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. 193.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

Mrs. R. Berry of Missouri Valley is in the city visiting friends.

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

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.

Sheridan jump coal, $5.50; Sheridan nut coal, $5.00. Fenlon & Foley, sole agents.

W. H. Woods, a banker of Logan, Ia., was in the city yesterday calling on friends.

The place to have your framing done, Alexander's Art emporium, 333 Broadway.

A. W. and E. W. Cameron of Chicago are in the city organizing a local branch of the Economic league.

I. S. Smith of Neola, a prominent republican of Pottawattamie county, was a city visitor yesterday.

Royal Neighbors' Aid society will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. H. Wind on Washington avenue.

Henry Stevenson left yesterday for Portland, Ore., where he will investigate the prospects for locating in business.

Rev. R. Venting, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned yesterday morning from a short trip to Kansas City.

Mathew H. Nelson and Mabel Greenwood, both of Omaha, were married in this city yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Justice Ferrier.

It is reported that the city ticket office of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad is to be established on February 1, not having proved a paying concern.

W. I. Chpen, divisional superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company, with headquarters in Chicago, was in the city yesterday for a brief visit.

All members of White Rose Rebekah lodge are requested to meet at their lodge rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to organize a staff for floor work.

Elson Whittlesey, a former resident of this city but now route agent for the Wells-Fargo Express company at Colorado Springs, is in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Watson is confined to her home on Washington avenue by sickness. Albert Venting, son of Rev. R. Venting, has entered the William Jewell college at Liberty, Mo.

Mrs. C. R. Nicholson of 315 South First street, who underwent a serious surgical operation Wednesday at the Woman's Christian Association hospital, was resting easily yesterday and hopes of her complete recovery are now entertained.

The police are looking for a "Peeping Tom," who has annoyed the residents on Washington avenue for some time and who has now turned his attentions to South Main street. Wednesday he frightened a woman living on that street, whose husband happens to be out of the city.

Miss Minnie Bell Beason, who recently underwent a severe surgical operation at the Woman's Christian Association hospital, died there yesterday morning, aged 22 years. The remains will be taken to her home in Colfax, Ia., for interment this morning. She was the wife of William Beason.

John Casey, a well known farmer of Honey Creek, this county, died yesterday morning at St. Bernard's hospital of tuberculosis, aged 61 years. He had been an inmate of the hospital for ten months. The remains will be taken to Honey Creek for interment.

H. Holger and Miss Minnie Mae Knott were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knott, 1611 Second avenue, Rev. R. Venting officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Larson left last evening for Chicago to spend their honeymoon.

George Phason, a lad, was arrested last evening by Detectives Weir and Clair while attempting to dispose of a copper kettle and other articles which it was later proven he had stolen from the residence of Mrs. Hardin. The boy has recently worked for several local junk dealers and there acquired his knowledge of the value of copper articles.

Council camp No. 14, Woodmen of the World, will hold its regular meeting this evening. All members are requested to be present, as business of the utmost importance is to come before the meeting. An effort will be made to try to secure the headquarters of the order for Council Bluffs and this matter will be brought up for consideration tonight.

Justice Vien has taken under advisement his ruling in the suit brought by L. G. Scott against L. C. Larson for $50 damages. The plaintiff, a member of the local bar, rides a wheel and on December 30 collided with a wagon and horse driven by Larson. Scott claims the collision was due to Larson's negligence, while Larson asserts that the attorney wanted the whole road.

Fred Kontze, who claims to hail from Mills county, came to Council Bluffs yesterday to see the sights. He visited a number of saloons and tasted numerous samples of the whisky that is sold here. The whisky made his feet unsteady and he fell, breaking afresh his left arm, which had only recently healed from a previous fracture. His cries attracted the attention of a patrolman and he was taken to the Woman's Christian Association hospital.

Ritter Headley, the young lad charged with two others, Mike Smith and George Palmer, with stealing valuable plumbing fixtures from a residence on South Tenth street, was brought back from Persia yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Canning. He took a change of venue from the superior court to that of Justice Vien and with Smith will have a hearing this morning. In default of bail he was committed to the county jail in the meantime.

