NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's hotel.

Welsbach burners at Bixby's. Tel. 193.

Budweiser beer L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

Photos, Magarrell & Co., 45 Main street.

Dr. Stephenson, Merriam block. Tel. 399.

New statuary at 333 Broadway. C. E. Alexander & Co.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 22.

Mrs. Charles L. Haas will leave today for a visit with her sister, Miss Babcock, in Chicago.

Ex-Sheriff John S. Morgan, who has been critically ill for several weeks, is reported to be convalescing.

The regular meeting of Fidelity council No. 156, Royal Arcanum, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Forty-seven marriage licenses were issued by the clerk of the district court during the month of February.

Harry M. Hardin, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned to his home in Gretna, Neb., yesterday.

Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D., of New York is in the city, the guest of his brother, E. B. Morehouse, 1009 Fourth avenue.

Thomas Bowman returned yesterday from a pleasure trip to New Orleans, where he attended the Mardi Gras festivities.

Miss Kate Conroy, aged 29 years, died yesterday at St. Bernard's hospital. She came here from Clinton, Ia., where her relatives live.

Emil Gehrman, a prominent citizen of Carson, this county, has been brought to St. Bernard's hospital for treatment for an affection of the brain.

The Merchants' Herald, a monthly publication devoted to the interests of Council Bluffs and vicinity, published by G. D. Woods, has made its initial appearance.

Miss Edna Lester left yesterday for Davenport on a visit of several weeks to friends. She will also visit with Mrs. Hattie DeKay in Rock Island, Ill., before returning.

The regular meeting of Bluffs company No. 27, uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, will be held this evening in Hughes' hall, when every member is requested to be present.

Charley L. Worley, baggageman at the Milwaukee depot, has reported to the police the theft of his overcoat from the baggage room. He missed the garment Wednesday night.

Ham Kautzman, an old-time newspaper man of Council Bluffs, who in the early days published the Beacon in this city, was here yesterday visiting friends. He is now located at Yankton, S. D., where he publishes the Beacon Light.

Mrs. Pearl Vandieve of Crescent City, Ia., died last evening at St. Bernard's hospital of acceptic delirium, aged 23 years. She had been sick but a short time and was taken to the hospital February 22. Notice of funeral will be given later.

Miss Alma Pfeiffer of this city will be married next Sunday to Harry V. Hayward of Omaha. The ceremony will be performed at Grace Episcopal church, Rev. R. Knox officiating. They will take a six weeks' wedding trip in the south.

Herbert Howell, who has been a member of the force in the express office at the Union Pacific transfer for the last eleven years, has resigned to accept the position of traveling passenger agent of the Milwaukee road, with headquarters in Omaha.

The case against W. M. Howells, the Broadway blacksmith arrested on complaint of his wife, who charged him with disturbing the peace of the household, was dismissed in police court yesterday morning and the costs taxed to the prosecuting witness.

G. N. Church and Miss Anna Gascoigne were married yesterday at the home of the bride, 1722 Sixth avenue, Rev. E. W. Erickson, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and a few intimate friends only.

The Redmond company, which is filling a week's engagement at the Dohany theater, played to a large house again last night. The play presented was the comedy drama, "The Strike," which was well staged and was well received. A number of pleasing specialties were given between the acts.

The explosion of a gasoline stove caused about $100 worth of damage yesterday evening at the residence of G. A. Schoedsack at 21 North Twenty-sixth street. The prompt arrival of the fire department prevented what looked for the time like a serious blaze. The damage was confined principally to the walls and ceiling of the kitchen.

J. C. Harrington, arrested two weeks ago on complaint of A. W. [illegible]rney on the charge of assault, was discharged in police court yesterday morning for want of prosecution. The trouble between the two men arose over the arrest of Mrs. Harrington on complaint of Forney, who charged her with the embezzlement of $100.

John Isler, charged with criminal libel, his alleged offense being the posting of an obscene notice in front of Mary Devaney's house, gave himself up to the police yesterday. He was released on his own recognizance to appear in court this morning. Isler was recently discharged from St. Bernard's hospital, where he was treated for neuralgia of the head, and it is believed by the authorities that he is somewhat deranged mentally.

