NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs
Stockert sells carpets and rugs.
Mets beer at Neumayer's hotel.
Drs. Green, office 308 Bapp block.
Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.
Wollman, scientific optician, 59 Broadway.
Dr. Stephenson, Baldwin block. Elevator.
Pictures for wedding gifts. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Broadway.
Missouri oak body wood, $3.50 cord. Wm. Welch, 23 N. Main st. Tel. 123.

Lily Camp Aid society will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smith, Stutsman street.

Council Bluffs lodge No. 849, Bankers' Union of the World, will install officers in Marcus' hall tonight.

Fred H. Dean and Ida M. Hess, both of Omaha, were married in this city yesterday, by Justice Ferrier.

Judge Smith McPherson and wife of Red Oak were in this city yesterday to attend the Stewart-Kountz wedding in Omaha.

W. H. Brady, while intoxicated, smashed out a window in a Broadway saloon and was arrested for being drunk and disturbing the peace.

Harmony chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will install officers in Masonic hall tonight. The installation will be followed with a musical program.

Lost, gold fob locket, elk's head, diamond between horns, monogram "C. F. P. P.," letters entwined on reverse side. Reward offered. Leave at Bee office.

Sylvester Strickler, charged with the theft of an overcoat from W. E. Cullom, was discharged in police court yesterday morning on motion of the assistant county attorney.

County Treasurer Arnd will attend the annual meeting of the State County Treasurers' association in Des Moines January 28. G. W. Eakle of Marion is president and C. H. Smith of Marshalltown secretary.

Creditors of E. N. Brown, who was committed Sunday to St. Bernard's hospital, have closed his store at 331 Broadway. Edward N. Brown was the original "C. O. D." Brown and formerly conducted a store in Omaha.

Stephen J. Hagan and Miss Nellie Beecroft were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beecroft, North First street, by Rev. W. S. Barnes of the First Presbyterian church.

Frank Gibbs, solicitor for an art journal, under arrest for alleged obtaining of money under false pretenses, furnished bail yesterday in $500 and was released from the county jail. His preliminary hearing will be Friday before Justice Bryant.

Judge Thornell yesterday approved the sale by Receivers Beresheim and Murphy of the Officer & Pusey bank of lot 9 in block N, Curtis & Ramsey's addition, to S. G. Underwood for $2,050. The appraisers placed a value of $2,000 upon the property.

William E. Stone, who lives with his father on a farm in Silver Creek township, was committed to St. Bernard's hospital yesterday by the Commissioners for the Insane. He is 23 years of age and for fourteen years has been subject to epileptic fits.

Schedule of the liabilities of Myers Pearlman of the Novelty Cloak store was filed in the bankruptcy proceedings brought against him by his creditors in the federal court. The schedule shows 107 creditors whose claims aggregate $16,301. It is understood the creditors are trying to effect a settlement on a 30 or 40 per cent basis.

Nels Sorensen was arrested yesterday evening on an information filed in Justice Bryant's court, charging him with the betrayal of Amelia Negethon. Both live in West Council Bluffs, on the Nebraska side of the river, where young Sorenson is engaged in the dairy business. He was committed to the county jail in default of $1,000, which he expects to be able to furnish today.

Three new cases of smallpox in families already quarantined were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. They are: Lizzie Anthony, in Jones family, 915 Avenue I, and Martin Hinkel and baby, 901 North Eighth street. The entire Hinkel family, consisting of man, wife and two children, are now down with the disease. Quarantine was released on the Wheeler family, rear of 714 West Broadway and Duquette family, 1916 Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wright died Tuesday night at her home in Hazel Dell township of paralysis, caused by pneumonia. She was 80 years of age and had been a resident of Hazel Dell township forty years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. B. Smith and Mrs. M. G. Duncan, and three sons, W. H., George and F. J. Wright. The funeral will be Friday noon from the Grange church and burial will be in the Grange cemetery.

