organization were elected and resolutions were passed denouncing the catalogue system and the custom of those jobbing houses which deal direct with the consumer. Throughout the session the range peddler came in for a large portion of censure and methods of exterminating him were freely discussed. The officers elected were:

President, H. A. Cole of Council Bluffs; vice president, S. R. Miles of Mason City. Executive committee, one member from each congressional district, in order: Jake Seithert of Keokuk, A. T. Nelson of Wilton Junction, H. C. Chapin of Union, S. R. Miles of Mason City, E. G. Penrose of Tama City, none in Sixth district, L. H. Kurtz of Des Moines, M. W. Keating of Afton, H. A. Cole of Council Bluffs, H. S. Vincent of Fort Dodge and Joe Mattes of Odebolt.

A resolution was passed subsequent to the election recommending to the executive committee that in selecting a secretary of the association Mrs. Henrietta Kupper of Burlington be chosen. Mrs. Kupper is the only woman member of the association, and the hardware dealers are the only business association in the state having a woman enrolled as a member. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the members of this association confine the purchase of hardware, stoves and tinware to manufacturers and wholesalers who sell goods only to firms that are regularly engaged in the retail hardware business, as defined in these resolutions.

Resolved, That it is not the intention of the above resolutions to prevent the interchange of goods mentioned between manufacturers and wholesale dealers in such goods, or for the export trade, and the interpretation of said resolution is hereby vested in the executive committee, with power.

The following are exempt from the resolution: The United States government, state and county and city institutions, railroad, gas, water and electric light companies and such manufacturing industries and companies as the executive committee may approve, for such goods as are necessary for their respective lines of business.

Resolved, That any manufacturer or jobber in hardware, stoves or tinware furnishing net prices or any discount from list prices contrary to the foregoing resolutions either by themselves, employes or agents, shall be considered as disapproving the above resolutions.

Resolved, That this association shall, as far as lies in its power, to keep a record of all goods sold and by whom sold, to catalogue houses and department stores, and all all other violations of these resolutions.

Resolved, That any member purchasing goods from any manufacturer or jobber who has been listed by the executive committee as disapproving of these resolutions shall be subject to a fine or expulsion, at the discretion of the executive committee.

Iowa Savings Banks.

Auditor of State Merriam has compiled the reports of the state and savings banks of Iowa, as to their condition at the close of business January 10. He finds that the deposits have increased $2,563,000 since October 1. The increase since January 6 of last year is over $12,000,000. He has authorized the following statement of growth in deposits by quarters since January 6, 1898:

Reported January 6, 1898, $52,128,331.05; reported April 8, 1898, $57,469,095.54; reported June 30, 1898, $59,336,458.62; reported September 20, 1898, $61,506,858; reported January 10, 1899, $64,069,164.10.

The Iowa Mutual Hail association met here today and elected officers as follows: President, W. D. Forbes, Des Moines; secretary, W. A. Rutledge, Des Moines; treasurer, J. C. Baker, Emmetsburg; three directors, R. J. Young, Oelwein; A. W. Greene, Spencer; W. C. Betts, Casey.

Adjutant General Dyer of the Iowa department of the Grand Army has returned from a conference held at Waterloo with Commander Tirrill and President McLennan of the Relief corps. They fixed the date for the Grand Army encampment at Waterloo for June 14 and 15.

The Ottumwa & Northern Railway company filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state Wednesday. Its capital is $300,000. Undoubtedly it is a branch of the Iowa Central railroad. It will be built from the city of Ottumwa to a point on the Iowa Central railroad in Keokuk, Mahaska or Monroe counties.

NEW ROAD MAY ENTER OMAHA.

Surveys Completed for Air Line from Sioux City, South.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Considerable interest attaches to the proposition to run an air line from Sioux City to Omaha on the Nebraska side of the river. That there is something of the kind in the wind cannot be denied, for already the promoters have expended fully $25,000 in making the surveys. Engineers have been in the field for the last two or three months, but everything they have done has been conducted with the greatest secrecy possible. The general impression prevails that J. J. Hill of the Great Northern is behind the scheme; that he is anxious to secure a southern connection with the Port Arthur route by the most direct way possible. The route chosen seems to be entirely irrespective of towns, as it skips Homer by two or three miles, thence through Decatur and the northeastern corner of Tekamah. It passes east of the town of Herman by about two miles and runs one mile east of Blair, thence east of Calhoun and east of Florence. It is understood that some of the roads running in the same direction will fight against it securing an entrance into Omaha.

Insurance Company Changes Stand.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Toledo Mutual Benefit association of Toledo, Ia., has transferred its offices from that place to Fort Dodge and the new officials will be Fort Dodge insurance men. Hon. S. T. Meservey succeeds Judge Struble of Toledo as president and the other officers are: J. B. Butler, vice president; E. L. Rines, secretary; J. J. Ryan, treasurer.

SKIN-TORTURED

Babies and Tired Mothers Find Comfort in CUTICURA.

A warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, and a single anointing with CUTICURA, purest of emollient skin cures, will afford instant relief, permit rest for parent and sleep for child, and point to a speedy, permanent, and economical cure of the most torturing, disfiguring, and humiliating skin, scalp, and blood humors, with loss of hair, when all else fails.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Close of the Fifth Biennial State Convention at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The fifth biennial state convention of the Modern Woodmen of America was brought to a close this evening. For delegate-at-large to the national convention Indus Farley of New Virginia was selected, George Albert of Marshalltown being chosen as alternate. The district delegates were next selected, after which the following officers were elected:

Venerable consul, C. G. Saunders, Council Bluffs; clerk, Peter Steffany, Manning; adviser, Lewis Block, Davenport; banker, J. B. Green, Maquoketa; watchman, James Kinney, jr., Lansing.

