NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's hotel.

Welsbach burners at Bixby's. Tel. 153.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

Mrs. C. C. Cook and son Robert are visiting in Chicago.

Dr. W. A. Gervais, osteopath, 304 Merriam block, Council Bluffs.

The place to have your framing done, Alexander's Art emporium.

Miss Charity Babcock is home from Chicago for a few days' visit.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 33.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lane are entertaining Mrs. O. W. Swenson of Red Oak, Ia.

Walter, Henry and Edward Schott of Treynor, Ia., were in the city yesterday on their way to Parsons, Kan.

Sheridan coal makes a large flame and clear fire but no smoke, soot or clinkers. Fenlon & Foley, sole agents.

The regular meeting of Unity guild of Grace church will be held Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Lane.

Cadets Rahm, Vierling and Brink of Omaha, who were guests of Cadet I. Beers Rohrer, returned home yesterday evening.

Frank Dowty and wife and Joseph Dowty and wife, all of Oakland, Ia., were in the city yesterday on their way to Chandler, Okla.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners slated for this evening has been postponed until tomorrow night.

Theodore Davis of Weeping Water, Neb., and Emma M. Hall of Auburn, Neb., were married in this city yesterday, Justice Vien officiating.

Rev. W. H. Cable, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, has started a very neat publication called the Trinity Dial, published in the interest of his congregation.

H. M. Metz, commercial agent of the Illinois Central at this point, who was called to his home in Freeport, Ill., by sickness in his family, returned to this city yesterday.

A. Gibbons and George Demurers, who became involved in a dispute over the dawn of the new century Monday night, were each assessed $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning.

Captain S. E. Anderson has issued a call for all members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen drill team to meet this evening at Masonic temple for drill and business of importance.

The yard employes of the Northwestern road presented on New Year's day to Yardmaster Fred Westrip a beautiful silver lantern with his name and date of presentation engraved thereon in gold letters.

Dr. F. P. Bellinger, who has spent the last three months attending post-graduate courses in the European hospitals, has returned to the United States and is now in Chicago on his way home to this city.

The case against Chester Egbert, charged with carrying concealed weapons, which has been hanging fire in police court for two weeks, was dismissed yesterday morning on motion of the assistant county attorney.

An overheated stovepipe gave the fire department a run yesterday morning to the shoe shop of John Green at 220 Broadway. The incipient blaze was promptly extinguished and but little damage was done.

County Treasurer Arnd turned over to the city yesterday $8,443.81, being the municipality's proportion of the taxes collected during December. The amount was made up of $7,212.05 regular and $2,231.56 special taxes.

The case against John Berwick, a Rock Island railway employe, charged with assaulting Peter Larsen, Christmas eve, was dismissed in Justice Vien's court yesterday on motion of the assistant county attorney.

Frank F. Everest, supervisor of the census for the Ninth district, has received over 150 applications from would-be enumerators. He will have about 175 appointments to make, but will not make them before about the first of March.

All members of Augusta Grove No. 1 are requested to be present tomorrow night, when the newly elected officers will be installed and other business of importance come up for action. Following the installation ceremonies refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Hamilton Douglas of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. J. K. Calkins of York, Neb., have arrived in the city and are guests at the home of Assistant County Attorney Kimball, where their father, Captain R. S. Williams, of Wyoming is lying seriously ill.

W. L. Lytton has arrived in this city to assume the position of general yardmaster of the Northwestern railway at this point. The duties of Agent Montgomery became so numerous, with the increased business of the road at this point, that it was found necessary to relieve him of a portion of them.

Mrs. J. N. Miller of the Union Mission states that other rounds looking after destitute families New Year's day she distributed food and clothing to several families who are in deplorable circumstances. Aid for these and other poor families will be thankfully received by the women of the mission.

Frank Paul, a stranger, was arrested last night on suspicion of having stolen a new overcoat which he was trying to sell for $2 when Detective Weir ran across him. Paul gave Weir a hot run before he was captured. A pair of new gloves, several sizes too small for him, and a pair of new overshoes were also found in his possession.