Robert H. Kern of St. Louis has filed in the federal court his final report as special master in chancery showing the disposition of the funds received by the sale of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad. Of the $50,000 received in cash $48,486.84 has been disposed of under orders of the court, leaving a balance of $1,614.16 in the special master's hands. He asks that he be allowed $3,500 for his services in conducting the sale of the road and $150 expenses.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Lewis West and wife to Frank Jones, 1 acre in se¼ se¼ 33-77-44, s. w. d.	$ 50
Charles Casson and wife to Joe Casson, s½ se¼ 27-74-41, w. d.	3,000
Charles Casson and wife to Walter Casson, s½ ne¼ 27-74-41, w. d.	3,000
J. W. Squire and wife to Matilda Dunn, lot 5, block 11, Williams' 1st add, w. d.	800
Arthur B. Sweeting and wife to Joel H. Mayne, lot 22, Glendale extension, w. d.	137
Julian Lever and wife to Annie Young, lot 14, block 21, Ferry add, w. d.	100
Mathias Kuhl to Richard Winter and Dora Schmidt, s½ se¼ and se¼ sw¼ 36-74-43, w. d.	4,800
Henry B. Thomas and wife to Harry P. Thomas, w½ nw¼ 27-75-42, w. d.	850
Total, eight transfers	$12,737

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Charles Chambers, Armour, Ia.	22
Laura M. Kisler, Armour, Ia.	18
Joseph Wong, Waverly, Neb.	43
Ida E. Poffenberger, Lincoln, Neb.	31
Fred H. Dean, Omaha	31
Ida M. Hess, Omaha	29
R. Lee McMullen, Crescent, Ia.	25
Lella M. Kemp, Crescent, Ia.	18
Arthur Mowery, Council Bluffs	21
Nora Kearns, Council Bluffs	16
S. J. Hagans, Omaha	24
Nellie B. Beecroft, Council Bluffs	20

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Colds weaken the lungs, lower the vitality and pave the way for catarrh, pneumonia and consumption.

Look around you at the vast number who have contracted these diseases, every one of whom owes his affliction to a neglected cold.

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LEWIS CUTLER
Funeral Director
(Successor to W. C. Estep)
28 PEARL STREET. 'Phone 97.

FARM LOANS 5 PER CENT
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, 10 Main St., Council Bluffs.

REVIEWS THE RURAL SCHOOLS

Superintendent McManus Issues Biennial Report for Pottawattamie.

ADVISES MERGING SMALL ATTENDANCES

Claims He is Getting No Better Pay Than He Could Earn at Manual Labor—Institute a Burden to Teachers.

The biennial report of O. J. McManus, superintendent of schools of Pottawattamie county, which he submitted to the Board of Supervisors yesterday, contains a number of interesting facts and suggestions concerning the rural schools. Mr. McManus calls attention to the necessity of having the co-operation of the board in order to enable him to advance the educational interests of the county.

As to grading rural schools he says: Early in the present term, at my request, the board bought classification registers for all the rural schools. In these registers was printed the state course of study which the teachers, under the direction of the county superintendent, studied and classified their schools. Now comparatively uniform work is done in all the schools of the county. This plan is appreciated, as it enables one teacher to take up the work where the last one left it. This work has done much to improve the instruction in the rural schools. Pupils now look forward to the high schools of the county, because they are admitted without examination if they hold a diploma from any of our rural schools. Many of these young people are now in attendance at the different high schools of the county and they are loud in their praise of a system which leads to something higher in educational work. Hundreds of boys and girls are thankful for these opportunities, which have come to them as a result of this one act of the Board of Supervisors."

Concentration of Schools.

Recommending the concentration of schools, Superintendent McManus says: "More than twenty-five schools are now running where the average attendance is less than ten pupils. In the fall and spring terms the average attendance is even less than five. The question of having fewer schools has been considered in all parts of the state during the last few years. The proposition to provide for fewer schools was submitted to a vote in Crescent, Garner, Washington, Carson and Macedonia townships. The proposition, though somewhat modified, carried in Carson and Macedonia. In eight townships certain schools are closed for the want of a sufficient number of pupils and the few pupils are transported to the most desirable adjacent school. The best illustration of the working of this system in this county is in the closing of the Woodbury school south of the city of Council Bluffs. From this school the twenty-eight pupils are comfortably and economically transported to and from the city schools at a total expense of $16 a month. Before this was done it cost the Independent district of Council Bluffs $66 a month to provide instruction in the Woodbury school. This is a saving of $50 a month and the pupils are given the advantages of a graded school. In Crescent township the people have built a new, modern, four-room building, and the school board is considering the advisability of closing some adjacent schools, believing that it will afford less expensive and more efficient school privileges. This movement is not confined to this county, nor to this state, but seems to come with the same spirit of progress that has given us the rural telephone, rural mail delivery and better public roads."

