IOWA SOLONS CONSERVATIVE

No Possibility of Any Radical Legislation This Session.

ALL LIQUOR BILLS WILL FAIL

None of the Railroad Bills that Are Pending Has Any Chance to Get Through—Mine Measures Are Opposed.

(From a Staff Corespondent.)

DES MOINES, March 12.—(Special.)—There is no possibility of any radical legislation on any topic from the Thirty-fourth general assembly of Iowa. The machine is loaded for extreme conservatism.

There will probably be no legislation affecting the prohibitory question or saloons or the sale of liquor. The prohibitory amendment will probably pass the house almost any day but the senate has it on the calendar for a killing and judging by the votes which have already been cast upon various matters it is destined to fall there.

The five-mile limit law which was intended to make it impossible to have saloons anywhere in Iowa City because of the presence there of the State university will not get through. The house refused to accept a committee report to kill the bill and next Thursday will debate it and probably pass it, but the senate committee has not acted. So, also, with practically every other bill affecting temperance.

The senate passed two important bills to cut off the attorney fees from the attorneys of the Anti-Saloon league on account of bringing injunction cases, but it is certain the house will either amend these bills or effect their entire defeat.

There is no railroad legislation pending that has any chance whatever of getting through. Only minor matters are involved in any bills affecting the railroads and anything that will cripple the railroads or hamper corporations.

War Scare is Interesting.

The war scare is becoming decidedly interesting to Iowa people. There are four regiments of the national guard with forty-eight companies located in about forty towns. These four regiments are in excellent condition as shown by the reports of the inspectors who are now at work. In fact the guard companies have been improved materially under a bill passed at the last session until now the companies are practically ready for service. Either of the regiments could be put on a war basis within a few days.

At the session of the military board held last week it was felt almost certain that at least one of the regiments would be called into action, perhaps to take the place of regulars at an army post or for reserve duty somewhere. Nearly every guard officer asked to be on the list forwarded to Washington for selection of officers to go to Texas to witness the "maneuvers" of the regulars.

Mine Bills to Be Opposed.

Operators of coal mines in the state are getting ready to oppose the bills which have been prepared affecting coal mining. The operators say that the industry is already hampered as much as it will stand and that to do more means a handicap in the competition with other states. The bill most likely to cause a big discussion is the one for general revision of the mine laws, which has been prepared under the eyes of the national officers of the United Mine Workers and is intended to be a general revision of the laws that will give Iowa miners the greatest possible protection in their work. It will require every kind of safety appliance, including telephones in the rooms and abundant air shafts. Another bill much opposed by the operators would require wash rooms at each mine shaft so that the miners could clean up before going home. The bill for examination of mines has already been acted on favorably by the house committee on mines.

May Amend the Primary Law.

A bill has been introduced to amend the primary elections law so as to make it apply to special elections. When passed it was agreed on all hands that the primary principle could not very well be applied to any special election or emergency and the bill was fixed so that there could be no doubt of it applying to nominations only for the general elections. Now there is a desire that it shall be made to apply to the Ninth district situation, where a special election is to be held. The governor has asked the attorney general for an interpretation of the law on this subject, but there is no doubt whatever that unless the law is amended it will not apply. This will leave it open for selection of delegates in the old caucus way. There are two candidates for congress in the district and there may be others, but it is believed they would all prefer to have the present delegates select the district convention delegation.

To Attack State Methods.

At a meeting of the committee on printing of the senate next Tuesday the matter of a bill to abolish the offices of printer and binder and to substitute that of superintendent of printing will be taken up. The plan is to have the work done by contract under the guidance of the state executive council, on the theory that it can be done in this way much cheaper than now. But it will also provide that such parts of the work as can be done at the state institutions may be sent there. The state has two good printing offices now—one at Eldora and one at Anamosa.

Nothing Doing on Senatorship.

Although rumors have been many it is now believed there is really nothing doing on the senatorship. All schemes for bringing about an agreement of the republicans have failed. It is regarded as possible that the deadlock will go on to the end. The interest in the matter has abated and there does not seem to be much pressure from home on the various members.

