

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

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W. A. Gieralski, osteopath, 204 Mercantile block, Council Bluffs. The place to have your framing done, Alexander's Art Emporium.

Miss C. Bridenbush will leave today for a visit to St. Joseph, Mo. Dr. S. D. Tohey of Ayova was in the city yesterday calling on friends.

Miss Dot Kirland is entertaining Miss Nellie Parsons of Taylor, Ia. Get your work done at the popular Eagle Laundry, 24 Broadway, Phone 12.

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 25 Pearl street, Telephone Office, 72 residence, 32. Dr. R. K. Strickland to Chicago yesterday to spend New Year's with relatives.

Miss Katherine Myers of Park avenue will leave today to resume her work in the Chicago schools. Miss Jessie Pontius will return to Iowa City tomorrow to resume her studies at the State university.

Sheridan coal makes a large flame and clear fire but no smoke, soot or cinders. Fulton & Feltz.

The regular meeting of Jewel Court No. 2, Tribe of Ben Hur, will be held this evening in Woodmen of the World.

Miss Shirley Moore and daughter, Miss Shirley, left yesterday for Minneapolis, where Miss Shirley will attend the University of Minnesota.

Mr. A. H. Hays of East Pierce street, is enjoying a visit from his brothers, August and Al, both of them in Chicago. Mr. Hays has gone to Providence, R. I., where he will make his future home. His family will join him later.

Miss Elele Hann and Miss Baldwin of Willow avenue left yesterday for Chicago, where they will resume their studies in the Chicago university.

Miss Maud Robinson, who has been spending the holidays with her parents on Park avenue, left yesterday for Wilbur, Kan., to resume her position as teacher in the schools there.

Mrs. Miller and the women of the Union mission desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in providing for the Christmas dinner which was given for the poor children at the mission Saturday last.

The committee appointed for the joint installation which will take place January 15, at the masquerade ball given Saturday night by Bluff City Lodge, Commonwealth Protestant association, Miss Ella Rath was awarded the first prize for the most elegant costume. George Bennett carried off the prize for the most comical make-up.

Patm Grace, No. 11 Woodmen of the World, will meet in regular session tomorrow evening, when the installation of officers will be held. Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian, and other supreme officers will be present. At the close of the installation exercises a banquet will be given.

J. S. Depey of Des Moines, who is prominently mentioned as the likely successor to W. H. Penn, chief clerk of the railway, will make a visit to Council Bluffs, Ia., to make a personal survey of this division, which is in the city. He will be accompanied by Mr. Penn, who has been appointed assistant superintendent and will have his headquarters in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Newhouse, aged 68 years, died at her home, at 108 Avenue A, at a late hour Saturday night, after an illness of twelve days, from pneumonia. The remains will be taken to Missouri Valley tomorrow for interment. Her husband has five children, Harry, Newhouse of Missouri Valley, Mrs. E. W. Hosner of Arkansas City, Mrs. Kate M. Johnson of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Willard Smith and Mrs. George Metzger of this city.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250. Fear Brooches, Edholm's, Omaha.

Council Bluffs B. P. O. E.—Call at Edholm's jewelry store, 107 N. 15th st., Omaha, and see some handsome Elk Tooth Charms and Elk Head Lanyards.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TUESDAY. Bonded Makes Room for Pupils in the High School Building.

Superintendent Hayden has made arrangements whereby when the schools reopen tomorrow morning after the Christmas vacation, the high school pupils, who have occupied two rooms at the Washington avenue building will be accommodated in the high school building. During the holiday vacation partitions have been placed in the rooms occupied by Profs. Flint and Thomas, thus affording two additional rooms for the accommodation of the first year class.

All the high school pupils who were formerly assigned to the Washington avenue building will report tomorrow morning at the high school. They will have the same hours as the higher classes and are advised to bring their lunch boxes, as do the other pupils at the high school.

This consolidation of the whole high school has been contemplated since last August by Superintendent Hayden and will be of great advantage, especially in regard to supervision, which will be more direct through having all the pupils under one roof. The change will also benefit the Washington avenue building, as it will permit of the use of the two much needed rooms formerly occupied by the high school class.

Miss Mangum, the principal, will now be able to have an office room.