Suggests Raise of Pay.

Regarding the duties and remuneration of the county superintendent, Mr. McManus has this to say:

"The county superintendent is expected to spend most of his time visiting schools. His services are considered valuable in proportion to the enthusiasm he is able to arouse in educational matters. During the biennial period I have made 458 visits to schools; some schools I have visited twice; some I have never visited. It is impossible to visit all, because there are only 360 school days in the biennial period and there are over 400 teachers at work in this county. The people think the county superintendent should visit each school once a term, and they also think he ought to be in his office whenever they call on him. This can only be accomplished by providing a competent deputy for the county superintendent and making the salary such as to justify the expenditure of time and money necessary. The county superintendent receives a compensation of $4 a day. He cannot pay livery hire and hotel bills and visit schools for much less than $3. This leaves him about $1 a day, a salary no better than he can command at manual labor. This question deserves the attention of the board."

Normal Institute.

In his report on the Normal institute he says: "The burden of maintaining an annual institute is borne by the teachers. During the intense heat of summer, when it is too hot for the schools to be in session, the teachers are required to come together and pay their hard-earned dollars, saved from their small salaries by self-denial, to support an institution which is maintained for the public good. The state superintendents of this and other states favor a law by which the institute shall be maintained at no expense to the teacher, and until we have such legislation the Board of Supervisors should make liberal appropriations for the support of the institute."

He makes no suggestion as to uniformity of text books, but calls the attention of the board to the fact that the question of whether this proposition should be submitted to the vote of the people rests with it. The establishment of the school libraries, while imposing additional work upon the county superintendent, he says, will result in making the work of the rural schools more efficient.

In concluding his report County Superintendent McManus says that a bill has been prepared and will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature which provides that the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of $1,500 and $500 for a deputy and traveling expenses, and in the large counties the supervisors may allow such compensation as they may deem just and proper.

Several Divorces Granted.

The divorce mill began to grind in the district court yesterday and Judge Thornell unloosened the bonds of three couples and granted defaults in several other similar suits.

Hallie C. Barker was given a divorce from Amanda Barker and awarded the custody of their minor child. Harvey G. Loudenslager secured a divorce from Sadie A. Loudenslager, and Mrs. Harriet Kadel was given a divorce from Peter Kadel, to whom she had been married over half a century. Kadel is a wealthy farmer of this county and Mrs. Kadel received considerable alimony through an amicable arrangement between her and her husband.

Judge Thornell confirmed the appointment of Deputy Sheriffs J. C. Baker, W. A. Groneweg and Fred Peterson as bailiffs of the district court.

John Belt, Fred Ruby and R. H. Vincent, charged with being in contempt by taking part in the opposition to the officers when the latter were ejecting Mrs. Edwards from a farm on the river bottom near Honey Creek last November, were discharged after Judge Thornell read them a lecture. The case as to C. A. Belt was continued indefinitely and that against F. Foote was continued until this morning for the appearance of witnesses.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY

Salary of Treasurer Arnd Fixed by Supervisors at Five Thousand Dollars.

The session of the board of county supervisors yesterday was devoted mainly to the considering and allowing of bills and claims against the county.

The salary of Treasurer Arnd was fixed at $5,000, out of which he has to pay his deputies. J. P. Christensen, employed in the county treasurer's office, was allowed $431.96, being commission at 10 per cent on back taxes collected during 1901, amounting to $4,310.96. The penalty collected on these back taxes amounted to $531.07.

The county recorder was allowed $1,500 for clerical help during 1902 in addition to the salary of Deputy Larsen, $900, which is paid by the county. The salary of the recorder is fixed by law at $1,500.

