

# NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

### MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.  
 Moore's food kills worms and fatens.  
 Fire escapes for buildings at Bixby's.  
 Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfield, agent.  
 C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

### FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

Three Separate Forms of Advertisement for Bids Are Drawn Up.

### SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Fathers Fix the Tax Levy at Forty-One and One-Half Cents For the Coming Year.

At the meeting of the city council last night City Attorney Wadsworth submitted three separate forms of advertisement for bids for the erection of a municipal electric light plant and for supplying the city with electric light. Under these three different advertisements parties will be able to bid according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk, which they may submit. They also give the local company an opportunity to bid. One of the forms is arranged especially to meet with President Draffen's wishes. The forms ordered published are as follows, each of them providing that all bids must be accompanied by a \$1,000 certified check.

Public notice is hereby given that propositions contemplating the ultimate ownership by the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., of an electric light plant in said city will be received in the form of sealed bids at the office of the city clerk of said city up to 8 o'clock p. m. of the 19th day of September, 1899. Said propositions and bids are to be made upon plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city or upon plans and specifications furnished by the bidders and filed in the office of the city clerk of said city up to 8 o'clock p. m. of the 19th day of September, 1899. All plans and specifications so filed will not be considered by the city council of said city unless the same are acceptable to said city council. All propositions must be so made that in the event of the acceptance of the same no liability will be created against the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., for the property in the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., a tax authorized by the law now in force, or which may be hereafter enacted.

Public notice is hereby given that Whereas, The contract of the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric Light company for lighting the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., has nearly expired, sealed proposals for supplying the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., and its inhabitants with electric light on the Philadelphia Moonlight Schedule as modified by the latitude and longitude of the city of Council Bluffs, Ia., for the term of fifteen years, will be received at the office of the city clerk of said city up to 8 o'clock p. m. of the 19th day of September, 1899. Plans and specifications of the system which the city council believes to be suitable are on file and can be seen in the office of the city clerk.

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On the recommendation of the finance committee the tax levy for 1899 was decided on as follows:

MILLS.	
General fund	40
Gas and street lighting fund	4
Water	1
Library fund	1
Park fund	1
Sever fund	1
Judgment fund	1
Improvement fund	1
Bridge fund	1
Bond funds as follows:	
Interest paying and grading bonds	3
Bond loan fund	4
Funded debt fund	4
Total	41 3/4

For agricultural lands within the corporate limits and on personal property necessary to cultivate same the levy was fixed at 5 mills, the limit allowed by law.

On motion of Alderman Metcalf the city attorney was instructed to prepare an advertisement calling for bids for the paving on Willow avenue and the cutting and paving of the street at Wickham street, called to pay any attention to the resolution of the council ordering him to commence the work within a specified time, which has now expired.

The trustees of Trinity Methodist church filed a remonstrance against a sign being permitted to run at the southeast corner of Main street and Ninth avenue.

On motion of Alderman Casper the city engineer was instructed to go ahead with the work of placing a number of dams in Indian creek east of Bryant street.

The 100-foot plank culvert on East Pierce street was ordered replaced with a brick structure, the cost of which is estimated at \$700, to be paid out of the bridge fund. The work is to be done under the supervision of the city engineer.

The new city ordinance introduced by Alderman Atkins was passed. The city attorney was instructed to take the necessary proceedings looking toward the condemnation of the two-story frame building at 721 Broadway. The matter of the condemnation of the old 100-foot culvert on East Pierce street was referred to the committee on fire and light.

The drinking trough at the junction of Madison and Graham avenues was ordered removed to the opposite corner.

The bill of \$97.50 of Israel Levett for preparing plans and specifications of an electric light plant for the city was ordered paid, as was the pay roll for the work on Indian creek, the latter amounting to something over \$300.

The matter of disposing of articles that have accumulated at the city jail, including jewelry left as security for fines and forfeited, was left with the committee on police and health to take care of.

Mrs. Hopkins filed a claim for \$200 for damage to crops and chickens by the overflow of Indian creek.

### SCIENTIFIC OPTICIAN, WOLLMAN, 402 B'DWAY.

### PRINTERS TAKE HAND IN FIGHT.

Joint with Barbers' Protective Association Against Sunday Shaving. The printers have taken sides with the members of the Barbers' Protective association in their fight to enforce the Sunday closing law so far as their particular trade is concerned. At the meeting of the local union Sunday night adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Barbers' Protective association of Council Bluffs is making an effort to obtain shorter hours of labor by endeavoring to have the public refrain from requiring its services on Sunday; therefore, be it resolved, That we are heartily in favor of this movement; and it is further resolved, That we, members of the Blue

City Typographical union, No. 203, will not patronize any barber shop which keeps open on Sundays, nor trade with any business man who patronizes such shop.