During the Christmas vacation the new school at Cut-off has been placed in readiness and will be opened tomorrow morning. The desks are all in position and the equipment installed. Mrs. Lou Graves will act as principal of the school and will have charge of the primary and lower intermediate grades. Mrs. Laura McPherson, from the Clay street school, will be in charge of the upper intermediate and intermediate grammar grade pupils.

Diamonds, Edholm, Jeweler, Omaha. Howell's Anti-Kawf Cures coughs, colds.

Closed All Days. The Boston store will be closed all day New Year's in order to give the clerks an opportunity to spend the holiday.

WHITELAW & GARDINER. Davis sells paints.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous Little Pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

VICTIM OF A BURGLAR DIES. Bridge Contractor Robson at Sioux City Succumbs to Fractured Skull—Murderer Escapes.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—John E. Robson, the bridge contractor, who was murdered by a burglar in his office late Friday night, died at 6 o'clock this evening.

The police have been unable to locate the murderer. Robson's wife, who sat up all Friday night awaiting his return, is prostrated.

The weapon with which the murder was done was found behind a pile of wood in the office. It was a hatchet and the full length of the keen blade was driven into Robson's brain.

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Written endorsements from more than 8,000 physicians. Never has anything received such high recognition from the medical profession; therefore Vin Mariani Wine can be taken with perfect safety.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS PROSPEROUS

Improvement Along All Lines of Business During the Last Year.

LARGE AMOUNT OF RAILROAD BUILDING

Entry of Illinois Central Chief Executive—Another Street Railway Line—Taxes Are Paid Promptly—Health Record.

The year just closed, one of the most prosperous in the history of Council Bluffs, has been one of progress and improvement along all lines of business. With the dawn of the new year its prospects are the brightest and everything points to this city enjoying a long era of steadily increasing prosperity.

Much of the improvement in business during the last twelve months has been due to a great extent to the vast sums spent in this city and immediate vicinity by the railroads. Not only have these railroads given employment to thousands of laborers, but have spent large sums of money in acquiring right of way and property upon which to build depots and other buildings. These purchases naturally created quite a boom in the real estate market, making the year one of the best for real estate men all say, since the days of the boom.

Public improvements have not kept pace with private enterprises, due mainly to the fact that the assessment laws of Iowa are in an unsatisfactory state, preventing considerable work that has been ordered and carried out. The amount of building that has been done during the last twelve months and a number of business blocks and private residences created. Several new industries have been established in the city and the prospects for the new year in this line are flattering.

The health of the city, except for a slight epidemic of measles among the school children, has been remarkably good and Council Bluffs could with safety advertise itself as a health resort.

The business in the banks has almost doubled, with no failures among the business firms of the city recorded. Collections of \$150,000 and the people of the city appear to have been blessed with more money than for many years. Taking everything into consideration the year 1899 has been a record breaker in the history of Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie county.

Entry of Illinois Central. The entry of the Illinois Central into Council Bluffs and the construction of its branch line from Rock Island to this city was the chief event in railroad building.

The amount expended in the construction of this line is estimated at \$5,000,000, a large share of which was spent directly within this city. Close on \$100,000 will be expended by this road in the erection of its passenger and freight depots and other buildings during the coming year, work on these structures already being under way.

The Chicago & Northwestern railway has likewise expended an immense sum of money in this city and immediate vicinity. This work will be expended as soon as spring opens up. The double tracking between here and Missouri Valley has been completed to within four miles of Council Bluffs and it is estimated that it will take at least \$50,000 to complete the work.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway has not only built a handsome brick passenger depot and a new 20-stall round house during the past year, but has also made extensive improvements in its yards, involving an outlay of in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Over twelve miles of new tracks have been or are now being laid in the yards and new steel girders placed over Indian creek. The yards have been brought to grade and entirely remodelled.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway has carried out extensive improvements in its yards and freight house on South Main street. All the grounds and tracks have been brought up to grade and the depot and freight platforms have been raised.

The Omaha Bridge & Terminal railway has erected a commodious and handsome freight depot at Ninth street and Broadway, at present occupied by the Illinois Central. This road has also made a number of improvements along its line and is now constructing a switch track to connect with the Illinois Central and as soon as the material arrives here will erect a steel bridge at First avenue over Indian creek.

Another Street Railway. The year marked the entry of another street railway company in the line of the Omaha, Council Bluffs & Suburban Railway company between East Omaha and Lake Manawa, partly completed. The motor company has declared its intention of building to the lake also.