The case against Howard Scott and Milton Burns, the youths charged with the larceny of a pocketbook containing $65, the property of Ed Parker, was continued in police court yesterday until this morning. Parker failed to appear to prosecute and if he is not on hand this morning when court opens Judge Aylesworth stated he would discharge the defendants.

Manager Lemon's report of the receipts at the Christian home for the last week shows that the friends of the institution were most liberal in their donations. In the general fund $1,329.58 was received, being $1,129.58 above the estimated needs for the current expenses of the week. In the manager's fund $142.75 was received, being $107.75 above the needs of the week and reducing the deficiency in this fund to date to $18.51.

The report of the superintendent of the State Insane asylum at Mount Pleasant has been filed with the Board of County Supervisors. It shows that the county has three patients there. They are Sarah J. Reel, sufferings from chronic mania, whose condition is fair; Sarah L. Day, suffering from chronic delusional mania, whose condition is good; W. H. Berry, suffering from ordinary dementia, whose condition is fair.

Henry Robinson, the colored porter at the Ogden hotel, charged with assaulting with intent to murder H. S. Boyle, a grading contractor and guest of the house, last Friday night, had his preliminary hearing before Judge Aylesworth in the superior court yesterday morning. The evidence showed he made three distinct attempts to assault Boyle and the court bound him over to the grand jury. His bond was fixed in the sum of $1,000, in default of which he was committed to the county jail.

Concordia lodge No. 52, Knights of Pythias, publicly installed the following officers at Hughes hall: Chancellor commander, J. W. Ferrier; vice chancellor, E. A. Black; master-at-arms, George L. Prelate, Dr. R. O. Williams; master of the work, H. W. Lewis; keeper of the records and seal, E. E. Lutz; master of finance, C. N. Caldwell; master of the exchequer, J. W. Schooling; inner guard, Fred Sherman; outer guard, W. H. McKinley; trustees, J. J. Klein, E. A. Black and Julius Unger. The installation ceremonies were followed by a dance.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250.

Howell's Anti-"Kawf" cures coughs, colds.

Davis sells paints.

District Court Matters.

Judge Walter I. Smith reconvened district court yesterday, but outside of attending to a few probate matters no business was transacted. The will of the late E. E. Mayne was admitted to probate, the widow, Mrs. Clara Mayne, being appointed executrix without bond.

Judge Thornell will convene the January term next Tuesday when the injunction case of Ervin Dryer against the City and Thomas Bowman will come up for hearing. Judge Green will also be present to dispose of unfinished business from this term.

FARM LOANS

Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, jr., 136 Main St., Council Bluffs.

DEPUTIES STILL IN HOT WATER

Board of Supervisors Delays Action on Confirming Cousins' Appointees.

FAVORABLE OPINION BY JUDGE SMITH

Says Salaries of Deputies, Who Serve as Court Bailiffs, Should Not Be Taxed Up Against Sheriff's Office.

The Board of County Supervisors at its session yesterday failed to take any action in the matter of Sheriff Cousins' deputies and the five whose bonds have been held up are still on the ragged edge of uncertainty as to whether their appointments will be confirmed or not.

The board discussed the matter informally, with a view to discovering some loophole whereby it could get over the difficulty and confirm the appointments without violating the law.

Judge Smith of the district court gave it as his opinion that the salaries of the two deputies who served as bailiffs of the district court in this city and Avoca should not be taxed up against the earnings of the office. He said they were distinctly court officers and as such their salaries should be paid as other expenses of the court are, by the county. This will relieve the situation somewhat, if the board adopts the opinion of Judge Smith, as the salaries of the two bailiffs will amount to $1,600 per annum. With the pay of these two officers thus provided for it is believed that the earnings of the sheriff's office would be adequate to permit of the appointment of all of the other deputies and thus keep the force up to its former strength.

The report made by Sheriff Morgan in June last was for the first five months of the year and not for the half-year, as incorrectly stated yesterday. Morgan had not filed his report for the remainder of 1899 with the board yesterday and his former deputy, Charles McLyman, was busy working on the books. From him it was learned that the earnings of the office for the entire twelve months would, in all probability, amount to about $7,000. If this is the case and the board decides that the salaries of the two court bailiffs do not have to be paid out of the fees of the sheriff's office, the amount paid in salaries to the deputies and the sheriff himself last year will come within the limit.