Rev. A. W. Liningham of Red Oak, superintendent for this district of the Iowa Children's Home society, was in the city yesterday to make arrangements for taking care of little Arthur Sims, the young lad who had been abandoned by his father, Harry Sims. He also made arrangements to take care of two little girls, the daughters of John Taylor. Their mother has left her husband and is now living in Little Sioux. The society has found homes for fifteen children from this city within the last twelve months.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Michael Fox and wife to George and Theresa Schroeder, se¼ nw¼, sw¼ ne¼, n½ se and ne¼ se¼ 28-75-42, w d	$ 7,000
Benford Chambers and wife to Mary A. Bigelow, part lot 11, Amos' subdiv 9-77-39, w d	1
Anne Johnson and husband to August Ketelsen, outlots 8 and 9 in official plat, n½ n½ 16-77-38, Walnut, w d	1,300
Heinrich Andresen and wife to Alice R. Longnecker, e½ lot 1, block 1, Noe's add to town of Walnut, w d	900
S. C. Harlow and wife to Annie Poland, w½ sw¼ 22-77-39, s w d	950
Moses F. Price to Fred E. Putnam, part nw¼ 4-74-39, w d	5,000
John Randall and husband to John Johnson, s½ sw¼ 27-77-39, w d	3,000
Margaret Green to August Busse, ne¼ 6-76-41, w d	6,000
George S. Wright to George Henry, lots 28 and 29, block 9, Wright's add, s w d	200
Elizabeth A. Shaw and husband to Samuel and Lizzie May Senior, lot 8 in nw¼ ne¼ and lot 12 in ne¼ ne¼ 29-75-43, w d	1,350
Mary Ann Tyson to Harry Maddocks, part n½ se¼ 24-74-42, q c d	1
Harry Maddocks and wife to Peter Mackeprang, 153 acres in e½ 24-74-42, w d	7,500
David Haines to Thomas Officer and W. H. M. Pusey, part ne¼ se¼ 20-77-43, q c d	1
Seiffert & Wiese Lumber company to James Hunter, lots 5 and 6, block 11, Minden, Ia., s d	500
Same to L. Koch, sr., lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 11, Minden, Ia., w d	2,400
Jennie A. McGinty and husband to Oscar E. Schneider, s½ ne¼ and se¼ nw¼ 21-77-42, w d	4,050
Louis Ritter and wife to E. F. Batty, w½ nw 16-75-41, w d	3,200
Lyman Clark to Walbridge L. Clark, w½ lot 4, block 12, Everett's add, w d	100
Hogan Ouren and wife to William Brosck, e½ se¼ and e½ w½ se¼ 17-74-41, w d	6,720
William H. Brown and wife to E. V. Hort, ne¼ nw¼ and nw¼ ne¼ 34-74-38, w d	2,950
H. L. Robertson and wife to James Delanty, s½ nw¼ 16-77-42, w d	3,400
Soren Willadsen and wife to Jacob Thompson, w½ se¼ 28-77-42, w d	2,200
Nancy I. Cronen and husband to J. E. McGinty and A. A. Dorn, nw¼ 9 and e½ ne¼ 8-77-42, w d	7,200
Total, twenty-three transfers	$67,123

Howell's Anti- Kawf' cures coughs, colds.

FARM LOANS

Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, jr., 126 Main St., Council Bluffs.

DECISION ON OLEOMARGARINE

State Law is Declared Unconstitutional by Judge Thornell.

CASE OF IOWA AGAINST ELI BROWN

Oleo in Question Not Colored to Simulate Regular Dairy Products—Details of the Legal Action.

Judge Thornell of the district court handed down his decision yesterday in the case of the State of Iowa against Eli Brown, sustaining the defendant's demurrer to the indictment. The decision is of more than ordinary importance, as it holds that the state law prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine, the color of which resembles the genuine dairy product of butter, but which has not been purposely colored to imitate butter, is unconstitutional.

Eli Brown, a grocer doing business in this city, was arrested on an information filed before a justice of the peace by State Dairy Commissioner Norton, who charged him with selling and keeping for sale oleomargarine in violation of section 2518 of the code. At the time of the arrest a considerable quantity of the oleomargarine, which was alleged to be colored to imitate pure butter, was seized. Brown waived a preliminary examination and the grand jury returned an indictment.

Section 2518 of the code, for the alleged violation of which Brown was indicted, is as follows:

"No one shall color with any matter whatever any substance intended as a substitute for butter or cheese so as to cause it to resemble true dairy products or combine any animal fat, vegetable oil or other substance with butter or cheese, or combine with any substance whatever, intended as a substitute for butter or cheese, anything of any kind or nature for the purpose or with the effect of imparting to the compound the color of yellow butter or cheese, the product of the milk or cream from cows, or use, solicit orders for delivery, keep for sale or sell any such substance so colored and disguised as a substitute for butter or cheese; but nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the use of salt, rennet or harmless coloring matter in making butter or cheese from such milk or cream."