The number of building permits issued in 1899, while not giving an accurate account of the building done, nevertheless show that much has been done along this line. Many old unimproved corners along Broadway have been torn down and replaced by substantial brick blocks and business houses. Quite a large number of private residences have been erected, giving carpenters and bricklayers one of the most prosperous years in the history of the city. Among the principal ones erected and may be noted: The Minneapolis Threshing Machine company's warehouse and office building, the Steadman block on Broadway, Kimball Block, addition to their elevator plant, the Everett row of store buildings on Broadway, the Polson block on the same street, the handsomely appointed and fine building erected by Gus Hinrichs, the store and residence erected by Miss Maseburg on Broadway, the improvements on the E. W. Nash building, the Barnard block and the Glasser-Rushnell company's building now in course of construction on Main street.

Permits issued during the last year amounted to about \$175,000, but this does not include any of the Illinois Central's buildings, as permits for them have not yet been taken out. The figures show less than 1898, owing to the Peavey elevator, which amounted to \$175,000, and the enlargement of the record for 1899 is well in advance of that for the year before.

Evidence of Prosperity. A sure evidence of the prosperity of the city during the last twelve months is shown by the increased business at the postoffice. The postal receipts amounted to \$52,202.48 and the deposit of postal funds by fourth-class postmasters to \$211,357.77, making a total of \$163,560.25. This is an increase of at least 15 per cent over 1898. In the money order department the sales of domestic money orders amounted to \$62,815.45, which the war tax amounted to \$216.46. The sale of international money orders, \$2,845.68. Money order funds received from deposit postmasters amounted to \$374,707, making a total business in this department of \$440,633.59, being 12 per cent increase over the previous year. Payment was made on 36,115 domestic money orders, amounting to \$250,221.54, and on 88 international orders, amounting to \$2,338.11. The amount remitted to Chicago was \$191,523.48.

The loss by fire during 1899 was the smallest in years. The report of Fire Chief Bates shows eighty-four fires, with only \$16,000 loss and \$19,000 insurance.

The city was free from crime of a serious nature, although the record shows the usual number of robberies and lesser offenses. The police made 1,441 arrests in 1899, of which the large majority were for the usual everyday offenses. The majority of the money paid from fines and other money paid by prisoners was \$5,350.82.

Prompt Payment of Taxes. The manner in which the taxes were paid is another sure indication that 1899 was a year of prosperity in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie county. The records of County Treasurer Arnd show 15,500 receipts issued, the greatest number in the history of the office in one year. The taxes were paid up better than for many years past, and prompt.

The records in the office of County Recorder Smith show 7,261 instruments filed, while the deeds filed exceeded the number in 1898 by 179. The mortgages filed amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars. A large number of mortgages were filed during the year, especially from farm lands.

Council Bluffs has always had a reputation for being a good place for marrying couples and the record of 1899 is no exception. Clerk of the District Court Reed issued 616 licenses to wed, in a majority of cases to couples living outside of the city and state.

PROMINENT BUSINESS HOUSES

Of the banking institutions in Council Bluffs the First National ranks first in importance. This institution, formerly the Citizens' State bank, purchased the state capital stock of the First National last year and assumed the latter's name January 1, 1899, by which it is now known, and comprises a combination of business men among the most reliable and enterprising citizens here.

The enterprise of its active officers has tended to bring this institution into popular favor. Last year it removed into a new building standing on the corner of Main street and Broadway, making it easy of access to all of its patrons. The new building is one of the finest appointed structures of its kind in the west. The interior workmanship could hardly be improved upon for artistic beauty and convenience. It is up-to-date in all respects. The assets of this concern are over \$2,000,000. During the last year its deposits reached the highest proportions in the history of the bank. Its officers and directors are: President, J. D. Edmundson; Cashier, C. E. Hannan; directors, E. E. Hart, J. V. Hinckman. The bank transacts a general banking business and pays interest on time deposits. Below is a copy of its last official statement at the close of December 31, 1899, which speaks for itself.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$1,248,664.98. United States bonds, at par, 125,700.00. Bonds and other securities, 125,700.00. Banking house, 70,000.00. Real estate, 23,214.67. Cash and U. S. treasury, 66,437.51. Total, \$2,668,727.56.