Heaviest Taxpayer.

According to the books in the county treasurer's office Frederick M. Hubbell is the heaviest taxpayer in the county, his tax, outside of special assessments, amounting to a figure close to $25,000.

Mr. Hubbell has his own tax receipt book with all of his holdings set down, which saves a large amount of work for the county officers. The books are checked with the county books and invariably are found to be true and correct.

Meeting of Iowa Millers.

A. L. Goetzman of Chicago, secretary and treasurer of the Millers' National Federation, will be present at the third annual state convention of the Iowa Millers' club, which meets next Wednesday. Notices of the convention were sent out yesterday to 350 millers in the state by E. F. Consigny of Des Moines, secretary and treasurer of the organization. The other officers follow: Charles A. Wernli, Le Mars, president, and I. W. Shambaugh, Clarinda, vice president.

Want Baptist Convention.

The Baptists of Des Moines will make a great effort to bring the 1912 meeting of the Northern Baptist convention to Des Moines. For the purpose of planting wires for the convention a Baptist rally will be held Thursday evening at the First Baptist church. It will be a mass meeting of all of the various organizations of the Baptist churches of the city. Should the convention be held in Des Moines it will bring 2,500 people here for one week. The national meeting will be held at Philadelphia in June. The Des Moines delegation will be strongly backed by the commercial clubs of the city and moneyed laymen of the Baptist churches.

WILLIAMS' BODY TO BE EXHUMED

Further Inquiry to Be Made Into Death of Shenandoah Man.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., March 11.—(Special.)—At the request of the heirs of the late T. J. Williams and their attorney, Frederick Fischer, the body of the deceased will be exhumed and analysis made of the stomach. The cause for this action has not been made public by the heirs, but it is presumed that the rather sudden death of Mr. Williams has led them to take this action. Mr. Williams was in his usual health until the day preceding his death, which occurred January 17. That morning he arose as usual, ate some buckwheat cakes for breakfast, and soon after was taken seriously ill with acute indigestion, from the effects of which he died during the night. Experts will be brought here to make the examination.

Women to Abolish Social Cliques.

IDA GROVE, Ia., March 11.—(Special.)—A remarkable social event, designed for the purpose of doing away with class and clique between circles and clubs of women was held here. Every woman of good character in Ida Grove was invited and over 300 attended. The hostesses were ten among the most prominent and best known families and they did everything to make all feel at home. The wives of laboring men were made to feel that this was their party as much as anyone else. It is the plan to repeat the community party two or three times every year, and give all good women a chance to take part in social events which heretofore they have not been able to enjoy.

New Paving at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., March 11.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the city council resolutions of necessity were passed preparatory to the paving of fourteen blocks here the coming summer. The new paving is to be of brick and includes the following streets: North Center street from the Wabash depot to Sheridan avenue; Church street from Thomas avenue to Summit street; Seventh avenue from Church street to Elm, and Mentzer court from West street to Church. The matter of lighting the business district was also considered and it is probable that electroliers will soon be installed.

Want Four Normal Schools.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The Northwestern Iowa Teachers' association before adjourning today indorsed the plan to establish four state normal schools in western Iowa and elected J. J. Ray of Hawarden president.

Iowa News Notes.

ONAWA—A. B. Elliott has sold his cement block and tile factory at Turin to N. H. Twogood of Mount Vernon. Mr. Twogood will take possession at once.

IDA GROVE—The real estate transfers for the first week of March in Ida county totalled over $1,000,000. Many farms changed hands at record breaking prices, the highest ever paid in this section.

ONAWA—A real estate deal was consumated when B. F. Simpson sold his 320-acre farm in the northern part of Monona county to Spooner & Son of Mondamin, Ia. Mr. Simpson in the deal comes into possession of the Spooner & Son implement business at Mondamin.

REAL ESTATE BECOMES ACTIVE

Over Hundred Thousand Dollars Saturday the Amount of Money that Changed Hands.