Receive Salaries in Full.

Sheriff Morgan and all of his deputies have, as is shown by the records in the county auditor's office, received their salaries in full up to December 31, 1899.

Last year was the first time that the salaries of the sheriff and his deputies were paid in any way like a systematic manner. In previous years the sheriff deducted his emoluments from the fees of his office and turned over the balance to the county. The deputies put in their bills and were given warrants on the county treasurer.

John S. Morgan served two terms as sheriff, first going into office January 1, 1896, at the same date the law which provides that the salaries of the sheriff and his deputies shall not exceed the earnings of the office, went into effect. The books of the county treasurer show that during his four years as sheriff, Morgan turned into the county treasurer $17,464.07. Should he turn over with his final report another $4,000, as estimated, it will bring the amount up to something over $20,000, or an average of $5,250 per annum. His payments into the county treasury during his two terms are as follows:

January 1, 1897	$ 4,514.38
January 20, 1897	1,027.11
April 2, 1897	182.19
January 1, 1898	804.54
January 1, 1898	4,274.51
April 4, 1898	617.14
June 14, 1898	183.55
July 18, 1898	480.29
November 1, 1898	297.12
November 1, 1898	43.00
November 23, 1898	528.35
February 1, 1899	267.49
February 1, 1899	497.75
June 4, 1899	1,144.05
July 1, 1899	2,296.59
Total	$17,464.07

These figures are what now confront the board. Should the revenues of the office not be greater than during Morgan's tenure of office, they would only afford the payment of the sheriff's salary at $2,500 per annum, that of two deputies at $1,000 each per annum and one at $750 per annum, even if the pay of the court bailiff was provided for by the county.

Although his bond was not approved by the board, G. L. Martin was installed as jailer by Captain Cousins yesterday, it being absolutely necessary that someone be placed in charge there. The three deputies, J. C. Baker, Ed Canning and W. A. Groneweg, are needed to perform the other duties in connection with the office.

Routine Work of Board.

The board put in a busy day of it and transacted a large amount of routine business.

County Superintendent Sawyer submitted his annual and final report, which was found to correspond to a cent with the books of the county auditor and treasurer. The report showed receipts of $2,184.50, as follows: From W. S. Paulson, $167.50; from certificate fees, first class, $380; from certificate fees, second class, $755; from special certificates, $39; state appropriation, $100; institute enrollment fees, $651; failures, $92. The expenses of the institute amounted to $1,440.50, leaving a balance of $744, which Prof. Sawyer turned into the county treasury.

The resolution adopted April 28, 1898, authorizing the assessment of the cost of surveying unplatted lands along the east bank of the Missouri river as special taxes of such lands was rejected, the county attorney advising that the resolution originally adopted could not be enforced at this time.

Physicians for attending the county poor in the different townships were appointed and their remuneration fixed as follows: Dr. S. D. Tobey, Oakland township, $30; Belknap township, $10; Center township, $10. Dr. George Nusum, Boomer township, $20; Rockford township, $20. Dr. W. F. Pierce, Carson township, $23. Dr. J. H. Swanson, Crescent township, $20; Hazel Dell township, $20. Dr. C. F. Dietz, Grove township, $19. Dr. D. Williams, Hardin township, $10; Keg Creek township, $10; Silver Creek township, $10. Dr. A. S. Stevens, James township, $15; Valley township, $25. Dr. F. Hanna, Layton township, $30; Lincoln township, $10. Dr. J. H. Besoe, Macedonia, $25. Dr. F. L. Peters, Minden township, $25. Dr. F. Robins, Neola township, $20. Dr. O. A. Lyland, Norwalk township, $25. Dr. A. G. Spalding, Pleasant township, $10. Dr. F. H. Stockdale, Waveland township, $15; Wright township, $15. Dr. I. T. Van Ness, York township, $20. Dr. Victor Stephenson, Kane township (including Council Bluffs), $132; Garner township, $9; Lewis township, $9; county jail, $27. The appointment of a county physician for Knox township was referred to Supervisor Brandes with power to act.

The settlement effected by Auditor Innes with the Rock Island railway whereby that company paid $275 for burning bridge No. 11 in Minden township was approved.