The selection of a candidate to be presented to the national convention as Iowa's candidate for head banker precipitated two hours' discussion, resulting in the selection of F. R. Crocker of Churdan, over C. D. Hayden of Dubuque and A. J. Lee of Des Moines. For head physician F. J. Wills of Eagle Grove was chosen for re-election and the usual resolutions were adopted, including one urging the head camp to use its efforts toward the adoption of a badge or emblem and have same protected from infringement. Cedar Rapids was chosen as the place for holding the next convention.

Poland China Breeders Meet.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-second annual meeting of the American Poland China Record company was held here today with a good attendance of members. Reports show the association to be in good shape. The following officers were elected: President, A. J. Lytle, Oskaloosa; secretary, W. M. McFadden, West Liberty; treasurer, Allen Cocroft, Independence. A breeders' institute will be held here tomorrow.

Eighth District Democrats Meet.

CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Eighth district democratic conference held in this city Monday night was not largely attended, but those who took part declare the meeting was harmonious.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the Chicago platform, favoring the abolition of national banks, the dissipation of trusts, adhering to a tariff for revenue only and giving expression to opposition to imperialism.

Enlargement of Mail Service.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The report of the postmaster for the calendar year of 1898 shows an increase in the postoffice receipts over last year of $2,149. The increase will warrant the putting in of a night service soon.

The Postoffice department, upon the recomendation of Congressman Dolliver, is now considering the advisability of putting in a postoffice station in West Fort Dodge.

New Quarters for Elks.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Elks of this city have leased the second story of the brick block to be erected next spring by G. W. Mason. The rooms will be fitted up in luxurious style. The Fort Dodge lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has one of the strongest organizations in the state.

Webster County Railway Survey.

SIBLEY, Ia., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—A preliminary railway survey has been made from Gowrie, Webster county, to Sibley. The survey is under the direction of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge railway company.

The Osceola County Farmers' Institute will hold a three days' session at Sibley on February 16, 17 and 18.

GOOD ROADS DAY AT PROVIDENCE.

Speakers Before National Assembly of Wheelmen's League.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 8.—This was good roads day in the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen.

At the morning session President Potter spoke on the benefits of cycle paths. E. G. Harrison reviewed the work that the Department of Agriculture is doing; F. O. Stanley gave an interesting address on the automobile; Mr. Mendenhall also spoke at the afternoon session.

Governor Dyer welcomed the delegates to Rhode Island and General Roy Stone, who saw active service in Porto Rico, spoke of the roads in Porto Rico.

Mayor Baker, who is a wheelman, welcomed the delegates to Providence; Sterling Elliott spoke briefly; C. W. Sams of Baltimore spoke of co-operative agitations. The relations between the wheelmen and horsemen have become closer during the last few years, he said, and while the wheelmen are the real agitators, they are being warmly supported by the horsemen.

The afternoon session closed with a short talk on the roads of Europe and this country, illustrated by a large number of lantern views.

Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—Little Boy Blue won the big prize—the Bayonet stakes—today. Frank Regent was made an odds-on favorite. His performance was poor and he finished outside the money. Great things were expected of Froelinghuysen, but the colt proved himself a counterfeit. Acolyte has speed, but in all his races has run out. Weather clear and cold; track slow. Four favorites won. Results:

First race, selling, seven furlongs: Ned Wickes won, Volandies second, Halton third. Time: 1:32½.

Second race, handicap, one and one-sixteenth miles: Morgul won, Double Dummy second, Sensational third. Time: 1:51.

Third race, selling, six furlongs: Water Cress won, Hanlon second, Bishop Reed third. Time: 1:16¾.

Fourth race, the Bayonet stakes, $1,000, 2-year-olds, one-half mile: Little Boy Blue won, King Thistle second, Froelinghuysen third. Time: 0:51½.

Fifth race, selling, one mile: Banquo I won, Stockholm second, Pete Kitchen third. Time: 1:45¾.

Sixth race, seven furlongs: Morning won, Casilu second, Sheik third. Time: 1:32¾.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has an enormous sale. It is the best remedy for colds and coughs, and is pleasant to take. 25 cts.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Reduction in the Offerings of Hogs is Noted During the Last Week.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The Price Current says: There has been a reduction in the offerings of hogs. Western killings are 400,000, compared with 535,000 the preceding week and 475,000 last year. From November 1 the total is 8,365,000, against 7,030,000 last year. Prominent places compare as follows:

Cities.	1898.	1897.
Chicago	2,485,000	2,200,000
Kansas City	1,045,000	1,055,000
Omaha	695,000	760,000
St. Louis	612,000	470,000
Indianapolis	396,000	375,000
Milwaukee	388,000	422,000
Cincinnati	260,000	237,000
St. Joseph	390,000	180,000
Ottumwa	242,000	200,000
Cedar Rapids	176,000	157,000
Sioux City	145,000	108,000
St. Paul	123,000	147,000
Nebraska City	92,000	60,000

GOMEZ ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Cuban Assembly Looks Askance at His Acceptance of Porter's Proposition.

HAVANA, Feb. 8.—It is reported that a secret meeting of the executive committee of the Cuban assembly has decided that the committee will not welcome General Gomez to this city; that it will not be present when he arrives in Havana, and, further, that if General Gomez does not go before the committee and explain his reasons for accepting the propositions of Robert P. Porter, the representative of President McKinley, without consulting the committee he will be officially notified upon the part of the committe to appear before it and explain his conduct.

Brigadier General Breckinridge, inspector general of the United States army, went to Pinar del Rio today.

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