The program committee of the Derthick club has partially announced the program for the open meeting to be given Monday evening at Royal Arcanum hall. Three concerted numbers will be given, one by the Dudley Buck quartet, the octet "Bridal Chorus" from "The Rose Maiden," by Sullivan, and the sextet from "Lucia." Miss Effa Ellis, Miss Nora McCabe and C. H. Keefe play, as does C. P. Stickelbur, the violinist. Mrs. W. W. Sherman, Mrs. Robert Mullis and C. B. Aitchison will sing. A song of W. L. Thickstun, a former well known Council Bluffs musician, will be given its first public performance that evening.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250.

Davis sells paints.

Plans for Woodmen Anniversary.

Hazel camp, No. 171, Modern Woodmen of America, which has a membership of 170 in good standing, is arranging to celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of its organization with a grand ball and banquet at Hughes' hall Monday night, February 5. The following committees have been appointed to take charge of the affair:

Arrangements—C. W. Atwood, D. W. Selby, J. R. Dietrich.

Finance—J. C. Fleming, E. E. Hoffer, A. Maltzham.

Reception—Charles Copely, G. L. Miller, George Westerdahl, Dr. J. H. Cleaver, R. S. Rawlings, G. W. Irvin, Charles Barnett.

Introduction—S. B. Snyder, J. C. Craigmile, L. E. Breidenstein, W. C. Boyer, J. J. Stewart, Dr. M. B. Snyder, E. E. Belknap.

Floor and Music—William Martin, Clarence Virine, E. Tamasia, W. F. Brotherton, C. F. Pinkney, B. S. Sackett, O. D. Shepard, G. A. Weber.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Second Presbyterian church will give a box social this evening at the home of D. J. Hutchinson, 1009 High street.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed have been issued to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Byron G. McMullen, Neola, Ia.	22
Dorothy Sewing, Keown, Ia.	21
Anderson Nealy, Council Bluffs	22
Louise Newman, Council Bluffs	22
H. Holger Larson, Council Bluffs	20
Minnie Mae Knott, Council Bluffs	19
Mathew H. Nelson, Omaha	21
Mabel Greenwood, Chicago	21
Frank Hunt, Pottawattamie	26
Maude Frame, Pottawattamie	23

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

FARM LOANS
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, Jr., 16 Main St., Council Bluffs.

MANUFACTURE GAS AND COKE

One Hundred Ovens to Be Erected at Council Bluffs Very Soon.

LOCAL MARKETS WILL BE SUPPLIED

Coke to Be Sold at a Low Figure and Gas to Be Utilized for Heating Purposes—Detailed Plans.

"A plant of 100 ovens for the manufacture of coke from Iowa coal and incidentally for the production of fuel gas will be established and in operation in Council Bluffs before the end of this year," said Killian H. Seibel, western manager for the Universal Fuel company of Chicago on his arrival in this city yesterday.

As soon as it became known that Mr. Seibel was in town a number of the city officials, including Mayor Jennings and several of the members of the executive committee of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, called on him to learn what the intentions of the company that he represented were in regard to Council Bluffs. Except for going more minutely into detail Mr. Seibel had little information to give except what has already been recently published in the papers. He assured the city officials and the others who waited on him that the proposition to operate a coke making plant in this city in the near future was not a visionary scheme, but one that would be actually carried out. The purpose of his visit here was to look the ground over and make the preliminary arrangements for securing a suitable location for the plant. In company with Colonel W. J. Davenport of the Burlington railway, Mr. Seibel inspected several pieces of ground adjacent to that company's trackage, and if the negotiations entered into yesterday carry through successfully the plant will, in all probability, be located on the Burlington's property just east of the Milwaukee roundhouse. The proposal made by Mr. Seibel will be referred to Howard Elliott of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railway and if it meets with his approval the deal, it is said, will be consummated.

To start with the company's plant here will consist of 100 ovens, which will produce 300 tons of coke per day and 2,600,000 cubic feet of fuel gas. To handle the gas, if arrangements cannot be made with the local gas company to do so, an independent company will be organized to market this product. This gas will be piped into Omaha, where it is anticipated there will be a large demand for it, as also for the coke. According to Mr. Seibel's figures, the cost of erecting the plant here will be $90,000, or $5,000 more than in Des Moines, owing to the difference in freight rates. The plant will give employment to forty men, a day and a night shift being constantly worked. The company proposes to manufacture two classes of coke, domestic and metallurgic. The domestic will be supplied at retail at $4 per ton in this city and at $4.50 in Omaha. The metallurgic will be $1 per ton higher. The fuel gas will be supplied probably at from 40 to 45 cents per 1,000 feet. The company will make no attempt to produce gas for lighting purposes.