Real estate transfers yesterday passed beyond the $100,000 mark, as has been the case several times during the week, once touching nearly the $200,000 figure. The total for the month has already got close to $1,000,000, and if the present rate of buying and selling continues to the end of the month March will be something better than the banner month. It will establish a new record. Most of the transfers, of course, have been of farm property, but city property has shown considerable activity. The contrast between the transfers now and ten years ago are very marked. Then about the average price paid for a 160-acre farm in Pottawattamie county was $8,000. Now the average approaches closer to $16,000, representing fairly the increase of land values in that time. Following are the real estate transfers reported yesterday by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company:

F. W. Cramer, referee, to C. B. Wolfe, sw¼ of 36-76-41, ref. d.	$ 18,601
Samuel J. Whitemore and wife to G. H. Wiese, s½ of se¼ of 11 and n½ of ne¼ and ne¼ of nw¼ of 14-77-43, w. d.	16,000
George Armstrong and wife to John McKay, ne¼ of 7-74-38, w. d.	16,000
James C. Salisbury and wife to Julius Schmidt, w½ of ne¼ and nw¼ of se¼ of 22-75-38, w. d.	15,945
Julius Schmidt and wife to D. M. Forsyth, w½ of se¼ of 4 and w22 acres of se¼ of se¼ of 4-74-38, w. d.	13,065
I. A. Boren to Joseph Oamek, e½ of se¼ of 18 and n½ of ne¼ of ne¼ of 19-76-42, w. d.	6,000
William F. Lehigh and wife to Frank D. Comstock, sw¼ of ne¼ of 27-74-39, w. d.	5,600
Charles N. Clark et al. to Mary J. Wiese, s3 feet of lot 5 and lots 6 and 7, block 4, Noe's addition to Walnut	2,200
John H. Sivers and wife to Robert H. Carse, sw¼ of ne¼ of 17-75-40, w. d.	5,000
John H. Sivers and wife to Joseph H. Leader, ne¼ of sw¼ of 17-75-40, w. d.	5,000
Fred Sales and wife to C. F. Sales, lots 5 and 6, block 33, Beers' subdivision in Council Bluffs, w. d.	2,000
C. H. Waite and wife to James A. Smith, lot 4, block 22, Beers' subdivision in Council Bluffs, w. d.	1,000
H. H. Sulhoff and wife to William Arnd, lot 10, block 56, Riddle's subdivision in Council Bluffs, w. d.	250
County treasurer to F. F. Everest, lot 4, Aud's subdivision of e½ of block 6, Mill addition to Council Bluffs, tx. d.	16
James A. Smith to Emma Smith, lot 4, block 32, Beers' subdivision in Council Bluffs, w. d.	1
Lee H. Baker to Mabel H. Baker, lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 6, Wright's addition to Council Bluffs, w. d.	1
Total, sixteen transfers	$105,779

COLUMBUS QUITS GRAND CIRCUIT

Association Still Holds Membership in Great Western.

COLUMBUS, O., March 12.—In preparation for a race meeting of two weeks in August or September, directors of the Columbus Driving Park company decided to turn in their franchise and withdraw from the Grand circuit. The association still holds membership in the Great Western circuit and has been allotted dates of September 18 to 29.

It has not been settled that the meeting will be held then. No return will be made to the Grand circuit, of which Columbus has been the best-paying member.

Brooklyn Takes Close Game.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 12.—Hard hitting in the last three innings saved a game for the Brooklyn team this afternoon with the All-Stars. Ed Clark of the Eastern league pitched for the picked team and showed excellent form until he weakened near the end of the game. Seybold and Cy Young of the All-Stars and Daubert, Zimmerman and Teely starred in the batting. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 3	6	15	2
All-Stars	4 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	5	8	0

Batteries: Clark and Hackett; Knetzer, Burch, Barger and Ryan; Miller, Erwin and Dargen.

Caught in the Act

and arrested by Dr. King's New Life Pills, billious headache quits and liver and bowels act right. 25c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Council Bluffs

COLORADO LITIGATION ENDED

Judge Munger Dismisses Mining Suit Against Burton and Others.