Capital stock, \$1,000,000.00. Surplus and profits, net, 428,463.13. Circulation, 22,550.00. Time deposits, 1,248,664.98. Sight deposits, 1,375,288.12. U. S. deposits, 65,271.29. Total, \$2,668,727.56.

1876-1900. Mr. Sargent, of the shoe house of B. M. Sargent, says that in 1876 he began his annual year for his business and that the last year's business has been the largest in the history of any one shoe house in the city of Council Bluffs, and as shown by his books there is no doubt of it. Mr. Sargent is not only the oldest shoe man in this city, but also the youngest. In 1876 Mr. Sargent then a boy of 14 years, began work for Martin Van Buren Weeks of Burlington, Vt. After six months, his ability being shown, he accepted a position with Kelsey & Brodie of the same city, where he worked several years, getting a wide experience in the business. He then came to Council Bluffs, where he was employed by Mosley in Boston, acknowledged to be the best shoe store in that city. Here he remained for two years, coming to Omaha in 1881. Mr. J. M. Phillips at that time was running the best shoe store in Council Bluffs. Through the exertions of Sargent, who was also an intimate acquaintance of Mr. Phillips, the position as manager of his retail store was tendered Mr. Sargent and accepted. From that day to this he has been closely identified with the business interests of Council Bluffs. As a salesman and manager he had no equal in the city, as Mr. Phillips' business proved. As a man for himself he has a record of which he should justly feel proud. Starting in a small way as Sargent & Pusey and Sargent & Evans, his business has grown until today he has a capital of \$100,000.00, and that in his line is second to none in the state of Iowa. Mr. Sargent today has the satisfaction of knowing that there is not a shoe house in the city located here when he came. Mr. Sargent's ideas of business are peculiar; first to give the customer what they pay for, and the best to be had for their money. Second, to take advantage of no one and have but one price. He says that any one doing business on these lines will succeed. Another hobby of Mr. Sargent's is, no prison-made goods. He says that he will not sell a pair of shoes that will not offer the suffering that families of shoemakers must endure as a result of cheap labor and penitentiary-made goods. Mr. Sargent's success the past year proves that honesty in business is the best policy. He also says that he has a pair of shoes which cost him \$10.00 and say that they do not use prison-made shoes in his store, which is the best trade on earth. Many improvements were made in the Sargent store building in the past year, the most important of which was the enlargement of the store by fifteen additional feet in the rear, thus affording more floor space and better facilities for displaying goods than any other store in the city.

Oyster and Fish Market. It is truly said that to make success is to earn it. There is no one in Council Bluffs more deserving of the success he has attained than Sullivan. He has established this city one of the best oyster and fish markets to be seen anywhere. During the oyster and fish seasons he keeps a supply sufficient for all demands. He selects his goods with the greatest care, thus securing the best to be had on the market. The leading brands of oysters carried are the famous Herkiss Bay and Solid Packed, which are recognized to have no superiors, even if they can be equalled. Mr. Sullivan's trade has been increasing in all lines and in these two especially, until his name is recognized as the leading oyster and fish market in western Iowa. He expects to redouble his efforts to increase the coming year's business over that of the last and that of 1899 is very satisfactory in all respects.

Musical Instruments. The musical business of Council Bluffs has undergone some important changes during the past year. Among these changes notably is the removal of the Bourgeois Music house from 225 Broadway to its present location, 335 Broadway, only a few doors west of the old place. In its new quarters has been found an elegant home for this favorite music house. It is a large two-story brick and commodious in every department. The Bourgeois Music house, starting fourteen years ago from a small

scale, has been built up by enterprise, honorable dealing and upon the merits of the goods carried. It is today the leading music store in Council Bluffs and western Iowa. The pianos, organs and other instruments handled by the house are of the best make, obtainable and satisfaction is always guaranteed. The high standing of the Bourgeois Music house in this community is a guaranty in itself that the goods handled must sell upon their merits. The business done by this house during the past year attests this fact and each immense proportion in comparison with that of other years. During the year of 1899 it is expected to make a still greater showing, and if enterprise honest goods and fair treatment count, this anticipation will be realized.