Seibel Outlines His Plans.

Mr. Seibel in talking of his company's plans said: "By establishing our plant we will give the people of Council Bluffs and Omaha the same advantages as if they were living in the natural gas belt and fuel just as cheap in proportion. It has been asked why if we expect to derive our largest trade from across the river we do not build our plant there. The answer to that is the difference in freight charges on coal between the two cities, or in other words the bridge differential, which, I understand, is 50 cents a ton. It would cost us just $125 a day more to operate our plant in Omaha than on this side of the river and it will readily be seen that that would amount to an immense sum in the year.

"We have no fear but that both the coke and the fuel gas will secure a ready market. We anticipate educating the people of the two cities and adjacent territory to use coke in place of anthracite coal for both heating and cooking purposes. We claim that a ton of coke will go as far as a ton and a quarter of hard coal. It can easily be seen that this will be great saving for the consumer, as we will retail coke for domestic purposes at $4 a ton, which will be less than what it costs to purchase a ton of anthracite coal. There is undoubtedly a growing demand for coke in this section of the country and we hope to make it grow still greater. Statistics show that last year Omaha consumed 800 cars of coke and in this city one brick manufacturer alone paid out over $5,000 for coke, having found out that it was cheaper to burn brick with than wood.

"Our company is not in the gas manufacturing business primarily, but 100 coke ovens when in full operation will produce 2,600,000 cubic feet of fuel gas every twenty-four hours. This, it is needless to say, is too valuable a product to allow to go up in the air. Possibly we shall make arrangements with the local company to handle this gas and on failure to do so will organize an independent company to take care of it and place on the market.

"In coming to Council Bluffs we do not ask any favors, no bonus nor financial assistance. The plant in this city will be built immediately following the one in Des Moines. Our first plant, the erection of which will be commenced in the near future, will be built at Ottumwa. Before the end of the present year we expect to have eleven such plants in operation, five of which, as previously announced, will be in Iowa.

"Last year the people of Iowa paid out $3,500,000 for anthracite coal and coke, all of which was brought in from other states. By our plants making coke right at home a very large portion of this vast sum will be spent right in this state, increasing the output of the Iowa mines and providing more money to be paid the operators. We confidently anticipate that in three years at the furthest we will have to double the capacity of our plant here, as in that time it is almost safe to say that Omaha will not use a ton of coal to make steam with, unless it is some outlying manufacturing plant or factory that is not on the pipe line. Fuel gas will, we believe, be universally used."

Trouble Results from Drink.

Charles Wilson's proclivities for strong drink are, it seems, likely to get him into serious trouble. He was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk and making a general nuisance of himself upon the street. At the city jail he was recognized as a man whom the police have been looking for ever since last summer. Wilson is alleged to have received the pay check for another man on the Milwaukee, where he was working at the time; to have forged the rightful owner's name to it and cashed it. Wilson is also said to have recently stolen some tools belonging to the Rock Island road.

Fails to Fix Responsibility.

Coroner Treyner completed the inquest at Honey Creek yesterday over James T. Frazier, who was killed there last Friday by the fast mail on the Northwestern. A large number of witnesses was examined and there was a decided difference of opinion among the jury as to the responsibility of the railway. After being out a long time the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that Frazier had been killed by train No. 15 on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, but could not agree as to the responsibility of the railway company or its employes. Frazier was struck by the fast mail while walking about the tracks at the Honey Creek depot. He was over 80 years of age, hard of hearing and had poor eyesight.

Doings in the Courts.

In the district court yesterday Judge Smith heard arguments on the demurrer to the petition in the injunction suit brought by ex-Sheriff Morgan and Officer & Pusey against Ovide Vien, justice of the peace, and others, to restrain them from interfering with the sale of the liquor stock attached under judgment against Sam Ford, a former saloon keeper. The demurrer was based on the contention that the plaintiffs could not invoke the equity court to restrain a criminal action; that Ovide Vien as justice of the peace was in duty bound to issue the search warrant and attach the liquor on an affidavit having been filed with him by a reputable citizen. Further than that, the constable was in duty bound to make the seizure if he found the liquor, or else subject himself to a heavy fine. Judge Smith took his decision under advisement and ordered that in the meantime the temporary restraining order, prohibiting any of the defendants from removing the stock or any portion of it, should remain in force.