The case was submitted to Judge Thornell on an agreed statement of facts, which were that the oleomargarine found in Brown's possession and which he kept for sale to his customers was entirely wholesome and contained no coloring matter for the purpose of deceiving his customers and making the goods resemble the true dairy product; that the color of the oleomargarine was due solely to the ingredients used in its manufacture and that nothing contained in it was for the purpose of causing an imitation of dairy butter. The defense demurred to the indictment on the grounds that the section of the code under which it was brought was unconstitutional, inasmuch as it prohibited the sale of a wholesome commercial product.

Judge Thornell in handing down his decision held that while the state undoubtedly had the right to pass laws prohibiting the placing of any substance in oleomargarine for the express purpose of coloring it to simulate the true dairy butter and to prevent winter butter being colored to imitate the summer product, or poor butter being colored to appear like the first-class article, it had not the right to prohibit the sale of a commercial product which is recognized as a good substance for food. The color of the oleomargarine, as it had been agreed in this instance, was natural and not caused by foreign substances for the purpose of imparting a false color. He quoted several decisions of the supreme court of the United States in support of his ruling.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORED DEAD.

Resolutions on D. C. Bloomer's Death by St. Paul's Vestry.

The following resolutions relative to the death of Hon. D. C. Bloomer were adopted yesterday at a meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church:

Whereas, In the providence of Almighty God He has seen fit to receive into paradise the honored and venerable senior warden of St. Paul's parish, Council Bluffs, Dexter C. Bloomer, and

Whereas, For forty years Mr. Bloomer had been a faithful and loyal member of the parish, enjoying the love and esteem of all its members, serving the church in its days of prosperity and adversity and never faltering in the trust confided to him, therefore be it

Resolved, by the rector and vestry of St. Paul's parish, Council Bluffs, That we express our sincere sorrow over his loss to us as a leader and councillor in the affairs of the parish; that we will ever cherish the memory of his faithfulness and devotion to the church and encourage others to emulate his noble example; that as a mark of our respect his pew in the church be properly draped, to remain so until Easter, when the funeral emblem shall be exchanged for symbols of the resurrection, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the surviving members of Mr. Bloomer's family, a copy printed in the daily newspapers and a copy be spread upon the records of the parish.

Davis sells paints.

McPherson to Succeed Woolson.

Advices received here from Washington yesterday are that Congressman Smith McPherson will be appointed federal judge to succeed the late John S. Woolson. This announcement has created no surprise in this city, as it was known from the beginning that if Congressman McPherson elected to have the appointment there would be no obstacle in his way. Mr. McPherson has strongly supported the candidacy of Judge Walter I. Smith of this city for the appointment and the presumption is that failing to secure the support of the other members of the Iowa delegation he has yielded to the pressure of his friends and consented to accept the appointment himself. The same advices intimate that the appointment will not be made for another month or more.

Answer to Slack Peterson.

Judge Thornell has given the Board of Education, as representing the Independent School district of Council Bluffs, until 10 o'clock this morning to file its answer to the petition of Slack Peterson for an injunction to restrain the district from submitting the High school site question to the voters at the coming school election. Attorney I. N. Flickinger, counsel for Peterson, appeared before Judge Thornell yesterday morning and asked for a default in the case, the board having filed no answer. Attorney J. J. Stewart, a member of the board, resisted the application, stating to the court that owing to the illness of President Sims the answer had not been filed, but that one would be entered this morning.

Shepard Wants Treasurership.

W. M. Shepard, who was recommended by C. M. Hart's committee as the republican candidate for the nomination of city assessor, has announced in a public statement that he is not an aspirant for that particular office. Shepard's aspirations lie in the direction of the office of city treasurer, the nomination for which he will seek to secure at the republican city convention. His candidacy for the city treasurership, he says, is at the earnest solicitation of his friends in the party. January 1, 1899, Mr. Shepard completed a six years' tenure of the office of county recorder. Charles W. McDonald, whom the committee selected to head the city ticket, stated that he was not a candidate for mayor, but that he was willing to serve the Fourth ward in the city council.

District Court Doings.

The last jury case of the present term of the district court, that of Mrs. Charles Danther against Swaine & Mauer, was tried yesterday. The plaintiff claimed damages by reason of the defendants taking back a stove on which she had made partial payment. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of $25.15.

This morning Judge Thornell will resume the hearing in the injunction suit of Forrest Smith against the City of Council Bluffs to restrain it from entering into an electric lighting contract with Thomas Bowman.

The motion for a new trial in the suit of Riley Clark against J. E. Hensworth has been withdrawn.