The claim of John E. Cook for $7 damages by reason of his horse falling through a bridge in Silver Creek township was referred to the committee on roads.

Reject Evans' Claim.

The claim of John Evans, jr., for $75 for the death of a horse which had been bitten by a stray dog supposed to be suffering from hydrophobia, was rejected, as the board could not see that the county should be held liable for the actions of stray canines.

The salary of County Treasurer Arnd was fixed as before at $5,000 per annum and all fees of the office, he to pay the salaries of his deputy and clerks.

The action of County Auditor Innes and Supervisor Matthews in leasing the present lot used as a county wood yard in this city at $75 for the ensuing year was approved.

The petition of residents of Hazel Dell township to have the hill in the public road in that township cut down was referred to Supervisor Hansen with power to act.

On recommendation of County Attorney Kilpack, the auditor was instructed to allow L. E. Wilson, constable at Avoca, $5.30 witness fees in the case of the State against W. P. Cowan.

An order was made allowing Mrs. C. Rosenfeldt of Norwalk township $8 per month, her husband having been killed by lightning on August 25 last and leaving her and two children destitute.

A request to have twelve "easy" chairs provided for the jurors at the Avoca court house was laid over without action. Supervisor Brandes was authorized to contract for all supplies for the court house and its officers at Avoca.

The settlement made by Auditor Innes whereby the Omaha Bridge and Terminal Railway company paid $50 in full for damages to the county lots abutting on the switch track which it is building on First avenue was approved.

The board will resume its session this morning.

REORGANIZING MILITIA COMPANY.

Number of Veterans of Old Company L Sign Muster Roll.

A meeting of those interested in the organization of Company L of the new Fifty-first regiment, Iowa National guard, now being formed, was held last night at Stone & Tinley's office. A number of the veterans of the old Company L were present and signed the muster roll. Thirty-three enlistment papers were made out and enough are in the hands of prospective members to ensure the required number of forty members.

First Lieutenant Matt Tinley of the old company, who is talked of most prominently as captain for the new company, presided and wrote to Adjutant General Byers asking him to come here as soon as possible to muster the company in.

Those who have so far signed the enlistment papers are: Thomas L. Hall, Clarence E. Woolman, Edward N. Catterlin, George L. Judson, Ernest K. Kirkland, William H. Moore, Charles Jamison, William H. Anderson, Arthur E. Lane, Matthew A. Tinley, Samuel E. Anderson, George L. Tinley, Thomas R. Rutherford, Harry B. Sackett, Clarence Weaver, Oliver Phelps, James E. Mather, John Q. Anderson, James H. Windle, George D. Haworth, Dwight W. Odell, Herbert C. Gladwin, Charles O. Millsap, Harry Mitchell, Leonard Q. Jackson, Edgar S. Hafer, David D. Mottaz, George H. Afton, Charles C. Vernon, H. M. McDermott, H. A. Williams, P. H. Smith, W. J. Read.

Looking Up Norton's Record.

James M. Norton, charged with attempting to pass a forged check on Louis Grell and other merchants, waived examination in police court yesterday morning and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. His bond was fixed at $500 and in default of which he was removed from the city to the county jail.

Since his arrest the police have been looking up Norton's record and assert that he has served time in Nebraska, South Dakota and Pennsylvania for offenses of a similar character. They say he was but recently discharged from the penitentiary in South Dakota.

Investigation by the police shows that he went to the First National bank about a week ago and secured half a dozen blank checks. He struck Council Bluffs about ten days ago and has been stopping with a brother on South Sixth street.

Harlan Wants a Normal School.

Clint Byers returned last evening from Des Moines, where he had been several days on business. Discussing the senatorial question Mr. Byers said the general opinion was that Eaton would be elected speaker. The followers of Senator Gear claim enough votes to land him the toga.

Mr. Byers said it was the hottest political fight he ever witnessed. As to the contest over seating his brother, Webb Byers, from Shelby county, he believed it would be withdrawn before the legislature met.