In the superior court the city commenced proceedings to have the building at 620 Broadway, owned by William A. Nelson, a nonresident, condemned as a nuisance and menace to the public health.

W. H. Butler swore out a landlord's writ of attachment in the district court against Robert Thompson for $398 rent alleged to be due on a lease of certain farming land near Crescent.

The will of the late Charles Spies of this city was filed for probate.

Owing to the absence of Judge Aylesworth, the hearing in the four injunction suits brought by the rival motor companies was postponed until February 6 by agreement, by which time it is expected that Judge Aylesworth will be home.

Another Grist of Bankrupts.

The rush to take advantage of the federal bankruptcy law continues and three more petitions were filed yesterday in the United States district court here by persons who desire to go through the mill and be relieved of their debts.

P. M. Pryor, a printer of this city, whose shop was recently closed by some of his creditors, schdules his liabilities at $2,228.11, of which $160 is for taxes, $83.30 for wages, $1,186 secured claims and $1,041.71 unsecured claims. His assets he lists as worth $2,100, all of which he claims as exempt.

William Benning, a farmer of Harrison county, has secured debts amounting to $703.40 and unsecured debts to the amount of $2,579, making a total of $3,282.40. His assets amount to $795, all of which he claims as exempt.

Isaac J. Bowell, a carpenter of Shenandoah, lists his liabilities at $2,579.57, all unsecured. His assets amount to $160, all claimed as exempt.

Attorney in a Fix.

The tardiness of the attorney cost the Barbers' Protective association close upon $50 yesterday morning. The twelve cases brought against the Sunday working barbers by the association had been set for hearing in the superior court at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, but when the cases were called the attorney for the association failed to appear, although all of the defendants were on hand. On motion of the attorney for the defendants the cases were dismissed and the costs in each case, $3.85, taxed to the prosecuting witness, namely, the Barbers' Protective association. The attorney appeared in court a few minutes after the cases had been dismissed and the order made. He protested, but all to no avail, and he left the court room figuring on how he would be able to square himself with the association or whether it would hold him liable for the costs.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

J. P. Hess, trustee, to Lizzie O. Wood, lot 3, block 5, Squire's add., w d.	$ 750
Leonard D. Leininger and wife to John A. and Mary C. Larson, part lot 1, block 29, Everett's add, w d.	900
F. C. & E. H. Lougee and wives to Isaac Cherniss, lot 1, block 10, Jackson's add, w d.	1,500
Omaha Bridge and Terminal Railway company to Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, und ½ lot and n½ lot 11, block 66, Riddle's subdiv, w d.	213
Sheriff to W. C. Durkes, lot 4, block 2, Hillside add, s d.	325
Total, five transfers	$3,643

ONE OF THE STATE'S LUXURIES.

Investigation Shows Offices of Printer and Binder Come High.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—One of the principal topics this week has been the report made by the special committee appointed by the house to investigate the rates paid for printing and binding by the State Board of Control. Perhaps in no other way could such an object lesson of the enormous expense to the state for printer and binder have been to it have been brought before the assembly. When the report was read everybody looked surprised and the more they have discussed the matter the more they seem to awake to the sentiment that the offices of state printer and binder should be abolished. Only twice, the report showed, have the state printer and binder entered the lists of competitive bidders for the work of the State Board of Control, maintaining that they could not afford to cut state prices. The one time the state printer bid his price was $137.50 more than the price at which the work was secured.

Iowa News Notes.

A company with a capital of $30,000 has been organized to operate a canning factory at Waterloo.

Corporal Mills of the Eleventh cavalry, who recently died in the Philippines, was an Ottumwa boy.

A law and order league has been formed at Clarinda and the sum of $200 subscribed as a starter to aid in enforcing the laws.

The experts who have been looking after the tax-dodgers in Hancock county have succeeded in digging up $30,000, which has been paid into the county treasury.

Burglars entered the hardware store of G. H. Thorley at Atlantic and stole a considerable quantity of cutlery and a little cash which had been left in the store over night.