The barbers who kept open on Sunday followed the same tactics as inaugurated last week and commenced another batch of "friendly prosecutions" yesterday before Justice Vien. Information was filed against Edward Kelly, Robert Bernhardt, Fritz Bernhardt, H. J. Wilson, W. E. Sillars, W. T. Silvers, John Bohm, Fred Kiefer and Phillip Killian, Jr. The trials are all set for today. The four cases against Fred Kiefer were tried before Justice Vien yesterday morning on an agreed statement of facts and as in the other "friendly prosecutions" resulted in an acquittal. The last case against Fritz Bernhardt in Justice Frank's court of Keg Creek has been continued indefinitely owing to the absence from the city of the attorney of the Barbers' Protective association.

### MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED.

#### No Clue to the Identity of the Floater Found on Sunday.

The inquest held yesterday over the body of the unknown man found in the river near the Union Pacific bridge Sunday morning failed to develop anything that would give a clue to the identity of the "floater." In the manner in which he came to his death, the only evidence forthcoming was as to the finding of the body and the jury, consisting of E. E. Adams, R. P. Officer and R. T. Monfort, brought in the following verdict: "Deceased came to his death by means which we cannot determine."

The witnesses examined were Joseph Trecek and son of Omaha, who first discovered the body; Officer D. L. Weir and Dr. Waterman, who performed an autopsy on the remains at the cemetery. His testimony was to the effect that there were no wounds apparent about the head which would have caused death, but that many other parts of the body were so badly decomposed that even if wounds had existed they could not have been noticed. In cutting through the back of the neck the condition of the blood indicated that the man had not probably been dead about three weeks and not longer. The testimony of Joseph Trecek and his son, who while fishing on this side of the river, discovered the body, threw no light upon the mystery, as it was confined entirely to the finding of the corpse. Officer Weir's evidence was in the same line.

A further examination of the body yesterday disclosed the fact that the hands were encased in canvas gloves, such as are commonly worn by laboring men. The police are of the opinion that the man was the victim of foul play and that he was killed, probably by being sandbagged, and then thrown in the river from the bank. The fact that the man was wearing canvas gloves and that they were not completely destroyed, as a man intending to drown himself and make his job sure by tying a weight around his neck would not wear gloves while tying the rope.

### AN ABNORMALLY LARGE HEAD.

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### CHLORINATION WORKS BURN.

Plant Worth \$450,000 Is Entirely Destroyed. Loss of About \$75,000.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire broke out in the coal bins of the large Golden Reward chlorination plant here at about 10 o'clock this morning and at noon nothing but moldering debris remains of the great plant. It is supposed that burning cinders from a locomotive set fire to the coal in the bins. The fire spread instantly over the upper floor of the crushing room and commenced burning downward.

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### BATTLE WITH PITCHFORKS.

Joseph Shaw and Tony Baranzo Have a Fight Near Sioux City in Which Latter Is Badly Hurt.

SIoux CITY, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Two young men had a fierce fight with pitchforks near Sioux City last Tuesday and as a result one of them may die. The authorities have just learned of the occurrence and if one of the lads should die the other will probably be arrested for murder. Joseph Shaw and Tony Baranzo were members of a threshing gang on the farm of Peter Bruno. Baranzo is an Italian and had been the subject of a great deal of joking on the part of the other men. In the morning of the day of the fight the two young fellows had an encounter, but were parted by other men. That night as Shaw was riding home he carried a pitchfork with him, anticipating there might be trouble. He met Baranzo on the road and he, too, was armed with a fork. For Shaw it was a case of fight or get stabbed to death, as the young son of Italy had blood in his eye. They went at it and Shaw finally struck the other fellow over the head with the fork. Twice more he landed and the Italian was taken home a mass of cuts and bruises. It is said that his condition is precarious.

### GEAR WINS A POINT.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 28.—The republican state committee today elected H. O. Weaver of Wapello First district chairman, vice T. A. Hancock, resigned. R. H. Spence of Mount Airy, vice chairman, and O. W. Frippe of Maquoketa, secretary. Weaver is favorable to the re-election of Senator Gear.

### EX-GOVERNOR MERRILL WOULD.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 28.—The condition of ex-governor Samuel Merrill is worse today. He suffered a stroke of paralysis at 10 o'clock today.

### BAD BREATH.

"I have been using CASCARET for some time and I feel very much better. My bad breath is gone and my bowels are regular. I have also been using it for my children and they are very healthy. I can recommend it to all my friends."—J. W. H. of Chicago, Ill.