County Superintendent McManus was allowed $800 for 1902 for clerk hire and traveling expenses, he agreeing to have some person in his office during business hours. The salary of the county superintendent is fixed by law at $4 a day.

Mrs. R. V. Innes presented a claim against County Recorder Smith for $322, the difference between what he paid her during six months in 1901, when she was Miss Helen Shepard, and what the court allowed Mr. Smith for her services as typewriter. In his suit against the county for allowance for clerk hire Recorder Smith placed Miss Shepard's salary at $75 a month and it was on this basis that he recovered from the county. In Mrs. Innes' statement to the board she sets out that in January, 1901, she received $8, during February, March and April nothing, and in May and June $60 a month, making $128 in all she received, while Mr. Smith recovered $450, so she alleges, from the county. Action on the claim was deferred.

Among the claims allowed was that of the Sisters of Mercy, in charge of St. Bernard's hospital, for caring for the county insane during November and December, amounting to $1,419.84. The bill of the Woman's Christian Association hospital for caring for the county poor amounted to $157.06.

J. H. LaGrange, auditor of Buena Vista county, presented a bill for $338.10 for the care of Carl Alfred Jensen in the State Hospital for the Insane at Independence. Jensen, who died in January, 1900, was sent from this county to the Institute for Feeble-Minded Children in Glenwood. Shortly after his father, a preacher, moved to Buena Vista county, from where the son was committed to the insane hospital. The authorities of Buena Vista county claim that young Jensen at the time he was committed had not acquired a legal residence in the county and that therefore Pottawattamie county is liable for the cost of his care in the insane hospital. The claim was referred to the county attorney.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 541 Broadway.

Davis sells paint.

Dance Hughes hall Friday night.

Answer to Divorce Suit.

The answer of Lars Peter Davidson to the suit for divorce brought by his wife, Augusta Davidson, was filed in the district court. The answer comes from Denmark, where Davidson has been since 1897, and was sworn to before a notary named Kehlet in Aalborg Byfoged., It bears the seal of J. C. Freeman, American consul at Copenhagen, Denmark, who verifies the signature of the notary.

Davidson says he went to Denmark with the full knowledge and consent of his wife and that he had no intention of deserting her. He admits buying property there, but says he was compelled to do so, although he had no intention of making his home there. Until he sells this property he will have no means with which to return to America. He asserts that he wrote his wife before she brought suit, asking her to go to Denmark, but that she never answered his letter. He says his property here is sufficient to support his wife and objects to her being given the money he had on deposit in Officer & Pusey's bank.

Davidson charges the children of his wife by a former marriage with illtreating and threatening to kill him. He says one daughter threatened to poison him and that he was afraid to eat or drink anything while she was in the house.

Judge E. E. Aylesworth has been cited to appear before Judge Thornell in the District court Saturday, January 18, to show cause why he should not be removed as executor of the estate of George A. Holmes, deceased. Judge Thornell issued the order yesterday on application of Mrs. Sarah A. Holmes of Cimarron, Colo., mother of George A. Holmes.

Mrs. Holmes charges Judge Aylesworth with neglecting his duties as executor in failing to dispose of the estate and paying the beneficiaries. George A. Holmes, a lawyer of this city, died October 6, 1897. Mrs. Holmes asserts that all she has received from the estate up to date is $58.03, and that this and more has been expended in trips from Colorado in attempting to induce Judge Aylesworth to wind up the affairs of the estate.

Quarterly Water Bills.

Save five per cent by paying before Friday, January 10. Office open until 9 p. m. Friday.

Davis sells glass.

Home for Young Women.

The interest shown by the women of the city in the St. Mary's Home for Young Women was evidenced by the large number of visitors who inspected the home yesterday at the invitation of the Sisters of Mercy. It was estimated that nearly 1,000 women visited the home, which will be opened for the reception of young women Monday next.

The home contains eleven rooms, all comfortable, and even luxuriously furnished. The Sisters of Mercy have expended considerable money in furnishing the home in addition to the many donations from the people of this city. The home will accommodate fifteen young women and the sisters already have applications from several who desire to enter it. The home will be in charge of Sister Mary Elizabeth and under the general supervision of Mother Vincent of St. Bernard's.