In the suit of M. C. Goodwin against the Omaha Brewing association, the portion of the case referring to the cancellation of the notes asked and the injunction sought was, on motion of the plaintiff, transferred to the equity from the law docket. Judge Thornell declined to transfer the part in which the plaintiff asks for the return of $3,000, which he alleges he paid the defendant association for liquor. The plaintiff then dismissed that portion of his suit on the law docket and at once filed an amendment to the equity suit setting up the same cause as contained in the law action.

Joseph Ford commenced suit against Thomas French to enforce the contract for the sale to him of certain land in the county.

The suits of Ainscow against Zimmerman and Myers against Shepard were dismissed in the superior court yesterday at plaintiff's cost.

Defaults were taken in the foreclosure suit of Alamanda Irvine against Rena Knepher and in the suit of William White against Mrs. Annie James.

Mr. Bloomer's Will.

The will of the late Dexter C. Bloomer was filed for probate yesterday in the office of the clerk of the district court. The instrument is dated November 28, 1899, and by it Mr. Bloomer leaves the bulk of his property to his adopted children, Edward D. Bloomer and Mrs. Mary A. Streight. He provides for a number of small legacies to his brothers and other relatives. St. Paul's church is remembered by a gift of $500. His private library, with the exception of 100 books, which he gives to his adopted son and niece, Jennie Irvine, is bequeated to the public library of this city. He also makes a request that his diaries, which he kept for a long number of years, be deposited in the public library. J. D. Edmundson and E. E. Hart of this city are named as executors without bond.

Monument to Soldiers.

At the meeting yesterday of the Council Bluffs Sanitary Woman's Relief commission it was decided to raise a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to the members of Company L, Fifty-first Iowa volunteers, who lost their lives in the Philippines. To raise this fund a series of entertainments will be given, the first to be a grand military ball which, it is proposed, according to the present plans, to give on the night of April 26, the anniversary of the day that the company left this city for Des Moines. The commission has in its hospital fund about $100 which, if not needed, will be turned into the monument fund. The following were appointed a committee to take charge of the matter: Mesdames Edson and Compton and Miss O'Donnell.

Poverty Ball.

Rags and tatters and faded calico dresses were the order of things at the "Poverty Ball" given last night by the members of Court council, Independent Order of Foresters, in their hall in the Brown block. The affair attracted a large gathering and the extremes to which some of the guests went to carry out the idea of it being a poverty ball created no end of merriment. A good program of dances and excellent music helped to complete one of the most successful social happenings of the season. The committees in charge were: Arrangements—Thomas Q. Anderson, Harvey De Long, Frank Elgan, Frank Norman, A. C. Hammond. Reception—John H. Taber, John W. Ferrier, James P. Hendricks, W. F. Kemp. Floor—Frank Norman, Ray Cook, Clyde Embrey, Frank C. Smith, Charles Gray.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
J. M. Dooley, Council Bluffs	23
Ida May Reber, Council Bluffs	20
G. N. Church, Council Bluffs	23
Anna Gascoigne, Council Bluffs	20
Donald Kemp, Omaha	49
Mrs. Mary A. Jerrics, Omaha	39

Iowa Company Incorporates.

RED OAK, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—The Kretchner Manufacturing company is a new corporation organized in Red Oak this week. The new company has a capital stock of $25,000, of which $18,000 is paid up. The incorporators are: B. B. Clark, F. M. Byrkit, C. F. Clarke, A. C. Hinshman, George Palmer, S. G. Heneman, M. Chandler, G. Holmes Taylor, H. C. Houghton, E. Kretchner and W. N. Maloney. The business of the new concern will be to manufacture beehives and bee supplies and wood and steel tanks.

Iowa News Notes.

Four hundred and ninety patents were issued to residents of Iowa during the last year.

The Independence electric light plant, owned by the municipality, last year yielded a net profit of $1,656.12.

John Walthall, who lives near Iowa Falls, had both hands mutilated by the explosion of some dynamite which he was handling.

The canvassing committee of the Grand Army of the Republic has raised $2,340 at Dubuque for the coming state encampment.

Floyd county will vote on the question of uniformity of text books in the county schools at the approaching school elections.

On account of the failure to certify the tax levy the town of Riverdale in Washington county finds itself without funds for the current year.

Major W. R. Graham of Cedar Falls, who has been in the military service in Cuba, has been appointed paymaster for the army in the Philippines.

The Mitchell County Anti-Horsethief association has $1,632.76 in its treasury, but no thieves. It therefore proposes to use the money to establish a hospital.

The 2-year-old child of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rose of Sabula thrust a small porcelain button into its nose and the child had to be taken to Chicago to have it removed.