The House Furnishers. One of the high standing business houses of Council Bluffs is the Iowa Furniture and Carpet company, 407 Broadway. The proprietors are D. W. Keller and M. Band, both well known to the business men of this city. They opened their store at its present location a little over a year ago. The goods they handle consist of furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains and everything that goes with the carpet business, also stoves, dishes, chinaware, etc. In fact the establishment is a complete house furnishing store and their big success for the last year is due to their skillful buying and the handling of the best goods made. These are sold at very low cash prices and on the easy payment plan. The plan of easy payments has proven to be a boon to many, who were thus enabled to furnish their homes at a moderate cost and even honor their salary was meager, by this means they are now out of debt, own their household goods and are happy. This store carries an immense line of goods and all are treated alike, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, one price to all and that the lowest of any similar concern in the city.

Council Bluffs Real Estate. During the last year for Council Bluffs the real estate for Council Bluffs has reached enormous proportions. It will run up into the millions. The firm of Day & Hess, in the Shuagat block, is one of the oldest and most substantial in the city. The new century opens up to them very bright and their business for the past year has been successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. This firm handles some of the best residence and business property in the city and their farm lands are the choice of the great Missouri valley and the middle west. During the year they have closed out some of the heaviest deals ever consummated in this part of the country and expect a greater result for the coming year. The largest and best business amount for eastern and home cities. Their faith in the building up of this city and the western country is firmer than ever. Those living at a distance, who desire to be put in touch with the best investments to be had in real estate and mortgages, will consult with Day & Hess, by writing or calling on Day & Hess.

A Modern Shoe Store. Success follows enterprise. This has been demonstrated in Council Bluffs beyond a doubt. Attention is called to Hamilton's Shoe house, 412 Broadway. From a small business it has been turned into one of the leading establishments of its kind in the city. This has been accomplished in the face of obstacles that were overcome by the skill, energy and hard work of the proprietor, commenced business at this location a little over a year ago and started with a determination to give the people a first-class shoe store, conducted on straight business principles and by keeping the stock the best grade of shoes, and the best in the country. The business of the past year has grown at a wonderful pace and reached a higher point than was anticipated. It is intended to make the coming year a record breaker and nothing will be left undone to keep the store up to be present and to make such improvements as is warranted by the times.

Blank Books and Binding. The firm of Morehouse & Co., located in the brick block in the east side of the city, is one of the oldest and most reliable book-binding establishments in the west. The firm does a large business in the manufacture of blank books of all descriptions. The year of 1899 was one of the best years of its business career. A number of improvements have been made in this establishment and some of the most modern machinery for turning out work has been added. Mr. E. A. Morehouse, who is at the head of the concern, is classed among our leading young business men who take an active interest in the welfare of the city. The Morehouse concern is known far and wide, owing to enterprising methods and has grown under his management to be an immense enterprise. The work turned out is first-class and gives that satisfaction which tends to increase trade. The establishment employs a good-sized working force of skilled workmen, which is looked upon as the leading industry of western Iowa.

A Big Carpet Store. The carpet store of Treynor & Gorham is the leading carpet store in this city. The goods they carry are of the best weaves and patterns in the country and of the latest designs. They carry an immense stock of carpets, rugs, linoleum, oilcloths, lace curtains, portieres, draperies, etc. The lower story of Old Folgers' temple, the building owned by the firm, is one of the finest business blocks in the city, and one of the most centrally located. The business transacted by this firm during the year just closed has been very satisfactory and the increased volume of the trade of the city and western Iowa. People visiting Council Bluffs should not lose the opportunity of inspecting this store, as the designs and interior decorations of the fine line of goods carried by this firm make a better bow of beauty well worth seeing.

A Model Bakery. Another new institution that has lately opened up for business in this city is Cavalry's Model bakery, 253 Broadway. This establishment is headed by a Council Bluffs young man, Mr. Scott Covatt, who was reared in this city. He is accomplished in his special line and understands the business thoroughly, as is attested by the goods he turns out for his increasing trade. The bakery is centrally located and easy of access to the larger population of the city. Everything in connection with the enterprise is new and of the most modern type. The oven is of a high-grade pattern and the neatness and cleanliness of the surroundings warrants the prediction that a rapid growth in business will be the result.

Men's Furnishing Store. One of the new stores of Council Bluffs that deserve mention is that of Smith & Bradley, the men's furnishing store, 415 Broadway. The proprietors are two bright young, enterprising business men and success has crowned their efforts in giving the city a first-class establishment in that line. The goods kept are of the latest styles and everything is up to date. They have given special attention to the pleasure of the public in its line, enabling the proprietors to hold favor with the most fastidious.