PLANS FOR GREAT BANQUET

Big Farewell Reception is Prepared for Governor Shaw.

ESCORT FOR CUMMINS INAUGURAL DAY

Oskaloosa Company Accepts the Invitation After Red Oak Company Sends Notice that It Cannot Attend.

DES MOINES, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Plans for the big reception to Governor Shaw Thursday night are complete and the affair will be one of the finest ever known in the state. A committee of 100 prominent members of the Grant club and prominent republicans of the state has been named to look after the guests, and already 350 acceptances of the invitations have been received by the officers of the Grant club.

The senators and other distinguished guests are due to arrive at Des Moines tomorrow, and Governor Shaw, who was in Chicago today, will be home in the morning. The banquet will be the finest that can be served. Colonel E. G. Pratt, president of the Grant club, will preside at the banquet and afterward will surrender to A. B. Cummins, who will be toastmaster. These are the responses:

"The President," William B. Allison.
"The Senate," Jonathan P. Dolliver.
"The House of Representatives," George D. Perkins.
"The Cabinet," Lafayette Young.
"The Secretary of Treasury," Leslie M. Shaw.
"Nebraska," Edward Rosewater.
"Iowa," George E. MacLean.

There has been some hitch about the companies that are to act as an escort to Governor Cummins on inaugural day. The Red Oak company was invited to come for the Fifty-first regiment, as being the company standing highest at the inspection, but the officers declined on the ground that they could not get a sufficient number of men together to come at this time.

The Oskaloosa company was then invited, and accepted, but this morning a telegram was received from Red Oak asking that the matter be held open a few days to see if the Red Oak company could not come. It was, however, too late to recall the invitation to the Oskaloosa company, and Red Oak will not be in line at the inauguration.

New Iowa Corporations.

These articles of incorporation have been filed:

Union Savings bank of Sigourney; capital, $25,000; president, G. D. Woodin; cashier, J. R. Mackey.

Dunbar Creamery company of Marshall and Tama counties; capital, $4,000; president, J. A. Jones; secretary, O. J. Olson.

Toussaint-Trexler company of Dubuque; capital, $15,000.

Call for Treasurers' Convention.

A call has been issued for a convention of the county treasurers of Iowa to be held in Des Moines January 28. The president is George W. Eakle of Monona county and the secretary C. H. Smith of Marshall county. All county treasurers and ex-treasurers are members of this association, and a good program has been arranged. The treasurers desire some legislation, principally in the matter of simplifying the tax collections and also one important change in the law relating to collections by tax ferrets.

Detectives Anticipate Reward.

Detectives in Des Moines are anticipating a good haul in connection with the trial of Chester Tyler at Newton. He was convicted of the murder of Dr. Fallor, and the rewards aggregated about $600. Two Des Moines detectives, both connected with the city force, claim the credit of discovering Tyler and turning up the evidence which convicted him. Tyler will be given his sentence on Saturday and will go for life imprisonment unless some cause is found for a new trial.

Refuses Adjusters' Offer.

The insurance adjusters who have been working on the big loss of the National Starch company plant in this city have offered 85 per cent of the total insurance, but the company will not accept this. President Peil states that the company suffered a loss much larger than the actual insurance and will stand out for full payment of the policies. This will probably delay the settlement of the insurance for some time and it may be necessary to go into the courts. Peil says that nothing can be determined as to rebuilding here or enlarging elsewhere until the insurance matter is settled.

ESCAPED CONVICT IS CAUGHT

Stillwater Prisoner After Five Years' Liberty is Arrested at Atlantic.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—George Sabins, an escaped convict wanted in Minnesota, was captured in this city by Marshal Terbush this afternoon. Tegbush had been informed by Prison Agent Whittier of St. Paul that a letter had been mailed at St. Croix Falls addressed to Sabin at Atlantic and asking the marshal to arrest the man and hold him for the Minnesota authorities.