The people of Harlan want a normal school established in their town and they do not want the influence of their representative handicapped by a contest.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

John Sides and wife to Thomas and Eliza Burcham, lots 12, 13 and 14 in 3, Carson, w d	$ 2,600
Thomas Burcham and wife to Jefferson Perks, s½ se¼ and se¼ sw¼ 35-76-40 and part nw¼ 1-75-40, w d	6,075
Jeremiah Lynch and wife to Charles C. and Thomas W. Jefferson, sw¼ 27, n½ ne¼ and ne¼ nw¼ 34-76-40, w d	12,831
Iowa Land and Loan company to Omaha Bridge and Terminal Railway company, lot 9, block 33, Riddle's subdiv, w d	100
Ernest E. Hart to Frank E. Clifton, lot 4, block 5, Burns' add, w d	825
Langdon G. Morgan to John W. Ashman, lot 7, block 2, Fairmount Place add, q c d	200
Michael J. Flynn and wife to William D. and Fred W. Ives, e½ ne¼, e½ w½ ne¼, e½ nw¼ se¼ and ne¼ se¼ 21 and s½ sw¼ 27-76-41, w d	12,000
Total, seven transfers	$34,631

HALF A TOWN IS DESTROYED

Fire Partially Burns the Town of Massena, Ia., Entailing Loss to Many.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The town of Massena, in the southeastern part of the county, was half destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. All but three buildings on the east side of the main block of the town were totally destroyed. The fire started about midnight and is still smouldering this morning. It is thought to have been of incendiary origin. The total loss is estimated at over $15,000, partially covered by insurance. Heavy losses were sustained by the following: Downey & Son, $6,500; Dick Fee, $3,400; Chevalier & White, $1,500; postoffice, $100; A. Griffith, $600; Bessie Triplett and Mrs. Guthrie, $300; George Arnold, $1,000; D. R. Graybill, $100.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases

EIKER WILL VOTE FOR GEAR

Representative from Decatur County No Longer in Doubtful Column.

ALSO SUPPORTING BOWEN FOR SPEAKER

Lyman of Poweshiek and Barringer of Palo Alto No Longer Doubtful—Federal Judgeship a Factor.

DES MOINES, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Today sensation followed sensation in the senatorial contest. That a bandwagon movement in favor of Governor Gear for the United States senate has been started no one can question. This afternoon Dr. Eiker of Leon, Decatur county, who for some time has been classed in the sure column of the Cummins people, declared his intention of voting for Gear for senator and Bowen for speaker. The announcement caused a decided sensation and is considered a deathblow to the candidacy of Cummins.

Following the Eiker announcement came declarations from Representative Lyman of Poweshiek county and Barringer of the Palo Alto district. Both state that they will support Bowen, notwithstanding the claims of Cummins' men that they are yet in the doubtful column. Conservative politicians have considered these two men as doubtful, but their statements of today place them in the safe column for Gear and Bowen.

These developments have caused a demoralizing effect upon both the Eaton and Cummins forces. The Gear management declares the announcements of today are but a forerunner of others to follow from day to day during the balance of the week.

That Gear is elected there can be no question. While it was apparent yesterday that Eaton had the best of it in the speakership contest, the developments of today clearly show the Gear men are lining their forces up for Bowen.

Federal Judgeship a Factor.

The flop of Dr. Eiker to the Gear forces is important for the reason that he lives in the Eighth congressional district. A week ago this territory was considered dangerous for Gear. The federal judgeship and other matters caused a break in that district. Representatives Crouse of Adams county, Eiker of Decatur and Prentiss of Ringgold were at outs with the Gear management. This break in a district naturally Gear's caused the Cummins men to take an encouraged view of the situation. Gradually Crouse was won over and now comes the announcement of Eiker. Prentiss is the only man standing out.

There is little doubt but Judge Towner of Corning is slated for the federal judgeship. The actions of the Gear men at this time point in that direction. The fact that the men who broke away from the Burlington man have been called back into line is evidence enough Judge Towner has labored with the men from his district.

The only hope of the Cummins men at this time is that they will elect their candidate for speaker, Mr. Eaton. He has made an excellent canvass and although he has lost strength today, yet will make Bowen fight to the last ditch. In the event of Eaton's election it is figured patronage will cut some figure with members over the senatorial issue.