George A. Williams, who killed Deputy Sheriff Walsh near Creston, will be tried in Union county at the March term of court, the judge overruling a motion for a change of venue.

The body found along the Milwaukee road, at the end of the bridge near Sabula, was identified as the remains of J. J. Smith of Clarksville. The top of his head was crushed. The theory is that he was murdered by some criminal he was pursuing, as he was a member of the American Detective association. The matter is being investigated by the coroner.

Another Window Glass Cut.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25.—The board of directors of the American Window Glass company met today and ordered another cut of 5 per cent on single strength and 5 to 10 per cent on double strength. A 10 per cent cut was made on large brackets of double strength. The last cut, about a month ago, was 33⅓ per cent. The slush in prices is the result of the recent war declared on the independent manufacturers.

ROOD WILL BE APPOINTED

Will Be Named to Succeed Ex-Governor Larrabee on Board of Control.

APPOINTMENT LIKELY TO BE REJECTED

Senator Hazleton Introduces a Bill Providing for the Closing of Barber Shops on Sunday—Other Legislative Doings.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Shaw will appoint Colonel H. H. Rood of Mount Vernon member of the State Board of Control, to succeed ex-Governor Larabee. The governor stated this evening that he had tendered the appointment to Rood and that if the latter could make satisfactory business arrangements he would accept the same. There has been much opposition to Rood's appointment and today it developed that enough members of the senate have been pledged to vote against his confirmation. A meeting of ten republican members of the senate was held at the Savery hotel this evening. All announced their opposition to Rood. With the votes of the democrats they will be able to defeat the appointment.

There has perhaps been no appointment in which such great interest has been manifested since the three members were appointed to the Board of Control two years ago. The interest at this time is even greater than it was then, if that could be, because during the last two years the standard of the Board of Control has been kept so high. There are in the upper body of this legislature men who fathered the Board of Control measure two years ago, and these men do not propose, they say, to have any man who has not a state-wide reputation for business ability and honesty put in the chair now occupied by ex-Governor Larrabee. It is believed, however, that the opposition to Colonel Rood has arisen among those senators who have as yet been unable to figure out any way a man with a position which commands a salary of $5,000 and other convenient accompaniments should want to give up a position for a $3,000 job at the state capitol. Ex-Board Treasurer Herrod and A. B. Funk are mentioned as likely candidates in case Rood's appointment is rejected.

Of the fifteen bills introduced in the house today there were but few which will be of state-wide interest. A majority were local in color and had a bearing solely on technicalities. There were four which pertain to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

A bill which the bar deems of considerable importance passed the house this morning. It was the measure introduced by Hurn of Cerro Gordo, regarding indictment, and enables notice to be served on the attorney on record as well as on the defendant. As the law previously read no evidence not before the grand jury could be taken in a trial regarding which four days' notice had not been served upon the defendant. The bill just passed extends this provision to attorneys. When the bill came up in the senate its consideration was postponed, but it passed the house this morning without opposition.

A bill by Senator Hazleton is aimed at the Sunday opening of barber shops. In Council Bluffs Senator Hazleton says there are as many as fifty cases pending involving the closing of barber shops on Sunday. The barbers at present make as their defense that they keep open "of necessity or out of charity," as the law allows. Senator Hazleton wishes to remove this ground of defense, by making provision that Sunday barber shops are not in the interests of charity and neither are they a necessity.

The senate adopted a resolution this morning providing that when the senate adjourn on Friday it be until 2 p. m. next Monday, so on Saturday the sessions of the upper body will not be held.

Senator Allison has written a friend here that he will call the Iowa delegation together the first week in February to consider the matter of the appointment of a federal judge for the southern district of Iowa to succeed the late Judge Woolson. It is still believed here that the plum will go to Adams of Union county.

FREE TEXT BOOKS FAVORED

County Auditors in Convention Take This Action—County Treasurers Oppose State Examiner.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa's county auditors in state convention today declared in favor of free text books for the public schools and a central depository for the books. These officers were elected: President, John S. McQuiston, Polk county; vice president, C. R. Lyon, Dallas county; secretary, J. T. Carey, Crawford county; treasurer, J. E. Cherry, Union county; member of executive committee, C. C. Stiles, Madison county.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the auditors and treasurers held a joint meeting and were addressed by Attorney General Remley and Treasurer Herriott.