Mrs. Martin Hensgar of Clarion committed suicide by hanging. She was despondent over leaving her old home, which had been sold with the intention of moving to Minnesota.

The Illinois Central railroad officials assert that 500 tons of coal got away are stolen from the company in Waterloo and they propose to see if a stop cannot be put to the practice.

Miss Page, daughter of Frank Page of Washington, was terribly burned by an explosion of gunpowder which she unintentionally put in the stove while cleaning up things preparatory to moving.

The drug stores of Clarinda have given up their liquor permits. The temperance element has made it so warm for violators of the law that the druggists do not propose to be caught even in a technical violation.

HUNTERS MUST BE LICENSED

Sports Visiting Iowa Will Give Ten Dollars to Each County Visited.

LEGISLATURE ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT GAME

Committee Appointed to Correct Evils in Office of Printer and Binder—Iowa House and Senate Spend a Dull Day.

DES MOINES, March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The legislative sessions were tame today compared with the last week. Several measures of more or less importance were brought to a vote and a number of important questions were made special orders in the house for next week, but otherwise the sessions were dull.

Among the measures adopted today is the hunters' license bill, which passed the senate after going through the house several days ago. The measure is one of the most important which will become a law at this session. It was endorsed by the state fish and game warden in his annual report and recommended by the governor in his biennial message. It prohibits any nonresident sportsman coming into Iowa to kill game without taking out a license of $10 in each county in which he proposes to hunt. There was an effort to make the $10 fee cover the state, but this was defeated.

State Office Correction.

The house took an important action in view of the active controversy which has been pending over the abolition of the offices of state printer and binder, by adopting a resolution offered by Dunham to have the house printing committee frame a bill correcting as far as possible the evils which now exist in the offices of printer and binder.

The resolution by Lyman, offered yesterday along the same lines, was made a special order for next Wednesday in the house.

The one school normal bill will come up as a special order next Tuesday, and the anti-pass bill, on which a motion to reconsider has been filed, will be re-voted on Wednesday. Equal suffrage has been made a special order for Thursday next.

The bill by Miller of Fayette, for teaching the elements of vocal music in all the public schools of the state, passed the house by a vote of 66 to 19. An amendment by Eaton, carried with it, provided that instruction for the teaching of music be given in the state normal institutes. The bill does not go into effect until July, 1901, in order that the teachers may have time for preparation. It provides that while all teachers must be qualified to teach the elements of music, no one shall be disqualified because of an inability to sing.

The bill for which the veterinary surgeons have been working for some time passed the house by a vote of 77 to 8. It provides for the establishment of a board of three examiners to issue certificates giving license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry. All veterinarians who have practiced for five years in the state or are graduates of veterinary colleges or departments shall be granted a license when the law goes into effect.

Quiet Afternoon Session.

An afternoon session was held by the senate today to clean up the calendar of a large number of measures which are upon it. But nothing was done except to kill a measure, by Healy, proposing to make recorded liens and liens created by written instruments take priority over liens for labor. There was an extended discussion upon the question and the vote was close, resulting 18 to 26. Another bill, by Healy, involving the same principle, relating to preferred claims for settlement of insolvent estates, was also killed.

At the same session a motion was voted down to adjourn from Friday noon to Monday afternoon in order to give the legislators an opportunity to take a junket to the Boys' Industrial school at Eldora. The disposition among the members is to keep religiously at work and complete their tasks as soon as possible, but even with hard work it is not believed the adjournment can be taken earlier than the first of April, if not ten days later.

The bill for the establishment of an institution for the care of dipsomaniacs, inebriates and those addicted to excessive use of narcotics was introduced by Stratton. Such persons are now cared for at hospitals for the insane and the bill suggests the conversion of the Knoxville School for the Blind into such an institution.

Sauer introduced a bill asking an appropriation of $1,000 for the establishment of a rescue home at Dubuque, and a bill by Santee asks an appropriation of the same amount for the women's and babies' home at Sioux City.

Another bill to prohibit traveling salesmen soliciting orders for intoxicating liquors was introduced by Campbell.

Lyman introduced a measure to raise the age under which sheep are exempt from taxation from six months to one year.

DEADLOCK IN CONFERENCE

Miners and Operators at Des Moines Fail to Agree on a Scale of Wages.

DES MOINES, March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—No agreement has yet been reached by the joint conference of the scale committee of the miners and operators, and tonight it seems as if the committees would be at deadlock for some time to come.