The organization of the house in favor of Cummins would be to his favor, but Gear's majority is considered so strong at this time that it seems utterly impossible to defeat him. At the present time it is an even break between Eaton and Bowen for the gavel. Another day of developments like today would prove disastrous to the Eaton forces and would cause a band wagon movement.

The lobbies tonight are packed with politicians and members of the legislature and the sole topic of conversation is regarding the Eiker desertion of the Cummins and Eaton forces.

The evening papers of the city published a statement that Eiker would support Bowen and Gear. Immediately after the papers appeared the Cummins people denied the story, claiming it was a fake pure and simple. They claimed to have a telegram from Eiker denying the story. It was generally accepted around the lobbies that there was no foundation for the statement and the Cummins people openly admitted that had it been true their fate was settled.

Dr. Eiker arrived at 6 o'clock from Leon. He had a conversation with the Gear people and the result of it was that a deal was effected whereby he will cast his lot with that camp.

Eiker's Statement.

The first statement published regarding Dr. Eiker's desertion was as follows:

LEON, Jan. 2, 1900.—Dr. B. L. Eiker, representative-elect from Decatur county, issues the following statement this afternoon. He has maintained the position all the time that he desired to ascertain and carry out the wishes of his constituents regarding the senatorial matter. Some canvass of the situation was made, and great pressure was brought to bear upon him to declare himself.

On December 21, when in Des Moines, the doctor was induced to issue a statement that upon the showing so far made it appeared to him that the republicans of his county desired to see Cummins elected. That statement was made, however, without a full showing regarding the wishes of his constituents, but it was such as to lead him to think at that time that he would be representing the wishes of his constituents in such action by voting for Cummins and Eaton.

Immediately upon that statement being made public the republicans of Decatur county appeared to be very much surprised at the doctor's attitude, and assured him that he was mistaken regarding the matter. They have since so besieged him with petitions containing the names of over 500 active republicans who desired Senator Gear's re-election, and by letters and personal interviews that he has become convinced that he was mistaken regarding his earlier impression, which was favorable to Cummins, and that the real sentiment of his people—especially of the republicans of Decatur county—is very strongly for Senator Gear and Dr. Bowen.

The doctor has the manliness to say that it is his duty, under these new conditions to reconsider the earlier intention and to carry out what he now believes to be the real wishes of his constituents. He does not think that it is his duty, merely because he has given an indication that at that time and under existing circumstances he would favor Mr. Cummins and Mr. Eaton, that he should refuse to do what he now is convinced is his real duty in the matter. He therefore authorizes this final statment that he will vote for Senator Gear and support Dr. Bowen.

There is no doubt but that the doctor is amply justified in such action, and it is extremely probable that if the Gear people of Decatur had manifested the same activity in making known their real wishes before such first announcement of the doctor as they did after, that no such announcement would have been made.

At 9:30 tonight Eiker handed the following out for publication:

"This statement was presented to me, together with the petition and letters, and is substantially correct as appeared in the News, but I did not authorize its publication and in addition said I would do in the matter what I considered my duty to my nation, my state and constituents."

Governor Gear did not arrive today, but is expected at noon tomorrow. The Cummins people announce tonight that Representative Head of Green county, who was classed as doubtful, will vote for Cummins and Eaton.

At 11 o'clock tonight it was given out in the lobbies that both the senatorial and speakership caucuses would be held the latter part of this week. This comes practically a week in advance of the time expected and will result in both sides pushing matters to the limit for the next few days. Tonight Representative Hawk of Jasper county announced that he would support Bowen. He has been counted for Eaton.

FAITH CURE THE STRONGER

Gephart Believes it More Potent Than Drugs, in Which Business He Has Failed.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur Gephart has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court, scheduling assets amounting to $16,766.29, with liabilities of $10,957.32. Included among the creditors is the Des Moines Drug company, whose account amounts to $715.22.

Gephart has been in the drug business in this city for twenty years and during most of the time has been prosperous. Of recent years he has been a very strong advocate of Christian Science, which is said to be attributable in a great measure to his financial adversity. He says his failure in no way affects his faith.

DETECTIVE WORK FOR THE MAYOR.