### PROTEST AGAINST ASSESSMENTS.

PERRIE, S. D., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Board of Assessments and Equalization meets tomorrow to hear complaints in regard to its action at the regular meeting. The express, telegraph and telephone companies have filed protests against the assessments given them and will appear before the board. It has protested against the action of the board in the increase of assessments returns in Spink, which county will have a representative before the board tomorrow.

Baker, \$1; J. G. Baird, 50 cents; E. E. Smith, \$1; R. V. Innes, \$2; V. Jennings, \$3; J. J. Stewart, \$1; Clem Kimball, 50 cents; Peterson & Schoening, \$1; J. O. Jones, 50 cents; Racine Wagon and Carriage company, \$1; C. E. Hathaway, \$1; Charles Gregory, \$1; L. C. Emple, \$1; S. A. Pierce & Co., \$1; P. H. Sargent, \$1; H. W. Sawyer, 50 cents. Total, \$73.75.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

#### Bids Received for Construction of New High School Building.

At the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Education last night bids for the construction of the new High school building according to the plans and specifications prepared by Architects Cox and Schoenberger were opened. Six bids as follows were received: Herman & Brown, \$87,910; J. P. Weaver, \$81,388; Jensen Bros., \$80,000; P. H. Wind, \$80,000; P. H. Wind, \$50,000; George P. Hughes, \$57,700.

No action was taken on awarding the contract owing to the fact that State Superintendent Barrett has not yet handed down his decision in the Smith site appeal case. The bids are more favorable than the board has been led to believe they would be owing to the recent increase in the price of material.

An attempt on the part of President Sims to restore the salaries of the principals of the Washington Avenue, Bloomer and Twentieth Avenue schools to the amount paid them last year failed. The committee standing three to three. Member Moore was not present. An attempt to restore the salary of Mrs. Hardman, supervisor of the kindergarten, was also failed by a similar vote. Mrs. Harman's salary was reduced from \$75 to \$65, being shown that the principals of the Harrison Street and Eighth Avenue schools had no assistants, their salaries were restored to last year's figures. Miss Myrtle Cutler, principal at the Eight Avenue, had been reduced from \$67 to \$60, and Miss Hanson, at the Harrison Street, had been reduced from \$66 to \$60.

W. H. Sperra was appointed janitor at the Twenty-second Street school to fill a vacancy, and W. S. Wilkins was made janitor at the Second Avenue school. George Ball having tendered his resignation. The secretary was instructed to enter into contracts with the janitors, they to begin work one week before the commencement of the school year. The janitors of buildings heated by steam will have to furnish certificates of ability to handle the plants.

Miss Florence Reed, a teacher whose salary was reduced from \$50 to \$45, applied for an increase, and her application was referred to the finance committee and Superintendent Hayden.

The committee on buildings and grounds was authorized to enter into a contract for the heating of the building at 21st St. and the school, on condition that it can be surrendered at ten days' notice. The new building for which P. H. Wind has the contract will not be ready for occupancy for two months or perhaps more.

AMES, Ia., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The 5-year-old son of Lars Torson, a farmer living several miles north of this city, is a most unfortunate child. He was born with an abnormally large skull, which has continued to increase in size and which now measures thirty-seven and one-half inches in circumference at the forehead. The neck is unusually small and unable to support the abnormal head. The child has never been able to walk, but has a remarkable memory, talks rapidly and seems remarkably bright. He has never been able to read because of the fact that the head is beyond the child's control. His little arms are so weak and emaciated that it requires quite an effort to convey food to its mouth.

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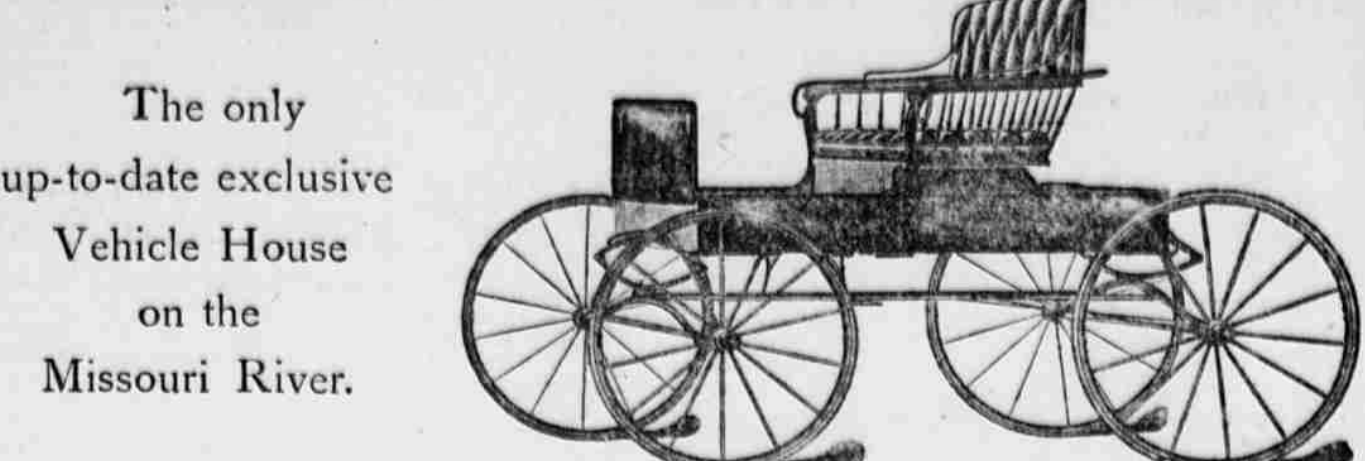
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## HENRY H. VAN BRUNT,

### COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

IOWA POPS WILL NOT FUSE. Their State Convention to Be Held at Des Moines Tomorrow.

THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT FREE SILVER. War Question Will Be the Main Issue of the Fifty-First Regiment.

DES MOINES, Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The state convention of the people's party will meet here tomorrow afternoon. Secretary A. W. Ricker of Lone Tree arrived today and the committee will arrange for the state convention which will be held here tomorrow. Delegates are coming into the city tonight and the committee expects a full attendance.

"Hon. C. O. Lloyd of Muscatine county will probably be the candidate of the party for governor this year," said Secretary Ricker. "He was the candidate of the party for the same position two years ago and made a good fight. That section of the state will present his name to the convention again this year and there is every probability that he will be nominated. For the other positions no candidates have yet been mentioned. In the platform of the party the war question will be the main issue. There is no use on earth for the Democrats to try to make the money question the issue. The people don't care a rap about free silver this year. They are interested in the war question, however, and that is the issue we are going to emphasize. What we are going to make the campaign on our own merits and will not be tied up to any one. We expect a big convention Wednesday."

General Byers received a letter from Colonel J. C. Loper of the Fifty-first regiment this morning. It was dated July 17 and was in regard to the vote taken on the matter of place of mustering out. Only two of the men voted for Des Moines and they had enlisted in San Francisco and would not receive any travel pay home. The travel pay is a matter of considerable importance to the men, the letter stated, and they are glad to give it up. Colonel Loper said there was but slight possibility of the regiment being home in September. Since his letter was written the possibility has lengthened to November. General Byers said this morning he was receiving letters and messages every day from people who wanted to go to San Francisco to accompany the boys home. The prospects are now for a large party accompanying the governor and staff. The time of going still remains indefinite. A special train will bring the Iowa boys home.

This was the largest Monday in the history of the state fair. The railroad brought in 12,000 and the attendance was 14,000. This evening the Des Moines auditorium, which was completed in the nick of time for the works in this city this morning, held its seating capacity of 4,000 was not large enough to hold the crowd.

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## BATTLE WITH PITCHFORKS

Joseph Shaw and Tony Baranzo Have a Fight Near Sioux City in Which Latter Is Badly Hurt.

SIoux CITY, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Two young men had a fierce fight with pitchforks near Sioux City last Tuesday and as a result one of them may die. The authorities have just learned of the occurrence and if one of the lads should die the other will probably be arrested for murder. Joseph Shaw and Tony Baranzo were members of a threshing gang on the farm of Peter Bruno. Baranzo is an Italian and had been the subject of a great deal of joking on the part of the other men. In the morning of the day of the fight the two young fellows had an encounter, but were parted by other men. That night as Shaw was riding home he carried a pitchfork with him, anticipating there might be trouble. He met Baranzo on the road and he, too, was armed with a fork. For Shaw it was a case of fight or get stabbed to death, as the young son of Italy had blood in his eye. They went at it and Shaw finally struck the other fellow over the head with the fork. Twice more he landed and the Italian was taken home a mass of cuts and bruises. It is said that his condition is precarious.

## GEAR WINS A POINT.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 28.—The republican state committee today elected H. O. Weaver of Wapello First district chairman, vice T. A. Hancock, resigned. R. H. Spence of Mount Airy, vice chairman, and O. W. Frippe of Maquoketa, secretary. Weaver is favorable to the re-election of Senator Gear.

## EX-GOVERNOR MERRILL WOULD.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 28.—The condition of ex-governor Samuel Merrill is worse today. He suffered a stroke of paralysis at 10 o'clock today.

## BAD BREATH.

"I have been using CASCARET for some time and I feel very much better. My bad breath is gone and my bowels are regular. I have also been using it for my children and they are very healthy. I can recommend it to all my friends."—J. W. H. of Chicago, Ill.

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