The conference proper between the miners and the operators is still adjourned, awaiting the report of the secretary of the conference scale committees. In the meantime the miners in the southern district of Iowa are in trouble and 1,500 miners are out and will remain idle until some settlement is reached. Their contracts ran out a month before the contracts of the other districts and they are out on a strike awaiting developments.

No kind of a compromise could be put into effect and today the men in that district walked out. Both sides are standing firm.

The operators say they cannot afford to grant the scale that the miners ask, and say if they did so the miners of Missouri and Kansas would be able to deliver coal in Iowa cheaper than the Iowa mines can, because of the differential in freight rates. They say that the raise the miners ask would hurt the coal business of Iowa. On the other hand, the miners say that the scale must be granted or all of the mines of Iowa will close. The situation is becoming serious.

The new saloon petition will be canvassed by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 12. The former petition, filed December 30, is set for Wednesday, March 14, and the canvass of the new one first precludes the board canvassing the other on the 14th, according to the statute.

The Board of Supervisors met today and discussed the new consent petition which was filed Wednesday afternoon by the saloon people. Its filing brings in intricate legal problems before the board and it was necessary to adjourn until legal advice could be secured.

At the session today two resolutions were offered containing exactly opposite plans of action, one presented by E. B. Evans for the anti-saloon people and the other by E. T. Morris, for the saloon people. As usual, the two factions take directly opposite views and both threaten the board and each other with action in the district. The anti-saloon people contend that the board has no right to recognize the new petition filed Wednesday; that it has already begun the canvass of the one filed at Des Moines December 30. The saloon people contend they did not file the former petition, had nothing to do with it when the board commenced its canvass and that the new petition must be substituted therefor.

BOER WAR FUND RETURNED

Iowa People Not Successful in Reaching Paul Kruger with Results of Subscription List.

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A large Boer war fund which was recently sent by J. W. Hinchon of Algona by United States postal money order to Paul Kruger at Pretoria has been returned by the Postoffice department with the statement that the department could not certify the order for payment either in the Free State or the Transvaal.

The action of the department is of a far-reaching interest to Boer sympathizers all over the United States, whose sympathy is taking the form of money contributions, showing that it is not an easy matter to send money to a country which is engaged in war.

Some time since the State department announced that money could be sent to the belligerents for the purpose of furnishing aid for the sick and wounded or for other purposes of a similar character without violating the laws of neutrality. The people of Algona, where pro-Boer sentiment exists, acting in good faith upon this announcement, raised a fund, which was forwarded to its destination in the manner mentioned.

The action of the postoffice officials would indicate that the department has reconsidered its decision and it will be exceedingly difficult in the future to forward money which has been raised for the Boers.

Mr. Hinchon now has the money on his hands and is corresponding with the State department in order to discover some means by which the money may be sent without violating the neutrality laws.

GUEST MURDERED AT DANCE

William Halloway of Bussey, Ia., Shot by Miner in a Quarrel at Weir City.

BUSSEY, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—A shocking tragedy occurred at Weir City, a coal mining suburb one mile south of Bussey, between the hours of 11 and 12 last night. A dance was in progress in the house of a young miner named John Davis and several young men from Bussey were in attendance.

William Halloway, son of Dr. J. G. Halloway of Bussey, got into an altercation with Davis and was ejected from the house. It is stated that Halloway started in again with a knife in his hand and that Davis drove him out with a stick of wood. Davis is said to have then got his rifle and taken up a position to guard the door, and when Halloway again appeared in range Davis fired. Halloway turned half way around and then fell, expiring almost immediately and without uttering a word after being shot.

The ball passed through his left arm, striking the body near his suspender buckle and passing through the body in a slightly downward course.

The coroner was summoned and held an inquest over the remains this morning. Sheriff Davis came down from Knoxville and arrested the murderer, who readily gave himself up.

Davis is the man who was suspected by many of being guilty of the murder of Dan McCarty of Marysville some years ago, but no proof was ever found against him.

CELEBRATE IN THEIR OLD AGE.

Long Life Becoming Common Mark of Sibley Citizens.

SIBLEY, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Last evening the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. S. Van Norman was publicly celebrated. Rev. C. W. Barnes, their pastor, read a clever original poem. Dr. Wilder was toastmaster, and lively responses to toasts were made by Messrs. Aupperle, Miller and Glover. One hundred and twelve guests partook of a fine supper provided by Mr. Van Norman in the spacious dining room of the Methodist church. A purse containing $100 in gold was handed the couple, who were united in new matrimonial bonds by Rev. Mr. Barnes.

They are the fifth Sibley couple to celebrate golden wedding anniversaries, the others being: Messrs. and Mesdames Robinson, Cole, Baird and Fairbrother.