CLAIMS LACK OF JURISDICTION

Judge Woodruff Grants Order Releasing Some of the Funds of the Atlantic Interurban Railroad.

Federal Judge T. C. Munger of Lincoln came to Council Bluffs yesterday and dismissed the mining suit instituted by Colorado men against G. E. Bunton of Atlantic, Dr. Hanna of Walnut and others, on the ground that he had no jurisdiction. The suit was for wages and material alleged to be due about 300 miners and merchants of a small Colorado mining town, assigned to W. L. Tanner for the purpose of bringing suit against the Iowa men, who had been led into a scheme to furnish money to develop an old mine. The case had been pending in the federal court for several months.

While here Judge Munger entered the final decree in the suit of the Northwestern Railway company against James Quinlan, who claimed 160 acres of valuable land near the Blair bridge by the right of squatter sovereignty. The land had been regularly purchased by the railroad company for use in connection with its operation of the bridge and eventually for yardage. Quinlan entered upon the land under decisions bearing upon Iowa swamp lands, and lawyers held that his claim was good. The railroad was given possion of the land and was awarded $900 from Quinlan for the time he had occupied it.

Judge E. D. Woodruff heard the application of the receivers of the Atlantic Northern & Southern Interurban railroad for the release of a sufficient amount of the funds tied up by injunctions to pay the wages of the men who have been driven to the extremity of holding up the only train so far operated on the road. The train had been held at Villisca by a crowd of several hundred unpaid workmen and only permitted its release when assured of the action to be taken yesterday.

Judge Woodruff made an order releasing $8,200 of the tied up money. This sum was said to be sufficient to meet the demands of the unpaid workmen. There were a number of the officers and interested stockholders of the road attending the court proceedings. They declared that the road has passed through its most troublous times and will soon be away from the financial breakers through which it was being launched.

ELECTION AROUSES INTEREST

Republicans and Democrats Both Have Tickets for the Board of Education.

The school board election to choose two directors will be held tomorrow, with one polling place in each ward. Until yesterday there had been but little interest aroused in the contest, and it bid fair to pass with but little, or no political coloring. But during the day it was discovered that the democrats had undertaken a still hunt for votes for their two candidates, Robert Peregoy and Dr. Earl Bellinger. The postoffice was flooded with several thousand circular letters appealing for the votes on straight partisan grounds, with some misstatements concerning the financial management of the democratic school board. It was claimed in the letters that the democrats had "reduced the bonded debt of the district $20,000 in the last two years," and this reduction included "the first bonds that had been paid for ten years.

The fact of the matter is the finances of the district are in very bad shape. The school taxes for years have been more than half of all the taxes paid, and despite this there is a bonded indebtedness greater than that of the total debt of the city. The board has been democratic so long that the memory of republican days has fled, but there has been no disposition to hold the democrats responsible for high taxes, or the $200,000 bonded debt, but if credit is claimed for the $20,000 reduction it must also be assumed for the $200,000 creation. The fact of the matter is the board had no option in the matter. The people voted the bonds and the board had to issue them. The board also had to pay the $20,000 boasted of because the payments were due and the tax levy to make the payments could not be avoided.

The sudden partisan activity caused a strong sentiment to be awakened favorable to the republican candidates, Dr. Mack Hanchett and Henry Peterson, the law partner of City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball. Both the young men are products of the local public schools and graduates of the high school. Dr. Hanchett is the son of Dr. A. P. Hanchett, one of the members of the State Board of Health. He is a young man of spotless character, as well as high ability, and Mr. Peterson has shown himself to be fully his equal.

WICKHAM BACK FROM CANADA

Secures a Big Judgment From Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad Company.

E. A. Wickham returned Friday evening from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he was called two weeks ago in company with B. P. Wickham to look after a rather important bit of litigation in connection with one of the large railway construction contracts in which they were interested. The suit was against the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, and the cause was so just and the claims so clearly presented that the jury in the Edmonton court returned a verdict of $55,148.52 after one hour's deliberation.

