

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

MIXED MENTION.

Davis drugs. Stockert sells carpets. Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 27. Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 333. COME AND SEE OUR 1908 WALL PAPER. H. BORWICK, 21 S. MAIN. Mrs. N. W. Williams, 111 Stutsman street, is complaining from a severe attack of the grip.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to L. B. Douglas, aged 21, and Lucille A. Dusenberry, aged 23, both of Nelson, Neb. BUY YOUR HOLIDAY WINES AND LIQUORS PUREST, OLDEST AND BEST FROM L. ROSENFIELD CO., 59 SOUTH MAIN.

Seventy new cases have been filed for the new term of court, which opens Tuesday, January 7, with Judge Thornell on the bench.

Overlooked on diamonds. Fine diamond engagement ring, \$12.50 and up. Must see and turn into cash. Snyder, 233 Broadway.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT. IS A MONTH; CENTRAL LOCATION, STEAM HEAT AND ELECTRIC LIGHT FURNISHED. OMAHA BEE, IS SCOTT ST. The funeral of Mrs. Beckie Harding, who died Sunday at her home in Harding township, aged 23, will be held this afternoon. She is survived by one son and two daughters.

Wallace Miller, 204 Avenue A, was reported to the Board of Health yesterday as suffering from diphtheria. Mrs. D. Hartley, 47 South 7th street, was reported to be ill with the measles.

Cyrus F. Kuhn, aged 46 years, died Sunday at his home, 524 Avenue D, from hemorrhage of the lungs, after an illness of but two days. He is survived by his wife and two children, two brothers and one sister.

Council Bluffs lodge of Elks is arranging to give a party at the New theater about the third week in January for the benefit of the Jennie Edmondson Memorial hospital. George S. Wright is manager of the proposed affair.

Anton Hammerman, aged 75, of Portsmouth, Ia., died last evening at a Des Moines hospital, where he had been a patient for nearly three months. The body was taken to Cutler's undertaking rooms, awaiting disposition by relatives.

Dr. O. O. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational church, entertained a number of young men from college for the holidays at his residence last evening. College songs were sung and college stories were told and the evening closed with the services of refreshments.

Rev. J. W. Cutler, former pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, who since leaving here has been in evangelistic work, accompanied by his family, was the guest of friends in this city over Christmas, left last evening for Denver, Colo., where he will conduct a series of revival meetings.

Mrs. Harriett Passmore, wife of John P. Passmore, died Sunday evening at her home in Harding township, aged 51 years. Besides her husband she leaves three daughters. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence and interment will be in Harding township cemetery.

The only exclusive optical store in Council Bluffs. Eyes carefully and scientifically examined and lenses ground in order in our factory. We also grind a one-piece invisible bifocal lens, which takes the place of two pairs of glasses. Call and see them. Dr. V. W. Magarell, Optometrist, 10 Pearl street.

Mrs. Sine Madison, wife of S. P. Madison, 198 Stutsman street, died Sunday from pneumonia, aged 49 years. Besides her husband she leaves one son and one daughter. The funeral, which will be held this afternoon, will be under the auspices of the Danner society, of which she was a member.

The annual Christmas party of the Sunday school of the Episcopal church, which was held last night in Eagles' hall, proved a most enjoyable affair for the young folks and was attended by a large gathering of the children and their parents. Presents were distributed from an immense Christmas tree and the evening was spent playing games by the young folks, following which the older people dined. Many of the pupils of the Sunday school were awarded medals for excellence in attendance and deportment.

Hubbers. We have them, all kinds, and the lowest price on everything. Misce's storm rubbers (Old Colony), 50c. Ladies' storm rubbers (Old Colony), 40c. Men's storm rubbers (Old Colony), 50c. Men's storm rubbers, rolled edge (Old Colony), 75c. Men's articles, E. H. Ho high rent prices on these goods. DUNCAN SHOE CO., 23 Main St.

Mid-winter term Western Iowa college opens Monday, December 29. Send for catalogue. Phone for information.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, 1248.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to The Bee December 30 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs: Mary V. Hamilton to W. E. Hamilton, \$10,000. W. E. Hamilton to W. E. Hamilton, \$10,000. Clara Eckhart to George W. Eckhart, \$10,000. Block 25, Beers' subdivision of Council Bluffs, Ia., q. d. 150. M. D. Bartlett to W. A. Highsmith, \$10,000. Block 25, Beers' subdivision to Council Bluffs, Ia., q. d. 150. Caroline T. R. Theinhardt to Robert E. Theinhardt, \$10,000. Block 25, Beers' subdivision in Council Bluffs, Ia., q. d. 150. W. d. 150.

Special Sale. Four transfers, total \$2,150. on or recalled for unholstered furniture, will sell for enough to pay cost of unholstering. Upholstering, repairing of all kinds; mattress and feather renovating. Morgan Upholstering Co., 31 Broadway. Bell phone 28; Ind. 379-Hod.

