

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass. "Mr. Riley," 5-cent cigar. Lefert, 25c. Tests eyes free. Mrs. Kistrom and girls at Kirby's.

RECEIVERS TO WIND UP BANK

Death of Thomas Officer and Illness of Mr. Pusey Renders it Necessary.

NO DOUBTS REGARDING ITS SOLVENCY

Large Amount of Real Estate Owned by It Will Necessitate Considerable Time Being Taken to Close Up Its Affairs.

John Berenstein and Louis F. Murphy were last evening appointed by Judge Macy of the district court receivers of the private banking firm of Officer & Pusey of this city.

In applying for the appointment of a receiver Charles Officer, as administrator of the estate of the late Thomas Officer, stated that the estate had a large amount of property which was liable for the debts of the firm and that the surviving partner, W. H. M. Pusey, was prostrated by the death of Mr. Officer and not in a physical condition to undertake the task of liquidating the affairs of the bank.

Yesterday morning a notice was posted on the door of the bank, which was closed, to the effect that owing to the death of Thomas Officer and the consequent dissolution of the firm of Officer & Pusey it was necessary that the business of the firm be closed and liquidated and that the business would be closed up by W. H. M. Pusey, the surviving partner.

A report was in circulation yesterday morning that the Officer family interest in the banking firm was to be purchased by Frank Pusey, son of the surviving partner. No information as to the correctness of this report could be secured, as the doors of the bank were kept locked all day and none of the members of the family were accessible. It was known, however, that a conference was held last night at the residence of the Pusey and Officer families and that it was only when no agreement could be reached satisfactory to both parties that recourse was had to the courts and receivers appointed.

The banking firm of Officer & Pusey was established in 1857 and it is said that the firm is entirely solvent and will be able to pay out dollar for dollar. On the first of the year the firm made a statement showing the assets consisting of real estate, in transit, \$165,500; bills receivable, \$235,000; bonds, stocks, etc., \$50,000; total assets outside of United States bonds, \$450,000. The statement of liabilities shows the deposits of all kinds to aggregate \$415,000.

Charles T. Officer, eldest son of the late Thomas Officer, was appointed administrator of his father's estate yesterday morning, his bond being fixed in the sum of \$20,000. The amount being less than otherwise would have been, as the administrator is responsible as such only for the personal property of the deceased, exclusive of the assets of the bank.

The bank was closed on the afternoon of Mr. Officer's death and arrangements were made with the First National bank to take care of the checks issued by its depositors. This arrangement lasted until Saturday morning last, when the firm took up the checks cashed by the First National bank. The arrangement for business Saturday afternoon, but owing to the prostration of Pusey did not open its doors yesterday morning.

Owing to the amount of real estate held by the bank it is expected that it will take several years to wind up the affairs of the firm.

HIGH SCHOOL SITE LAYS OVER.

Board of Education Lets the Matter Rest Pending President's Return.

Real Estate Transfers.

Our Patent Kid Shoes.

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South Omaha News.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Education held last night a contract was entered into with P. J. Buck for the erection of a four-room school building to cost \$10,120 on the present site of the Corriaga school. The contractor is expected to complete the building by January 1. Secretary Brennan strongly objected to contracting for this building at this time. He doubted whether a contract would be legal in view of the complications now involving the board of the board.

Dr. Wolfe reported the total enrollment now at 3,551. This is an increase of 250 pupils over the corresponding time last year. The superintendent called attention to the fact that the West Side school now leads in point of enrollment, having 500 pupils yesterday. Hawthorne follows with 460 scholars. Both schools are overcrowded.

President Page of the Southwest Side Improvement club appeared before the board with a statement regarding the lack of funds in the Cornish school. Some of the children have to walk a mile, he said, without sidewalks and he asked that the board request the council to secure more sidewalks. He also asked that two grades be added to the school.

The resignation of Miss Belle Parkhurst and Miss Myrtle DeGraft were accepted. Six pianos for use in the larger schools were rented of an Omaha firm. Miss Mary Reed was placed on the assigned list.

Miss Leona Johnson is to receive a certificate of the strength of her county certificate. This action was taken under a suspension of the rules.