In 1908 B. P. Wickham of E. A. Wickham & Co. joined Frank Alfred, general manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, to construct forty miles of line west of Wolfe. Alfred and Wickham had an understanding with Frank W. Morse, then general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific road, by which it was agreed that if Alfred and Wickham did not get the contract they would be paid for all supplies required and which had to be sent forward at once.

In accordance with this agreement the Wickhams sent forward $163,000 worth of supplies. Subsequently, in 1909, General Manager Morse retired from the road and was succeeded by E. J. Chamberlain, who repudiated the agreement entered into by his predecessor and awarded the contract to another firm. The supplies were then sold for approximately $100,000. The Wickhams brought suit for the difference, $63,000, and it was this suit that E. A. and B. P. Wickham went there to prosecute. The case was heard by Chief Justice Harvey.

The chief justice granted a stay of execution for fifteen days to give the railroad a chance to appeal to the Dominion supreme court. If the appeal is not made the judgment will be affirmed and the large amount of money expended will be immediately paid over.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of The Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

Davis, drugs.

Corrigans, undertakers. Phones 148.

NO TOBACCO on the school board.

FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.

Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 339.

Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 97.

PURE GOLD WEDDING RINGS—LEFFERT'S.

Hunters, take notice! See J. J. Klein Co. for pure whisky.

New Picture Mouldings, just in. Fauble Art Shop, 333 Broadway.

See the new 1911 wall paper patterns at Borwick's, 211 South Main street.

PRIVATE MONEY to loan on real estate; low rates, good terms. F. J. Schnorr.

Oculists' prescriptions accurately filled the same day at Leffert's Big Jewelry Store.

Fryer prints imitation typewritten letters that can't be detected, for $1.50 per 1,000 and up. 14 Pearl street.

Have your glasses fitted or repaired by J. W. Terry, optician, 411 Broadway, office with George Gerner.

The S. A. Pierce & Co. shoe store is now open for business at their new location, 532 West Broadway, between Pearl and Sixth streets.

The Knights of Pythias of St. Alban's Lodge No. 17, will tomorrow evening put on the rank of knight to a class of candidates. All of the members are requested to be present.

Emmet Tinley decided yesterday afternoon that it would not be necessary for him to go to New York to assist City Solicitor Kimball in guarding the depositions to be taken there in the interest of the city water company.

Judge Wheeler yesterday refused a new trial to Charles Hayward, convicted of participating the theft of a case of shoes from the receiving platform of the Hamilton Shoe company. Hayward was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. Jack O'Brien, who pleaded guilty to the same offense and was Hayward's partner has not yet been sentenced.

Economize in part of your wardrobe, but don't scimp on your cleaning and pressing bill, clean and well pressed clothes makes you look prosperous and your chances of getting along in this world are always better. We put our best efforts on your garments, when you send them to us to be cleaned and pressed. Bluff City Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dye Works. Phones 314.

The members of the Dodge Light guards are fondly hoping that there will be something doing along the Mexican border that will be sufficient to demand their presence there. Captain Grason has received orders from state militia headquarters to immediately recuit his company up full strength. All of the members are hoping to go and the commissioned officers expect it confidently.

The body of Mrs. Betsy Marble, who died at the home of her son, Dr. Marble, in Omaha on Friday, was brought to this city Saturday for burial and taken to the home of her son at 710 First avenue. The funeral will be held from the First Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Four sons survive her, W. J. and F. D. Marble, Council Bluffs; J. E. Marble, California, and Dr. R. E. Marble, Omaha.

With liabilities of $6,914.90 and assets approximating only $615, Frances A. Brown, a business woman of Carroll, Ia., found herself in such financial condition that an appeal to the bankruptcy court was her only hope. She filed her petition yesterday. All of the claims are unsecured and part of the $615 is exempt. Oscar W. Robeson, also of Carroll applied to the same court for relief from his debts. He scheduled $800 liabilities and $230 assets.