Mr. Van Norman's sister, Mrs. John S. Smith of Elmira, N. Y.; his daughters, Mrs. Stage of Coffeyville, Kan., and Mrs. Kramer of Little Rock, Ia., were present.

Sibley bids fair to have a centenarian. Mr. William Miller, formerly of Lafayette, Ind., who resides here with his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Smith, enters upon his 100th year the 15th of this month.

Smallpox Scare Causes Trouble.

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—Considerable feeling has developed among a number of citizens of this city in regard to the alleged smallpox scare here. It is openly stated by many that the facts have been greatly exaggerated, in order that the people might be frightened into a vaccination epidemic. A number of prominent citizens have refused to permit their children to be vaccinated, thereby defying the rules of the School Board, which requires that each child shall show a certificate of vaccination from some physician before the child will be permitted to attend school. As a result of this action several hundred children were taken from the schools this week. The matter culminated today in a strong protest made by a number of the leading business men of the city who published a card in a local paper stating over their signatures that none of the so-called cases of smallpox had been sick enough to be confined in bed, and requesting a more rigid investigation of the disease. In this statement it is asserted that Mrs. Zack Hurley, said to be the most virulent case, has been able to do her housework during the time of her supposed illness.

Interest in New Railroad.

FORT DODGE, March 1.—(Special.)—The towns along the proposed line of the new Fort Dodge & Southeastern railway are evincing much interest in that enterprise. The Commercial club of Marshalltown has taken the matter up with Traffice Manager Clark of the Iowa Central and has given assurance to the projectors of the road in this city of their hearty co-operation in pushing the matter to a successful issue. The citizens of the town of Duncombe held a meeting recently and appointed a committee to confer with the officers of the new road to ascertain what inducements would be necessary to secure the line for their city. They have already indicated their willingness to vote a 5 per cent tax to the proposed road. The officers of the line, however, have deferred definite action until the completion of the preliminary survey. The head officials of the Iowa Central road are expected to arrive in this city within a week to make a trip over the proposed route from Fort Dodge to Story City, where it will connect with their line.

Accident Results Fatally.

HARLAN, Ia., March 1.—(Special.)—Monday afternoon Mr. William Carter attempted to carry a heavy piece of furniture upstairs at his home east of Corley. The stairs were unusually steep and when about halfway up he lost his balance and fell backward, striking in such a way that he sustained a fracture at the base of the brain. Physicians were summoned, but nothing could be done. He died Wednesday evening without having regained consciousness.

Mr. Carter was 68 years old. He was a soldier in the civil war. He leaves a large family. He was a pioneer in Shelby county.

Girl Commits Suicide.

FORT MADISON, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Hazel Rogers, aged 12 years, deliberately shot herself to death this morning with a revolver, placing the weapon against her breast and sending the bullet through her heart. She was a bright and popular child, and no cause is known for the deed, except a childish love affair. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rogers, highly respected citizens, and has always advanced in her classes. Just before breakfast the child went to her mother's room and procured the revolver from its hiding place, took it to her own room and committed the deed. The powder set fire to her clothing, which was still burning when her horrified parents reached her. She died almost instantly.

Iowa Man Killed in South.

ADEL, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Joe Payne, ex-sheriff of Dallas county, was killed in Welch, La., yesterday by a train. A telegram announcing the news was received here by relatives this morning. No particulars of the accident are given. Payne went to the south about three weeks ago, intending to make an extended visit there to cover the remainder of the winter.

Charge Secretary with Crime.

WATERLOO, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A. I. Breckenridge, for several years secretary of the Perpetual Building and Loan association, has been arrested, charged with embezzlement. The shortage is nearly $20,000. Wine and women are alleged to be the cause of his downfall.

COMPANY PAYS TO STATE

Henderson-Ames Company Gives Up Money Alleged to Have Been Received Through Fraud.

DETROIT, Mich., March 1.—The Henderson-Ames company of Kalamazoo, dealers in military clothing and supplies, has paid over to Attorney General Oren $12,347.78, which amount the company acknowledges belongs to the state on account of moneys received by the company in the alleged fraudulent sale and repurchase of clothing by the military board.

The attorney general in return gave a receipt which expressly states that the state waives no right of suing for the balance of the $43,000 claimed to have been lost through the alleged fraud, nor of prosecution of members of the military board, who are alleged to be responsible therefor.

Lutz Murders Relations.

CHICAGO, March 1.—William Lutz shot and fatally injured his brother and instantly killed the latter's wife in the offices of the Acme Copying company this afternoon.

Kansas Notes and Comment.