The letter came, as Marshal Terbush learned, from the postoffice officials and the next thing was for the convict to appear. When the afternoon trains arrived a well dressed and well appearing man among the passengers at once attracted the marshal's attention, and, taking another look at the photograph of the man wanted, he at once recognized this stranger as the original of the photograph he held, even though the striped suit bearing No. 4432 had been discarded and plain citizen garb donned.

The victim made straight for the postoffice and had just received the St. Croix Falls letter when he was placed under arrest and sent to the city jail, where he now awaits the arrival of the Minnesota officers.

Sabin was sentenced to the state penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., on the charge of grand larceny, but after serving some months was released on parole, which he broke, and has been at large for five years now, the authorities never having been able to catch him. He is safe now, however, and will undoubtedly finish out his term, for there can be no doubt as to his being the man wanted, although he is not inclined to talk, neither denying nor admitting his identity.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBING CAR

Bound Over to Grand Jury for Breaking Seal on Rock Island.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—William Warner, arrested upon the confession of Charles Reed, who was bound over to the grand jury upon the charge of breaking and entering a railroad car in Atlantic, was bound over to the grand jury, the evidence showing that Warner assisted Reed in removing the seal from a car attached to a westbound freight train which was taking water in the Rock Island yards at Atlantic on Christmas evening and removing from the car a case of women's arctics.

The stolen property was hidden for twenty-four hours, after which it was taken to a bridge on a country road north of the city and burned.

Two other young men accused of assisting Reed in robbing the Thurman Cold Storage building of four cases of beer were discharged for lack of evidence, Reed's confession alone being considered by the justice as insufficient evidence to warrant binding them over.

BISHOP CONSECRATED IN IOWA

Elaborate Ceremonies Are Held in Episcopal Church at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 8.—Rev. Frederick William Keator, rector of St. John's Episcopal church for the last two years, was today consecrated missionary bishop. The ceremonies were held in St. John't church and were of an elaborate nature. It was the first time in the history of the Episcopal church in Iowa that a bishopric consecration has taken place and the attendance of the outside clergy was large. The ministers of the consecration were: Presiding consecrator, Right Rev. William Edward McLaren, D.D., D.C.L., bishop of Chicago; co-consecrators, Right Rev. William Hobart, missionary bishop of South Dakota; Rev. Theodore Morrison of Iowa.

The sermon was preached by Right Rev. Charles P. Anderson, D. D., bishop coadjutor of Chicago. The bishop's vestments were the gift of St. John's parish, the ring of the clergy of Iowa, the cross of the Knights Templar and the bible of Rev. Mr. Sage of Dubuque.

Bishop Keator was born October 22, 1855, at Honesdale, Pa. He was graduated from Yale in 1880, with the degree of A.B., and from the law department in 1882, with the degree of L.L.D. He practiced law in Chicago until 1889. In 1887 he became interested with his fellow lawyer, S. C. Edsall, now bishop of Minnesota, in church mission work. He was graduated from Western Theological seminary, Chicago, in May, 1891, and ordained to priesthood in December of that year.

Bishop Keator is a member of the board of trustees and is secretary and treasurer of Western Theological seminary. He is also a trustee of Griswold college, Davenport, and dean of the Waverly convocation of the diocese of Iowa.

FIRE RECORD.

Tailor Shop at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Carl Fritz' tailor shop was thoroughly cleaned out by fire about 11 o'clock last night. Scarcely anything was saved. His loss is $700, with $500 insurance. Sorenson's cobbler shop, next door south, was considerably damaged by water. His loss is about $50, uninsured. Charles Johnson's barber shop, on the north, was considerably damaged. His loss is $100, with no insurance. The buildings belonged to the Morse estate and were old frame structures, the loss on which is $300, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. A can containing a gallon and a half of gasoline had been left in the front end of the building, and it is possible it may have given off sufficient vapor to take fire from the heat of the stove.

Dwelling Near Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—John Humphrey, living four miles south of Plattsmouth, awoke last night to find the lower story of his house on fire and the flames coming up the stairway, stopping egress. He succeeded in escaping with his wife and two children through a second-story window. The new dwelling and contents were consumed by the flames. He had no insurance on the property. A can of coal oil was found near the ruins, which indicates that the building was set on fire.