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MAKER OF FISH WAGONS DIES

Titus G. Fish, President of the Manufacturing Company at Clinton, Ia., is Dead.

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Titus G. Fish, founder of the celebrated Fish wagons and president of the Fish Bros. Manufacturing company, died here today, aged 61.

He was born at Scipio, N. Y., and went to Racine, Wis., in 1852, where he started a wagon shop, doing all his own work by hand. He soon took his brother, E. B. Fish, into the firm, and in a few years built up a great factory, which was moved to West Superior, Wis., in 1888.

In 1896 the factory moved to this city, city cars being necessary to move the machinery, where it has been converted to its fullest capacity ever since and is now one of the largest wagon factories in the world, sending its product to all parts of the two continents.

Mr. Fish had other commercial interests in different parts of the country and was one of the most widely known manufacturers in the United States.

Death was due to Bright's disease, from which he had been a sufferer for seven months.

REGIMENT TO AID THE BOERS. Soldiers Said to Be Going from Iowa to Help Colonies to War in South Africa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A special to the Times-Herald from Orange City, Ia., says: An entire regiment of the Dutch colony in this (Sioux) county to join the Boers in the Transvaal.

It is seemingly well-authenticated accounts are to be believed the organizers of the force are not attempting to send the militia to the seat of war at once, but are content to ship them out three or four at a time by different routes.

The recruits were not all gathered in Sioux county, but the money to hire and equip them was all raised in or near Orange City and Sioux Center.

That drilling has been in progress in remote parts of the county for some time is certain, though much secrecy was observed. It is said that only picked men have been accepted.

DEWEY CELEBRATION IN ICE. Hero of Manila to Receive Invitation to Be Guest of St. Paul During Carnival Week.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—Admiral Dewey will be invited to be the guest of St. Paul during carnival week. The Dewey arch and court of honor, that were featured in the New York celebration last September, will be reproduced in ice columns. Through the columns and under the arch the marching clubs will pass to a review of the flagship Olympia, also reproduced in ice. The chief spectacle will be a bombardment of the gallant cruiser.

Within the walls of the frozen ship 300 or 400 men will act the part of crew, from the main behind the gun to the captain on the bridge, each having his part in the vessel's defense by fire.

Land batteries will be erected of the same congealed material to belch forth sky rockets, roman candles and other artillery upon the admiral's vessel. After the battle victory will rest, as it always did, upon the Olympia.

The invitation will be delivered to the admiral at his Washington home on Monday by United States Senator C. K. Davis.

BEN CLOVER KILLS HIMSELF. Former Kansas Congressman Becomes Despondent from Sickness and Poverty.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—Former Congressman Ben Clover committed suicide at his home near Douglas, Butler county, today, by shooting himself. Despondency resulting from sickness and poverty was the cause.

Clover formerly represented the Third district in congress and was among the first to be elected by the famous Farmers' alliance movement.

He won considerable fame by going to sleep during the vote on an important measure in the house, but the incident cost him his place, the populists refusing to renominate him.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER. Fair Monday and Tuesday with Variable Winds Predicted for Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Fair Monday and Tuesday; fair Monday and Tuesday; variable winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Fair, continued cold Monday and Tuesday; fresh to northwest winds for the day.

For Colorado—Fair Monday; colder in eastern portion; Tuesday fair; winds mostly northerly.

For Wyoming—Fair Monday and Tuesday; colder Monday in northwest portion; variable winds.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 31.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Maximum temperature... 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896. Minimum temperature... 3, -9, 16, 49. Average temperature... 37, 41, 41, 42. Precipitation... 7.4, 4.4, 4.2, 2.2.

Record of temperature and precipitation for Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1899:

Normal for the day... 32, 21. Difference for the day... 12, 12. Accumulated excess since March 1, 1899... 24. Normal rainfall for the day... 0.02 inch. Excess for the day... 0.02 inch. Total rainfall since March 1, 1899... 25.96 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1899... 4.2 inches. Deficiency for our period, 1899... 3.8 inches. Deficiency for our period, 1898... 1.4 inches. Deficiency for our period, 1897... 1.4 inches. Deficiency for our period, 1896... 1.4 inches.

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