Kansas will have eighty-four delegates in the populist national convention.

A $10,000 gymnasium is a coming feature of the Emporia State Normal school.

The populists expect to begin their campaign with $25,000 in the hands of the state committee.

An Iola family sold a horse in order to raise the cash with which to pay the town tax on three dogs.

J. W. Robinson of Eldorado is the owner of the largest farm in Kansas. He has 95,500 acres under cultivation.

Horsebuyers are advertising for 500 Kansas horses from fourteen to fifteen hands high for mounted infantry and cavalry service in the Transvaal.

An Indian couple near Coffeyville adopted the ways of the white man before acquiring his language and got a divorce. The groom was 104 and the bride 90.

Saline county's poultry output in 1898 is valued at $1,076,223.12 and on top of this it is claimed that nuggets of gold are found in the gizzards of Saline county turkeys.

In Clark county English sparrows are destroying the buds of fruit trees and farmers are trying to get the county commissioners to offer a reward for the destruction of the birds.

It is claimed that Dr. John P. Wood of Coffeyville is the oldest practicing physician in the United States. He is over 90 years old and has been practicing medicine for seventy-six years.

Kansas has 807 newspapers. Of these 51 are dailies, 619 weeklies, 3 semi-weeklies, 103 monthlies, 1 bimonthly, 19 quarterlies and 8 occasionals. The list does not include Frank Jarrell's "Knocker," as it is not born yet.

The Kansas grand lodge of United Workmen is in session at Topeka. The report of the grand recorder shows 355 lodges January, 1900, with a total membership of 31,734, a net gain of 5,055 during the year, and that there was paid to beneficiaries $502,969.68.

The 640 acres left of the Severy ranch were sold last week by Major Hood to Dr. Beihler of Dickinson county. The price paid was $16,000. During boom times the Severy ranch was one of the finest to be found in Kansas. It comprised 3,840 acres and was valued at $120,000.

The Kansas grain dealers and millers will meet at Concordia March 7. After the meeting at least 250 of the members of the state association will take an excursion to the south, which may be extended to Mexico. Eight Pullman cars have been secured for the trip.

Kentucky is not the whole thing. There are feuds in western Kansas. The county clerk of Stanton county is postmaster at Johnson City and runs a store in connection with his two offices. Right across the space that was once a street in the town the county treasurer also has a little store and he hates the postmaster enough to get his mail at Edwin, nine miles away.

Missouri and Missourians.

Wakenda is without a colored citizen.

Nodaway county has an assessed valuation of $9,554,363.

The people of Clay county have decided they do not want a new jail.

Doctor Green, president of William-Jewell college at Liberty, is making an effort to break up the Greek fraternities. The students threaten to leave the college if the fight is continued.

A Clinton man has made and sold 350 dozen ax handles during the winter.

A young woman at Sedalia has a cotton quilt that contains 15,360 pieces, each piece being five-eighths of an inch square.

An orchard near Mayview was ruined last week by thoughtless boys who set fire to the grass in order to smoke the rabbits out.

Last week a Lafayette county man chopped down a big tree near Greenton and in its fall it broke the guy rods of a $2,000 iron bridge and caused it to fall into the Sni.

J. Richard Barthel, a recluse who recently died at St. Louis, left an estate of nearly $1,000,000. Since 1842 he never passed outside of the limits of that city, never boarded a train, nor attended a place of entertainment.

The good feeling between the blue and the gray was well illustrated in Springfield a few days ago. At a banquet given by Campbell camp, Confederate Veterans, the heroes of the Grand Army were the guests of honor.

Obstinate Diseases

Of Men and Women Drugs Cannot Cure—They Oppose Nature at Every Turn—Dr. Bennett's Electric Belt Represents Years of Study and a Cure is Guaranteed.

If you suffer from any weakness peculiar to men—one of the disorders, the direct result of youthful indiscretion or excess in later years—the very worst possible thing you can do is to put drugs into your stomach. The medicines all doctors use for these diseases—morphine, damiana, cantharides, strychnia, phosphorus, etc.—are deadly poisons—they stimulate or deaden—they cannot cure. There are a great many more drug wrecks than alcoholic wrecks. I am telling you the truth—no one can deny it. I offer you the natural remedy for all weak men and women—ELECTRICITY—and I absolutely guarantee a perfect cure where the Electricity is applied by the greatest of remedial agents—

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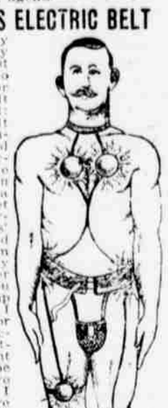

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