

LITTLE FOR SOLONS TO DO

Iowa Legislature to Name Senator and Provide Cash.

GOOD ROADS TO BE AN ISSUE

Will Be Up to Former Members to Decide What Should Be Done in This Direction—Fate of Shamrocks.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—It is anticipated that the Iowa legislature, which is to meet in three weeks, will not do very much more than handle the appropriations and patch up a few of the laws where defects have been found.

Tax reform in the direction of relieving some forms of property of the tax burden will again come to the front with some chance of success. There is little occasion for any new legislation regarding insurance, banks, railroads or corporations generally.

How Iowa Won with Best Steer.
"Tell me in strictest confidence," said Prof. C. F. Curdiss of the State college at Ames, "and you are not to print it of course, just how we won that sweepstakes at the international with the grand champion steer, Shamrock II. It was this way: We bought the animal of a man named Pat Donahue. We named him Shamrock and had him passed on by the best judge from Tipperary. But he deserved the ribbon, all right."

Annual Corporations' Reports Next.
Getting ready for making the annual reports of corporations to the government agents will soon be the order of the day. Information from the two collection offices in Iowa is to the effect that the blanks for reports will go out to all corporations in the state within a few days and that the reports for the calendar year will probably be much more prompt this year than in the past.

Arrange to Advertise Iowa.
Secretary Simpson of the state department of agriculture goes to Waterloo Monday to speak at a meeting where organization will be effected to secure state aid for continuing the work of advertising Iowa, which has been largely under way for several years under the direction of the department.

Agricultural Meetings This Week.
The leading agricultural meetings of the state will be held here this week. This will include the meeting of the State Farmers' Institute, the State Board of Agriculture, the State Horticultural society, the State Park and Forestry association, the State Corn Growers' association, the State Florists' association and the Corn Belt Meat Producers' and Live Stock Breeders' association.

Rate Case May Be Appealed.
It is expected that the railroad rates will be reduced. The railroad rates were beaten in the lower court and defeated. They insist that it is illegal to require them to accept carloads which have crossed the state line and are in the cars of another company and afterwards to use the Iowa rates, claiming that the interstate rates must apply unless the freight is reloaded.

Resigns as College Dean.
Mrs. Ethel Moran, dean of women at Drake university, has resigned. Mrs. Moran will return to Marshalltown, her former home, January 1. Her husband, C. H. Moran, expected to come to Des Moines and engage in field work for Drake uni-

versity at the time his wife accepted the position of dean of women, but his parishioners at Marshalltown have refused to release him. Mrs. Moran will be succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Walker Jordan of Fayetteville, Ark.

New Phone Companies.
Two new telephone companies were organized today, the Washington Rural Telephone company of Bremer county with \$5,000 capital and the Allerton Telephone company of Wayne county with \$10,000 capital.

Profit in Co-operation.
MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—For years the Farmers' Co-operative society of Rockwell has been known far and wide as the best conducted and most profitable society of its kind in existence. It was the first to be organized in the west and, while it has a quarter of a century of interesting history, they claim for it that in this time they have saved for its members more than \$2,000,000.

Corpses Damaged by Fire.
IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire from an explosion in the med-

ical building of the state university endangered a score of corpses and inflicted heavy damage, the extent of which is yet unknown. There was no insurance.

SHORT COURSE AT AMES COLLEGE

Term Begins January Second and Will End January Fourteen.
AMES, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The state annual short course in agriculture for 1911 will be held at the Iowa State college, January 2 to 14. During the last ten years this short course has given the farmers of Iowa a splendid opportunity to study for two weeks those subjects in which they are most vitally interested. No effort will be spared to make the 1911 short course the best that has been offered.

Distraction Little Injured.
JOHANN, Ia., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Greatly depressed in spirits and without having recovered from his injuries at the hands of C. A. Bolter, mayor of Logan and member of the school board, Paul A. Dietrichson, instructor of manual training in the Logan school, left here this morning for Madison, Wis., where he will stay with his brother, a university professor in Wisconsin, until after the holiday vacation. It is the hope of Paul A. Dietrichson and his friends here

that he may be able to return to the Logan school.

Million for Iowa University.
IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Improvement reports issued at Iowa City today show that the university town's expenditures in this regard for a year total nearly a million dollars. The expenditures are itemized as follows: State University of Iowa buildings, \$455,000; business buildings, \$120,000; public improvements, \$125,000; railroad improvements, \$30,000; residences, \$17,000; total, \$830,000.

Iowa News Notes.
DENISON—All the business houses closed during the funeral of the late J. B. Romans. Services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church, the sermon being preached by Rev. Sweeney.

IOWA CITY—Jim Moran, pioneer laborer of Iowa City, was instantly killed Saturday morning by a Rock Island train.

AMES—The annual convention of the Nineteenth Iowa district of Knights of Pythias will be held here on Monday, December 12. Ames Lodge No. 150 will be the host at the social gatherings in connection with the function.