The jury in the suit of Mrs. Etta Dreier against Thomas McDermott and W. E. Chapman & Sons, owners of an automobile garage at Neola, for $20,000 damages for causing the death of her son, Louie, is not likely to agree. Judge Thornell gave the case to the jury about 6 o'clock Friday, and after battling all night and all day yesterday it reported that an agreement was still far from being reached at a late hour last night. Shortly before 10 o'clock one of the jurymen sent word through Bailiff Nicholas that in his opinion an agreement was impossible. Judge Thornell had left for his home, and following the instructions previously given, the bailiff took the men to their quarters and put them to bed.

William H. McKinzie, aged 51 years, died yesterday at his residence, 1303 Seventh avenue, from heart weakness, from which he had long been a sufferer. He had lived in Council Bluffs for forty years and was widely known and respected as a man of kindly disposition and more than ordinary intelligence. Although he had been troubled with heart affection, often severely, his death was sudden and unexpected. He was about town as usual yesterday and had been attending to his regular duties. He was seized about 4 o'clock with an acute attack, from which he never rallied. He is survived by his wife and five sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Holtz and Miss Kate McKinzie, Council Bluffs; Mrs. O. K. Pratt, Salt Lake City; Mrs. J. R. Russell, Fremont, Neb., and Miss Fannie McKinzie. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

BAKER WANTS STATE HIGHWAY

Colonel Gives His Views and Tells How the Thing Can Be Accomplished.

Colonel W. F. Baker, the expert roadmaker, a member of the field force of the Department of Agriculture, is urging upon the Iowa legislature the creation of the office of state highway engineer. In this connection he writes the following:

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March 11.—To The Omaha Daily Bee. There are but few states in this union but have a state highway engineer and no state needs one more than Iowa at the present time. We should have a first-class engineer, who is a good organizer and such a man as would be entitled to a good round salary, who would save to the state each year many times the amount of his salary, at the same time would create a system which would prevent the absolute waste of more than half of our present road fund and misapplication of a large percentage of our bridge fund through ignorance. Our most competent and progressive farmers are anxious to listen to the teachings of experts who have made a study of the science of farming, but many unprogressive farmers are already thoroughly posted and object to such teachings and exclaim against its cost to the people. No competent and progressive county or township official who desires to do his best for the welfare of his community will object to expert advise and direction, but it is the other class that objects to any system or control and kick against the expense of a state engineer. There are but few, if any, county supervisors in Iowa who are competent to determine what a steel bridge should cost or the class of such bridges that should be built at a given point, but have to rely upon contractors for this information.

In many parts of this state foundations for concrete bridges are very difficult and expensive and without proper foundation such structures are worthless; again supervisors have to depend upon the contractors for this information as well as the kind of bridge needed and its cost.

In localities where water-courses are liable to be changed for drainage purposes, where low short span bridges will meet requirements those constructed of proper wood material are generally most economical, but through ignorance of the proper material and poor construction of this class of county bridges generally last not more than half as long as they should. Best red cedar piling put in ground without shattering will last forty years or more and genuine hard long leaf willow pine or western red or yellow fir properly constructed will last fifteen years or more.

I repeat it needs an expert who has made a study of these subjects to advise and direct us. Most respectfully,

W. F. BAKER.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

Minnesota Claims Championship.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 12.—Minnesota practically won the conference championship by defeating the Chicago five here tonight, 23 to 16. The Minnesota team is tied in percentage with Purdue, but in the face of the two former defeats given Purdue this season, the Minnesotans have a right to claim the title.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Funds Are in a Somewhat Depleted Condition.

POLICE AND FIREMEN LAID OFF

Council Face to Face with Serious Proposition and First of New Fiscal Years Five Months Away.

An analysis of the report of the city clerk of the financial condition of the city, published yesterday, shows that according to the rate of expenditure for the last seven months the lighting fund will be short $3,130.72, the fire fund $2,095.97 and the police fund $5,907.59.

The depleted state of the fire and police funds has long been anticipated and since last November the board has been monthly laying off men. But apparently this policy of reduction has not been able to solve the difficulty of the financial situation, and the city council and the board are now face to face with the serious proposition of how to run those two departments until the end of the fiscal year, five months hence.