T. W. Blackburn, representing a typewriter supply company, suggested a compromise of the litigation involving five typewriters purchased a year ago. He stated in a case pending in the district court and that for a speedy settlement his clients would take \$300. This kind of a settlement was agreed upon.

City Council Meets.

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Police Judge King reported that during the month of August 174 cases were tried before him and that \$1319 was paid in fines.

The bonds of City Prosecutor Murphy, a policeman or two and a couple of householders were read and referred to an application for a liquor license and this went to the license committee.

File suggested that the fire and water companies secure orders for a hose wagon and purchase 300 feet of hose and this was ordered done. It is thought that the new hose wagon will cost about \$600.

Councilman Martin wants the street railway company to place wooden guards alongside of the rails on the Q street viaduct, a question of a short time when the city clerk was ordered to notify the street car company to make the improvement.

Only one ordinance came up for first reading and that was establishing the grade in the alley between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets and G and H streets. No ordinances were passed and after a few resolutions for street repairs were passed the body adjourned for one week.

Viaduct Needs Strengthening.

The condition of the Q street viaduct is causing some comment. Conductors on the through motor trains say that when their cars are loaded the bridge sways and trembles and it is asserted that it is only a question of time when the running of motors across the bridge will have to be stopped. At the time when the franchise for running cars on West Q street was granted by the council the city engineer reported that the bridge would support the running of one car, but in his opinion two cars would be too much weight. In this franchise the city agreed to keep the bridge in repair without expense to the street car company. This was done in order to secure the extension of the car service, which was demanded by residents of the Third and Fourth wards. It is asserted that the spans across the tracks are secure enough, but that portion of the bridge built upon piling at the west end is weak. Some arrangements for strengthening this portion of the bridge may be made by the city officials. Under the present law the railroad company is compelled to keep the bridge in repair and a request will doubtless be made to have additional piling and heavier timbers placed under the west approach.

Concerning Mud Creek.

meeting for the election of new members will be held at Illness's hall next Sunday afternoon, when it is expected that there will be a large attendance. Several speakers will be present to talk on the issues of the day and a number of candidates will be given an opportunity of meeting the members of the club.

Hospital Donations.

Mrs. D. L. Holmes, president of the South Omaha Hospital association, desired to return thanks to quite a number of merchants of this city for groceries, meat, drugs, etc., furnished the hospital during the months of July and August. The cash contributions amounted to \$30.50.

In addition to these contributions the hospital received about \$50 from the ball game played Saturday afternoon between the lawyers and real estate men. Mrs. Holmes, as president, extends the thanks of the association to the players and also to those who purchased tickets.

Death of a Pioneer.

Rudolph Hartz died at Hastings last Friday and his remains were taken to Davenport, Ia., for interment. The deceased came to South Omaha in the early days and established himself in the boot and shoe business. About two years ago his mind gave way and he was taken to Hastings for treatment. He carried insurance in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. At one time Mr. Hartz was a candidate for city treasurer, running against Tom Geary. He was always well thought of here and especially among the Germans, who will greatly regret his demise.

Music City Tossup.

The Norwegian Republican club will meet Wednesday night at Frank's hall. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jennings, Twenty-fifth and I streets, report the birth of a son.

Mrs. S. C. Shrivley has returned from Fremont, where she spent a week visiting friends.

Prof. H. Garlow of Deadwood and a former South Omaha boy, has been for a few days.

Mr. Carl Spidman of Burton, Neb., is the guest of Mrs. E. W. Wilson, Twenty-fourth and J streets.

Reports at the stock yards continue satisfactory and local merchants say that business is improving.

Fred Rush and John Tandberg, suspicious characters colored on their bond of \$100 each, forfeited the bond yesterday.

Tom and Verne Havens have returned from the west, where they spent the summer with surviving parties.

Spontaneous combustion caused a fire at the home of Paul Patisson, Thirty-second and J streets, yesterday. Loss about \$15. A rally of the Third ward republicans will be held at Illness's hall, Twenty-eighth and J streets, this evening. Everyone is invited.

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