The county treasurers in their convention went on record as opposed to a state examiner of the books and records of county treasurers. They denounced the measure as a scheme of some interested party to create a new political office for political supporters. They favor the proposed law giving the supervisors of each county power to employ an expert accountant each year to examine the treasurer's books, but the treasurers believe this is the duty of the county and not of the state. They elected these officers: President, William Arnd, Pottawattamie county; vice president, M. A. Nicholson, Wright county; secretary, F. J. Wallace, Mills county; treasurer, E. M. Hortoit, Shelby county.

Mrs. Dr. John Cooper today sued her husband, a prominent and wealthy citizen, for divorce. She asks $75,000 alimony and says that he is worth $200,000. She charges cruel treatment and says he will not let her go to church. They were married in Cass county, Indiana, in 1865.

The secretary of the State Board of Health has been notified of a case of smallpox in Sugar Creek township, Cedar county. It is the first case that has been reported in that part of the state. The patient was exposed to the disease while attending school in Dixon, Ill., and was taken sick before reaching home. He changed cars at Davenport and was at that time in the preliminary stages of smallpox. A strict quarantine has been established.

The following cases were decided in the supreme court this morning:

John Herriott, state treasurer, appellant, against Seldon Bacon, executor of the estate of Sarah F. Ransom, Johnson district, reversed. The estate paid an inheritance tax on all bequests to collateral heirs less $1,000 and the treasurer brought action to recover the tax on the $1,000 deducted.

State against G. C. Jamison and W. C. Crone, appellants, Franklin district, reversed.

Grant D. Wabrod against Webster county, appellant, Webster district, affirmed.

Adolphus J. Bartlett against A. P. Falk, appellant, and D. J. Hutchinson and others, defendants, Fremont district, affirmed.

Iowa City Poultry Show Opens.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The Iowa City Poultry and Pet Stock association opened its first annual exhibit this evening with an address of welcome by Mayor F. K. Stebbins. Hundreds of handsome fowls, fancy pigeons and pet stock fill the great armory building. Most of the exhibits are from eastern and southern Iowa, with a goodly number from adjoining states. F. H. Shellabarger of West Liberty is judge of the poultry and R. W. Wales of the pigeons and pet stock. Prizes of the value of nearly $500 will be awarded for each variety.

ABOUT THE NORMAL SCHOOL BILL.

Little Doubt of Its Passage—Selection of Sites.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Behind the movement which resulted in the bill for three additional normal schools are all the educators of the state. Figures show that the demands upon the present normal school are entirely too great for it to meet. Friends of the movement point to the other states which have less population than Iowa, and in proportion have more normal schools than it is proposed to establish in this state by this new measure.

The bill in the senate is fathered by Hazleton of Pottawattamie county, and in the house by Byers of Shelby. Both bills, which are exactly alike, have gone to the committee on schools. It is not unlikely that amendments may be made before the measures come back to the two houses, but it is believed that the committees as a whole are friendly. There will be opposition on the floor of the two houses, but it is believed that eventually the additional schools will be built.

The bill is the one prepared by the special committee appointed a week ago by the caucus of those favorable to normal schools. It went before the caucus Tuesday of this week and was not changed materially. The caucus thought best to eliminate the provision that the buildings be of stone, and leave it discretionary with those supervising the building whether the structures be of brick or stone. Then the provision that no school should be nearer than three-quarters of a mile to the center of any town was changed to one-quarter of a mile, so that it might not debar some of the smaller towns which are after locations. The levy of one-tenth of a mill provided for construction was changed from four to three years. The schools are to be established, one in 1901, another in 1902 and a third in 1903. Their locations are to be determined by joint ballot in the legislature one week after the passage of the bill creating them by a majority of all votes cast. The first town receiving a necessary majority will get the first school; the second getting a majority, the second school, and the third choice, the third institution. After the tenth ballot the places receiving the smallest number of votes are to be dropped from the list. It is believed that before the bill passes, however, a slate for the localities will be agreed upon among the members. The winning localities must furnish a site of not less than forty acres and a $25,000 bond for performance of contract.

