

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Lester's glasses fit.
Elocher's glass cap.

RECORD OF THE PAST YEAR

Large Amount of Building Has Been Done During the Season.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS NOT SO HEAVY

Financial Condition of the City Better Than for Many Years—Fire Losses Are Unusually Light.

With the dawn of the new year promising a continued era of prosperity Council Bluffs can look back on 1903 with a considerable degree of satisfaction and pride.

While perhaps public improvements did not keep pace with private enterprises during last year, the city enters upon the new year with its finances in better shape than they have been for many years past.

During the last year another great trunk line, the Chicago Great Western railroad, made its advent into the city, making Council Bluffs the hub of the west, from where ten great railroads radiate to all parts of the union.

The building record in Council Bluffs for 1903 is a good one and denotes the prosperous growth of the city. A large number of handsome residences, as well as several large business buildings were erected during the year.

John Pruet, a young lad, was arrested yesterday, charged with the theft of a pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Martha Laughlin of Reels house.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250; night, F. 667.

Watch Night Meetings.
Watch night services were held at the Fifth Avenue Methodist church last night.

GRAPHOPHONE CONTEST AT BOURIGIUS PIANO HOUSE
ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 30, THE CONTESTANTS STOOD AS FOLLOWS:

- WILLIE OSBORN.....3.388
MAT SCANLAN.....2.190
META PRYOR.....1.575
RUBY JEFFERIES.....1.250
HARRY POORE.....1.045
LEOSA FLEMING......780
FRED WIEFFERICK......750
BESSIE WHITE......740
ARTHUR ERICKSON......300
MAUD WEAVER......400
EARL SWANSON.....1.720
C. E. LIBBIO......775
HAZEL HANDELMEYER......800
ADOLF DINKLEY......90
COTTON KEELINE......390

A VOTE GIVEN WITH EACH ONE-CENT PURCHASE AT THE BOURIGIUS PIANO HOUSE
CONTEST CLOSES JAN. 9, 1904, AT 9 O'CLOCK.

LEWIS CUTLER
MORTICIAN
18 Pearl St., Council Bluffs, Phone 81.

Happy New Year to All
And especially to all those who buy the best meats at the lowest prices.
Best sirloin steak, 71c
Best porterhouse steak, 10c
Best round steak, 71c

Table with columns: No. of Transfers, Consideration. Rows for months from January to December.

Under an economic administration the financial condition of the city improved materially during the last year. Not only were the expenses of the several departments kept within the limit of the amounts appropriated for them, but during the year City Treasurer True was enabled to pay off \$40,000 of outstanding bonds.

Showing of Banks.
The showing of the four banks of Council Bluffs, according to the latest official statements for 1903, indicated a prosperous year and that the people of the city have money. These statements show that the four banks had total assets of \$5,166,916.66.

Table with columns: 1903, 1902. Rows for Population, City value, Receipts for same, etc.

Public Improvements.
Public improvements during 1903 did not keep pace with the record for the year preceding. Less brick paving was laid, this being due to a great extent to the inability of the contractors to secure material in sufficient quantities.

Table with columns: 1903, 1902. Rows for Mayor, Collector, Clerk, Treasurer, etc.

Real Estate Record.
The filings of real estate transfers in the county recorder's office for the last year show that the values in Pottawattamie county maintained the high mark set in 1902.

Small Fire Loss.
In the matter of loss by fire Council Bluffs suffered but little during 1903, the loss being even less than in the preceding year.

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COLLAR CURE For Every Humor
From Pimples to Scrofula, from Infancy to Age. A single set of Cuticura, consisting of Soap, Ointment, and Pills, price One Dollar, is often sufficient to cure the severest cases of torturing, disfiguring humors, when all else fails.

Council Bluffs lodge of Elks, who is visiting in Chicago, was in the theater fire, but in telegrams to his wife and friends here yesterday he stated that he escaped without injury.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:
Name and Residence. Age.
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MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram)—Yesterday at the farm home of E. G. Jones occurred the marriage of Lela Jones and Harry Weatherly, Elder Bramson officiated. Two or three hundred guests were in attendance.

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CITY. The young couple left this afternoon for their new home at Worthing.

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GRANT GILLETT BACKS OUT

Former Kansas Cattleman Falls to Meet Creditors at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—Grant C. Gillett, the former Kansas cattle plunger, who had agreed to meet his creditors here today and plan a settlement of his \$1,500,000 indebtedness, failed to put in an appearance. His attorney says he believes Gillett weakened at the last moment and returned to Fostoria, Ohio.

Thousands will read your want ad, word for word, if run this week during the mis-spelled word contest.

A FAILING MEMORY IS AN INDICATION OF MENTAL DECAY.
I WILL CURE YOU
"WE make no misleading statements or unsubstantiated propositions to the afflicted, neither do we promise a cure in a few days in order to secure their patronage, but we guarantee a perfect, safe and lasting cure in the shortest possible time, without leaving injurious after-effects in the system, and at the lowest possible cost for honest, skillful and successful services."

Western Iowa Business College
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.
Winter Term, January 4.

As a cathartic Safe—Speedy—Sure, Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills are unequalled. A pure herb remedy. Roman Eye Balsam For Weak or Sore Eyes

Confessions of a Private Secretary
This unique series by the private secretary of a Wall Street magnate, shows remarkable strength and extraordinary knowledge and penetration in describing the conditions of the country's financial centre and the people who revolve around it.
METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE for January
12 Short Stories by such noted contributors as Chas. G. D. Roberts; W. A. Fraser; E. H. Sothern; Mrs. F. A. Steel; and others.
160 Pages of Reading
A 35-cent magazine for 15 cents.