One of the recommendations of the charter revision committee was that these two funds should be increased, but whether that recommendation will be in the bill when it passed the legislature is at present a matter of conjecture. But whether or not—and this increase can only help out in the future—the opinion of the taxpayers is that more care should be exercised by the board in manning the police force. Admittedly there can be none too many men in the fire department, especially in view of the establishment of the two new fire stations, but the general opinion is that the board has been in the past too ready, for various reasons, to add to the police force, with the result that there are not sufficient funds now to meet the men on the payroll, notwithstanding that some have been compelled to take vacations even to the length of three months.

The state of the lighting fund is another proposition and, as is well known, this is due to a too generous response by the Councilmen to requests for more light. More light in dark places is good, and particularly when it is of a moral or intellectual character, but when it is the light that costs so much per lamp it is quite another thing. Over and over again Mayor Trainor has warned the council that the granting of these requests would place the fund in a serious condition, but his warnings passed unheeded and hence the position of affairs the report of City Clerk Good discloses.

Admittedly there is always a little money coming from the collection of back taxes—and there is the prospect of 96 per cent of the taxes being collected—but this is only a drop in the bucket. That fund stands at the present time at about $1,300, and when that amount is segregated between the various boards what these depleted funds will get will certainly not lift their heads above water.

School Board Notes.

Superintendent Graham stated Saturday that the high school at the present time was in receipt of about $600 per year from students who reside in other counties, but who come to South Omaha to avail themselves of the tuition of the high school. This money is paid by the respective counties for the children attending. Another thing the superintendent stated was that these children are some of the best students at the high school. Probably they realize that they are more or less thrown on their own resources and that it is incumbent upon them to make good and maybe behind all there is a bit of that esprit de corps, which is another name for self-respect, whether it is of a county or personal character.

Apropos of the school board election it might be pointed out that under the city charter no person is eligible for election to any office in the city "who is indebted in any manner whatsoever to the city, county or school district." Those are the actual words of the statute.

St. Patrick's Day Program.

The anniversary of the death of Ireland's patron saint will be observed by Division No. 2, South Omaha, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, by an entertainment in the high school auditorium on the night of March 17. This will be the twenty-fourth celebration under the auspices of the division. An interesting program of music, vocal and instrumental, has been arranged and the address on the occasion will be delivered by Hon. Thomas J. Doyle of Lincoln. Attorney Samuel L. Winters will be chairman.

The following is the program:

Overture, Hibernian band; remarks, Father Aherne; address of chairman, Samuel L. Winters; vocal solo, Miss Mae O'Brien, accompaniment by Mrs. W. J. McCrann; recitation, Miss Ruth Berlin; address of the evening, Hon. T. J. Doyle; overture, "Sons of Erin," Mozart orchestra, H. Bock, director; vocal solo (selected), Thomas Gorman; quartet (selected); vocal solo, Miss Margaret Kelly; "God Save Ireland," audience and band.

Basket Ball Games.

A big crowd witnessed the basket ball games in the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium last night. It was an exciting affair, the contest between the Squabs of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association and the team of the local association and the former had just the call over the South Omaha boys. They won by 29 points to 28.

South Omaha had the best of the preliminary, the high school freshmen beating the star five of Walnut Hill Methodist church, by 18 to 15. The star players for the freshmen are Morton, who threw eight field goals, and Taylor. Next Monday night the freshmen play Council Bluffs High school freshmen.

Literature Lectures.

Beginning Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Prof. Lane H. Grummann will deliver a series of lecture in the high school. Prof. Grummann is professor of modern German literature at the State university. The following is the program of lectures:

First(a) Goethe and Schiller, (b) Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People."

Second—(a) Wagner, (b) Ibsen's "The Master Builder."

Third—(a) Ibsen's Dramas, (b) Sudermann's "Magda."

Fourth—(a) Modern Aesthetics, (b) Sudermann's "Fires of St. John."

Fifth—(a) Nietzsche's Philosophy, (b) Hauptmann's "Hannele."

Sixth—(a) Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell," (b) Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell."

Magic City Gossip.