For forty years Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne has stood the test for purity and its delicious boquet.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

War Survivors Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The following pensions have been granted:

Issue of December 17:

Nebraska: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Lewis Little, Genoa, $12; Lewis Wehn, Beatrice, $12; special, December 19, Lucius R. Brown, Minden, $8.

Iowa: Original (war with Spain)—William G. Wilson, Audubon, $6. Increase, restoration, reissue—Wesley Harack, Cedar Rapids, $8; Daniel Bishop, Keokuk, $8; Oscar Lefever, Albion, $10; James H. Payne, Burlington, $10; Adam Nimocks, Ida Grove, $10; Jair Wildman, Iowa City, $8; special, December 19, William H. Mudgett, deceased, Britt, $12. Original widows, etc.—Hannah R. Gifford, Webster City, $8; special accrued, December 19, Celia M. Miller, Shenandoah, $8; renewal, Effie Barnes, Tama, $12.

Montana: Original—James Nagnes, Copper, $6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Aldro Webster, Bozeman, $6.

Colorado: Original—John Mullen, Colorado Springs, $6.

CLOSER UNION THEIR AIM

Implement Men Urge Each Other to Air-Tight Combination.

THE WAY TO HOLD DOWN MANUFACTURERS

Session of the Nebraska Association Devoted to Discussion of Matters Concerning How to Control Prices.

Creighton hall was crowded when the second day's session of the Nebraska and western Iowa Implement Dealers' association was called to order by President N. L. Maloney. All the addresses and papers of the morning urged a better understanding between all retail implement dealers, and the enthusiastic manner in which this statement was received by the audience indicated that the association is to begin this year with renewed strength.

L. J. Blowers of David City made a report to the convention of the federation meeting held last October in Kansas City by retail implement dealers' associations from all parts of the United States. At this meeting steps were taken to bring about a better understanding between manufacturers and dealers and Mr. Blowers expressed the opinion that this federation will result in the amicable settlement of differences existing between the retailers and the manufacturer and wholesaler. G. W. Fouke of Liberty also made a report concerning the Kansas City convention.

John L. Lynd of Hartington, secretary of the Implement Dealers' Insurance exchange, a mutual company organized by members of the association, reported that thirty-nine policies, averaging about $1,000 each are now in force. During the year which has just closed the exchange suffered one loss of about $1,000.

In his report to the convention Secretary James A. McLaughlin urged a closer organization of implement men and advised that steps be taken to have the dealers in each county and each district brought into closer union. Mr. McLaughlin said that in his opinion the association should raise funds for organization and should employ a man whose duty it should be to organize the dealers in each county and form county and district associations.

The president appointed an auditing committee made up of Henry Lubken of Columbus, C. O. Shumway of Lyons and Robert Downey of Corning, Ia. John Wachter was named to take the place of F. B. Huston on the committee on nominations.

J. J. Buchanan of Hastings addressed the association and urged that implement men combine their business with hardware or other merchandise that they may have an income all the year through. This plan was opposed by other speakers, who urged that implement men succeed better when they confine their attention to one line and have an understanding with competitors.

The attitude of threshing machine manufacturers toward retail dealers was discussed by J. S. Thomas of Lexington. He said that the manufacturers will not allow retailers sufficient commission for selling machines and suggested that it would be well for all retailers to refuse to sell threshing machines unless more liberal terms are offered. Several dealers discussed the question and stated that they had made no attempt to handle threshing machines on account of the unfair dealings of manufacturers.

Catalogue houses came in for their share of discussion. Several speakers maintained that the retailer who is not shrewd enough to buy his goods at such figures that he can compete with catalogue houses should not be in the implement business. It was maintained by several speakers that retailers should not patronize factories which sell part of their product to catalogue houses.

Thursday morning the reorganization of the association and the election of officers will take place. At that time an exciting meeting will probably be held. It is the purpose of the association to effect an organization so formidable that the dealers will be enabled to dictate terms to trusts which regulate the prices of wares handled by implement men.

So much business will be brought before the association Thursday that an afternoon session has been planned.

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