Des Moines' City Solicitor Says He Balks at This Task.

DES MOINES, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Last week Mayor McVicar directed the city solicitor to investigate matters and sue all city officials who have drawn money from the city treasury on contracts or for sales in violation of the code, it having been claimed that some officials had made considerable money in this way. Today the city solicitor said that if directed to bring suit in any specific instance he would do so, but he would not do the mayor's detective work and search through the records.

At the quarterly checking up of the state treasurer's funds today the interesting report was made that there is $750,000 cash on hand and $566,000 of this is in the general revenue fund. Two years ago there was a deficit of something like $400,000.

It is reported that State Auditor Merriam, now in the hospital at San Francisco, is not so seriously ill as reported and that his condition is not at all alarming.

The city council today passed an ordinance vacating a portion of a street for the use of the Rock Island railroad. For this the road agrees to commence in March the erection of a $200,000 depot extending from Third to Fifth streets, Fourth street to be spanned by an ornamental archway as a part of the depot. The trainsheds will be 600 feet long.

Miss Emma Dye, principal of the Lucas school, was terribly burned while filling a lighted gasoline stove this morning. Miss Dye arose at 5 o'clock and in her nightrobe lighted the stove. Seeing that there was but little gasoline in the tank she proceeded to fill it. There was a terrific explosion and she was instantly covered with blazing oil. A woman who was staying with Miss Dye threw a blanket over her and smothered the flames. She may live.

A dispatch from Iowa City says that Captain Marshall, who shot himself Sunday, died there this morning. He maintained to the last that the shooting was accidental.

TROUBLE FOR ODD FELLOWS.

Annuity Association of Iowa is Condemned by Insurance Department.

DES MOINES, Jan. 2.—The trouble in the management of the Odd Fellows' Annuity Association of Iowa has been taken in hand by the state insurance department. Examiner Beehler, after careful investigation, reports that the business has been loosely managed and that the officers are to blame for its condition. There have been frequent quarrels among the officers. The association carries about $8,000,000 insurance, doing business in a dozen states.

Says Sioux City is Bad.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. G. H. Cornell, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal church, announced from his pulpit that the good citizens should take a livelier interest in public affairs and declared that things are so bad in Sioux City that they demand a protest from every honorable citizen. He spoke of the many robberies and burglaries which have occurred in the last two weeks, which finally culminated in the cruel murder of John Robson. Dr. Cornell also said that the numerous prize fights which have been permitted here under the cloak of the law have been a disgrace to the community and good citizens should see that in the future they are stopped.

Grocery Deal at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—For a consideration of $75,000 the Pilger Grocery company sold its entire stock, fixtures, furniture and goods to the Biklin-Winser Grocery company, whose $100,000 stock was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning. The Pilger Grocery company will retire permanently from the business.

Harlan Woodmen Hold a Banquet.

HARLAN, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Harlan camp of Modern Woodmen of America held a public installation at their hall last night, which was followed by a banquet at the City hotel. Addresses were made by Rev. B. F. Miller, Rev. W. A. Lovell, Attorney J. R. Meckler and H. W. Byers.

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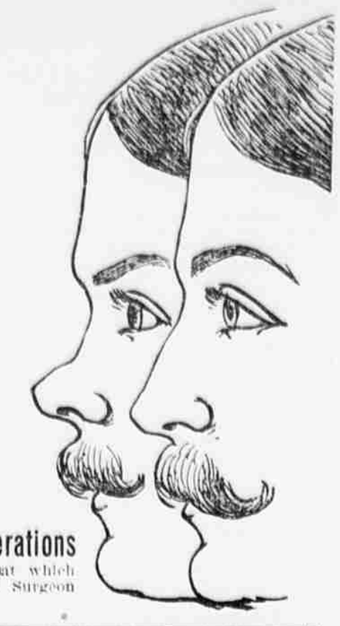

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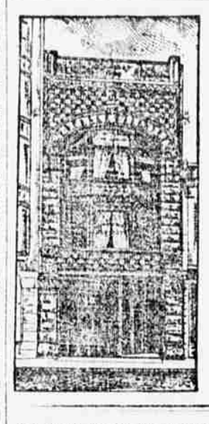

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