Oscar the Tailor, real good clothes maker.

It took $15,000 to meet the obligation of the school board last month.

The women of the Christian church will give a dinner at 337 North Twenty-fourth street next Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Robinson has been taken to her home, from the South Omaha hospital following an operation.

James Pivonka, formerly of South Omaha, now a resident in Missouri, is on a visit with friends in the city.

'Phone Bell, South 868—Independent F-1585 for a case of Jetter Gold Top. Prompt delivery to any part of city. William Jetter.

The Central Labor union will hold a meeting Monday night at 110 North Twenty-fourth street for the election of the board of trustees.

The dedication of St. Luke's church, Twenty-fifth and K streets, takes place today, services being held at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 8 p. m.

South Omaha lodge No. 173, Mystic Workers of the World, will celebrate its third anniversary Tuesday evening at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall with a class initiation, which will take its membership over the 300 mark.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association, will give a "Hard Times" social at the Young Men's Christian association rooms, Tuesday night, March 21.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church will give a "Hot Biscuit" dinner and sell aprons Wednesday, March 15, at 337 North Twenty-fourth street.

The following births have been reported: A. L. Vanowtryse, 1019 North Twenty-sixth street, boy; Thomas Murphy, 436 South Thirty-second street, boy.

The monthly interest payable on maturities falling due April 1, for which the city treasurer will ask the council to make an appropriation Monday night, amounts to $1,556.57.

Joe Zadina, charged with attempted criminal assault on the little girl, Loretta Peterson, has been returned for trial to the district court by Judge Callanan. He waived examination.

County Assessor Shriver has been allocated offices in the city hall for his staff of assistants, during the making up of the county assessment list. This is the first occasion the county assessor has requested the making of such arrangements.

The colored woman, Lottie Price, who was shot yesterday by John C. Moberly, colored, following a quarrel, aroused by jealousy, lies in a precarious condition in the South Omaha hospital. The bullet passed through the liver and perforated the intestines.

Mrs. M. A. Martin, 515 North Eighteenth street, entertained Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter, Leonora, the occasion being her eleventh birthday. Those present were: Alvina Bickel, Edna Buchman, Esther Sullivan, Anna Anderson, Beatrice Wells, Dora Wiese, Eva Yerian, Florence Richardson, Janet Watson and Ida Hurd.

The only savings bank in Douglas county is the South Omaha Savings bank, located in the old quarters of the South Omaha National bank, 2514 N street. This bank is owned and controlled by interests closely identified with the Stock Yards National bank and pays 4 per cent on deposits. Any amount starts an account. Truman Buck, president; H. C. Bostwick, cashier; F. R. Getty, assistant cashier.

City Engineer George W. Roberts has received notification from President George W. Tillson of the Organization of City Officials for Standarizing Paving specifications, that he has been appointed a member of the committee on bituminous concrete for the current year. The other members of the committee are: Linn White, chairman, Chicago; L. W. Rundlett, vice-chairman, S. Paul; W. H. Connell, New York; George McGonagle, Salt Lake City.

Thomas McMahon, who was employed in the Armour Packing company house, died yesterday morning, aged 28 years. The funeral will be held from the residence of his parents, 159 South Twenty-fourth street, Monday morning, at 8:30, at St. Agnes' church. The interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Mr. McMahon is survived by his parents and a brother, who lives in Chicago. He was a member of Knoxall Council No. 1464, Royal Arcanum, and of the Improved Order of Red men.

Warning to Railroad Men.

Look out for severe and even dangerous kidney and bladder troubles resulting from years of railroading. George E. Bell, 639 Third street, Fort Wayne, Ind., was many years a conductor on the Nickel Plate. He says: "Twenty years of railroading left my kidneys in terrible condition. There was a continual pain across my back and hips and my kidneys gave me much distress, and the action of my bladder was frequent and most painful. I got a supply of Foley Kidney Pills and the first bottle made a wonderful improvement and four bottles cured me completely. Since being cured I have recommended Foley Kidney Pills to many of my railroad friends." For sale by all druggists.