Sometime within the next two weeks it is expected the two bodies of the legislature will name trustees to succeed those whose terms at the state educational institutions expire. The terms of these trustees expire this year: At the State university, W. I. Babb of Mt. Pleasant, George W. Cable of Davenport, W. D. Tisdale of Ottumwa and J. D. McCleary of Indianola; at the State Agricultural college, A. V. Stout of Parkersburg, Charles F. Saylor of Des Moines, J. B. Hungerford of Carroll and William J. Dixon of Sac City; at the Normal school, E. Townsend of Cedar Falls and I. J. McDuffie of Lemars.

There is but one contest at the State university, J. D. McCleary having opposition for a re-election. Carroll Wright of this city and Superintendent S. H. Sheakley of the West Des Moines schools are mentioned as McCleary's successor. Dr. J. N. Wintrode of Winterset is also said to be in the race.

Of the trustees for the State Agricultural college, Hungerford and Dixon will succeed themselves. Charles Ballreich of Des Moines and former State Dairy Commissioner W. K. Boardman are mentioned to succeed Saylor, who is in Honolulu. A. V. Stout of Parkersburg, E. M. Wentworth of State Center and W. R. Moninger, who resides near Marshalltown, are candidates to succeed Stout. Townsend, the resident trustee of the Normal school, died recently and a Cedar Falls man will be chosen to succeed him.

Suits Over Ingram Stock.

MOUNT AYR, Ia., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Several important cases growing out of the Ingram bankruptcy cases have been filed in the district court. R. A. Lawhead brings suit against United States Marshal George M. Christian and his deputy, A. E. Willis, asking for a judgment of $7,000, of which $6,000 is placed as the value of Shannon City Cash store, and $1,000 as damages sustained by plaintiff. The stock was bought November 28 by Mr. Lawhead from A. O. Ingram. December 5 Deputy Marshal Willis took possession and December 8 he refused to turn it over to Mr. Lawhead. As the stock is located in Union county the case is likely to be transferred to the Union county docket. Attachment proceedings have also been brought in the district court by the La Porte Woolen Mills company against P. B. Anderson, S. F. Lowder, Luke Shay and A. O. Ingram. This will be turned over by the district court to Mr. Steadman, referee in bankruptcy.

CAST AWAY ON THE PACIFIC.

Mark Twain Retells the Story of an Amazing Adventure.

The title of Mark Twain's story in the Century, "My Debut as a Literary Person," gives an idea of the terrible tragedy of which it tells. In May, 1866, a merchantman was destroyed by fire at sea, and the crew and two passengers put off in three boats, with rations for ten days. Two of the boats were lost, but the captain's, with fifteen frightfully emaciated men aboard, reached the Hawaiian islands forty-three days later, after a voyage of 4,000 miles or more. One of the two passengers still survives and has long been a professor in Trinity college, Hartford. Mark Twain got the story from the survivors, whom he accompanied from Honolulu to San Francisco.

It is an amazing adventure. There is nothing of its sort in history that surpasses it in impossibilities made possible. In one extraordinary detail—the survival of every person in the boat—it probably stands alone in the history of adventures of its kind. Usually merely a part of a boat's company survive—officers, mainly and others educated and tenderly reared men, unused to hardship and heavy labor—the untrained roughly reared, hard workers succumb. But in this case even the rudest and roughest stood the privations and miseries of the voyage almost as well as did the college-bred young brothers and the captains. I mean, physically. The minds of most of the sailors broke down in the fourth week and went to temporary ruin, but physically the endurance exhibited was astonishing. Those men did not survive by any merit of their own, of course, but the merit of the character and intelligence of the captain: they lived by the mastery of his spirit. Without him they would have been children without a nurse. They would have exhausted their provisions in a week and their pluck would not have lasted even as long as the provisions.

The boat came near to being wrecked at the last. As it approached the shore the sail was let go and came down with a run; then the captain saw that he was drifting swiftly toward an ugly reef, and an effort was made to hoist the sail again, but it could not be done; the men's strength was wholly exhausted; they could not even pull an oar. They were helpless and death imminent. It was then that they were discovered by the two Kankakas, who achieved the rescue. They swam out and manned the boat and piloted her through a narrow and hardly noticeable break in the reef—the only break in it in a stretch of thirty-five miles. The spot where the landing was made was the only one in that stretch where footing could have been found on the shore; everywhere else precipices came sheer down into forty fathoms of water. Also, in all that stretch this was the only spot where anybody lived.