IOWA CITY—Catholic students at the University of Iowa, under the leadership of their chaplain, Rev. Father Murphy, have launched a project to secure a chapel for Catholic services at the university. First work towards the securing of funds to erect the chapel was started today.

RIDGEWAY—M. L. Ridgeway has received the appointment as postmaster here.

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The contest was quite animated and the result is satisfactory. Mr. Ridgeway has been a resident for some time in a true blue republican and is the editor of the Review. He will take possession of the office about April 1.

VINTON—Dr. A. R. Fetters, one of the oldest medical practitioners of the county, was arrested here today on a warrant issued on an indictment returned by the grand jury that just adjourned. The warrant charges him with performing a criminal operation. Dr. Fetters has been practicing here for thirty years. His arrest caused a sensation. Shortly afterwards he furnished bond and was released.

DENISON—After holding a number of public meetings by the business men, an organization for the boys of the American Boy Scouts has been effected here. Twelve prominent citizens, Attorney Jacob Sime, Judge J. F. Conner, County Superintendent Healey, president of the school board, City Superintendent Fellows, School Principal Humphrey, R. O. McConaughy, E. Brodersen, Sears McHenry and J. T. Carey are on the council. A retired army officer, McNie, will have charge of that part of the work needing his direction. It is expected to make the Denison organization one of the best in the state.

Take Warning.
Don't let stomach, liver or kidney trouble down you when you can quickly down them with Electric Bitters. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Watch the effect on your system when you use Cream of Barley.

Coal Company Sues Illinois Central

Damages in Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars Demanded Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Damages in the sum of \$20,000 are demanded by the Missouri and Illinois Coal company of St. Louis from the Illinois Central Railroad company in a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce commission.

The Illinois Central filed with the commission a tariff making a rate of 23 cents a ton on coal from the complainant's mines in Illinois to St. Louis. Subsequently the defendant issued an embargo notice prohibiting the use of its coal cars by certain railway lines entering St. Louis.

By reason of this embargo, the complainant asserts, it was practically excluded from St. Louis business and was damaged in the sum of \$20,000. The petition asks reparation and requests the commission to declare the embargo unreasonable and discriminatory.

Bigger, Better Buxter—That is what advertising in The Bee will do for your business.

Another Year



Another Million

Since we began business in 1898 we have averaged a gain in shipments of One Million Dollars each year, and this year is no exception. Our fiscal year closed December 10th.

Actual Shipments to Retail Merchants, \$12,368,511

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| December 10, 1909, to December 10, 1910..... | \$12,368,511.95        |
| December 10, 1908, to December 10, 1909..... | \$11,356,122.19        |
| <b>GAIN in shipments for 1910 .....</b>      | <b>\$ 1,012,389.76</b> |

Through good years and bad, success has followed us—not by accident or chance, but because we have established a standard of honest shoes and have lived up to that standard. The growing demand for shoes constructed without any substitutes for leather is best evidenced by our increased sales.

No Substitutes for Leather

It is a fact that a large majority of all shoes made in a certain section and retailed from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per pair contain substitutes for leather.

The section that prides itself most on "artistic shoemaking" uses the most substitutes for leather. Long years of practice has enabled them to make shoes that look good from poor material. Finally, however, one has to reckon with the wearer.

Substitutes for leather can be made to look like leather, but they cannot be worn like leather. The wonderful growth of the shoe business in the West is due to its early recognition of these facts, and the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co. was the house to carry them into operation.

The Pure Shoe Law, drafted by the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., and introduced both at Jefferson City and Washington during the last legislative sessions, was intended to protect the consumer against leather substitutes.

Approved by the Government

The same business principles which have made us strong with merchants and consumers have also enabled us to secure within the past two weeks a \$452,000 Government contract for army shoes, amounting to 175,000 pairs. (This order is not included in our Million-Dollar gain.)

This, the largest shoe contract ever awarded by the Government to any one manufacturer, is a strong illustration of the fact that we are equipped to make any line of shoes requiring a fixed quality of materials and workmanship at a cost that cannot be equaled by any of our competitors.

The Government buys shoes on fixed specifications requiring all leather. Since we make all of our shoes out of all leather for all of our customers, no change was necessary in our method of manufacturing; therefore, we were easily enabled to make the lowest bid to the Government. Quality fixed, we beat the price.

Every wearer should adopt Uncle Sam's policy and demand shoes containing no substitutes for leather.

Leading Advertised Brands

- FOR MEN: "R. J. & R.," "Patriot," "Pluck," "Stronger-Than-The-Law," "Soft and Good," "Our Family."
- FOR WOMEN: "Society Star," "Society," "Quaker," "Mayflower," "Satin," "Greatest," "Our Family."
- FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: "Tess and Ted" School Shoes.

Ask your dealer for these brands. Look for the "STAR" trade-mark stamped on every heel.

"Star Brand Shoes Are Better"

ROBERTS, JOHNSON & RAND SHOE CO. MANUFACTURERS ST. LOUIS