Within ten days after the landing all the men but one were up and creeping about. Properly, they ought to have killed themselves with the "food" of the last few days—some of them, at any rate—men who had freighted their stomachs with strips of leather from old boots and with chips from the butter cask; a freightage which they did not get rid of by digestion, but by other means. The captain and the two passengers did not eat strips and chips, as the sailors did, but scraped the boot leather and the wood, and made a pulp of the scrapings by moistening them with water. The third mate told me that the boots were old and full of holes; then added thoughtfully, "but the holes digested the best." Speaking of digestion, here is a remarkable thing, and worth noting: During this strange voyage, and for awhile afterward on shore, the bowels of some of the men virtually ceased from their functions; in some cases there was no action for twenty and thirty days, and in one case for forty-four! Sleeping also came to be rare. Yet the men did very well without it. During many days the captain did not sleep at all—twenty-one, I think, on one stretch.

When the landing was made, all the men were successfully protected from overeating except the "Portyghee;" he escaped the watch and ate an incredible number of bananas; 152 the third mate said, but this was undoubtedly an exaggeration; I think it was 151. He was already nearly full of leather; it was hanging out of his ears. (I do not state this on the third mate's authority, for we have seen what sort of person he was; I state it on my own.) The "Portyghee" ought to have died, of course, and even now it seems a pity that he didn't; but he got well, and as early as any of them; and all full of leather, too, the way he was, and butter-timber and handkerchiefs and bananas. Some of the men did eat handkerchiefs in these last days, also socks; and he was one of them.

GERMANY'S WONDERFUL STRIDES.

Extent of the Colonies Acquired in Sixteen Years.

In an article on "The United States of the World," written by George Leland Hunter, in Ainslee's, we find this interesting outline of Germany's progress in the last twenty years: "The German empire, learning wisdom from England, and perhaps remembering the ambitions of the Great Elector two centuries before, refused to be content with land empire and longed for the freedom of the sea. They went to British shipyards and learned how to put together the enormous shells of steel that are used today for commerce and for war upon the ocean. In many respects they have already surpassed their teachers.

"In the short space of sixteen years the Germans have acquired colonies with five times the area and one-fifth the population of the mother country. As the most fertile spots on the earth had already been preempted, however, they were obliged to take what had been neglected by others as of no account. The first rich prize they secured was Kiao Chou bay, with the province of Shantung as a sphere of influence. Here they will have an opportunity to show what German patience, German thrift and German method can accomplish. Judging by what has been done in less promising colonies, the result will be gratifying to German expansionists, of whom Emperor William is first.

"In China there is every reason why Germans should align themselves with the great commercial nations. German manufacturers have reached a point where they can compete in open market with any in the world. What they ask now is that their government should give them an opportunity to compete. And while agrarian influence has in the past hampered trade relations—notably with the United States—the industrial growth of Germany is such that the political power of the agrarians is diminishing. Of course the Germans would not be too modest to undertake alone the exploitation of the whole of China, but that is impossible.

"While no one can prophesy with certainty what great power is some day to occupy Constantinople, it is significant that the Germans are exploiting commercially not only Turkey, but also the Balkan states. German capital has taken advantage of the personal friendship existing between the kaiser and the sultan to secure concessions in Turkey for the building of railways and the introduction of steamship lines. The influence that France once exerted in the Levant has been superseded by German influence. The influence of Russia, still great because of fear, becomes less in proportion as the sultan leans more upon his friend, Emperor William. The theatrical trip of the latter to Palestine was an outward sign of this. England, it should be noted, appears to be content to allow Germany to grow at the expense of Russia.

"In Persia, again, German and English interests are opposed to Russian interests. When the Germans build to Bagdad the railway for which they already have a concession, and which the sultan is eager to have constructed, it can be made to pay only by extending it through Persia to connect with the English railway in India. This would complete the overland route from Berlin, and the west to Bombay, and would make Persia to a considerable extent commercially subsidiary to German merchants in Turkey. Alone, England would find it difficult to prevent Russia from becoming predominant in all Persia as she now is in northern Persia. Together, England and Germany can, to their mutual advantage open Persia to the commerce of the world and, while maintaining its nominal independence, introduce modern civilization."

Argentine Deficiency.

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