ELEGANT CUT FLOWERS AND FERNS. HERMAN BROS., FLORESTA, 19 PEARL ST. IND. PHONE 64 BLACK; BELL, 32.

Address on Commission Plan. Harvey Ingham, editor of the Des Moines Register and Leader, will address the Commercial club at its banquet Wednesday evening, January 8, on "The Commission Plan of Government." Des Moines recently voted to adopt this form of municipal government and the proposition, it is said, is likely to be put before the voters of this city in the near future for their adoption or rejection.

C. M. Albertson, president of the Western Mutual Life Insurance company of Council Bluffs, is also on the program for a business talk on "Old Line Life Insurance of Today." Secretary Reed expects to be able to secure other speakers.

Upholstering. George W. Klein, 19 South Main street. Phone Ind. 719 Black; Bell, 548.

Front doors of all patterns and designs. Inside doors of every kind. Look over this big line at the C. Hafer Lumber Company yard at Council Bluffs.

Meeting of Bar Called. A meeting of the Pottawattamie County Bar association has been called for 10 o'clock this morning at the county court house. The meeting is for the purpose of planning for the annual banquet of the association, which had previously been set for January 7. The Pottawattamie County Historical society is also scheduled to meet on the evening of January 7 and as several members of the bar are also members of the historical society, one or the other of the meetings will probably be postponed.

BROWNIE SPRING ICE SKATE. THE TALK OF THE TOWN. IS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY BY P. C. DEVOL HDV. CO., 54 BWAY.

FIRE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Oil Saturated Rope Leading to Can of Oil Under the Stairway.

BLAZE FAILS TO REACH THE CAN

Proprietor of Place Says Money is Missing from the Drawer and is Inclined to Believe Blaze Was Set by Robbers.

Holiday Hours at Postoffice. Postmaster Hazleton announces these hours for New Year's day at the postoffice: Stamp window, general delivery window and money order and register departments will be open from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. There will be no delivery of mail, but the postoffice at 8 a. m. There will be a collection made in the business district, carried by the postoffice at 1 p. m., and a collection in the evening, carrier leaving the postoffice at 8 o'clock. There will be no service on rural free delivery routes.

Alumni Boost for University. IOWA FALLS, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Another "boosting chain" of the alumni of the State university of Iowa was forged here this evening when the students and alumni of the university in Hardin county to the number of one hundred or more gathered at a banquet at the Hotel and enjoyed a social session and reunion as well as forming an organization for the purpose of boosting for the university first, last and all the time.

Iowa News Notes. KEOKUK—Every effort is being made to find Dr. George W. Jones, prominent surgeon here, who disappeared while on his way to Keokuk near here to perform an operation. Jones is 34 years of age, six feet tall, and weighs 130 pounds. He was last seen in Burlington, where he went to change cars.

BOONE—As a result of the interurban strike, which was in effect last week, a number of people were injured, Earl Baird, a student of the Iowa State college, has died as a result of injuries sustained while on the interurban. The suit has been filed in the State county courts and notices have been received in Boone. Mr. Baird was on the interurban and sustained injuries to his neck and spine.

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CONSTRUING PRIMARY LAW

Attorney General Will Attempt to Answer Large Number Questions.

PUZZLER FOR SOME CITIES

Democrats Up in the Air at Clinton, and Republicans in the Same Boat at Dubuque—Claim for All-munity Scaled.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Attorney General Byers will in a short time give a written opinion of some length covering the main features of the primary election law. A great many requests have reached the attorney general concerning the interpretation of the law, which is not understood by many because it has never yet been tried. So many requests have reached the attorney general that he has decided to cover all in an opinion that he will give to the public.

There are three points concerning the law that are chiefly in debate among those asking for an opinion. These are as to section 2, the section relating to candidates' expenditures; section 3, which relates to the use of the primary in municipal election, and the sections concerning the sworn statements attached to the petitions of the candidates and who can circulate them. There is also one other question relating to the form of getting up the ballot.

Over in Clinton the custom has been to put "citizens' tickets into the field, and there has been no democratic ticket for some years. The primary law requires that a party must poll a certain per cent of the vote before it can have the use of the primary law. The democrats were afraid they would be kept out of the primary though they have a strong vote. The attorney general held that if they polled the proper per cent of the vote they could go on the primary ballot. Since then the republicans of Dubuque, who have not had a ticket in the field for some years, have worried over the same thing.

Gerst to Make Address. Lieutenant Governor Warren Gerst will deliver an address tomorrow evening to the Men's club of the University Place church. His talk will be on the position of the man of today in the work of the world.

Bank Clearings Increase. The bank clearings for the year in Des Moines show an increase of \$15,716,452 over the clearings for the year 1907. The total for the year 1907 was \$135,225,000, and for the year 1908 it was \$150,941,452. The clearings for December show a decrease of about \$2,000,000 over December of 1907.

Information compiled from the hotel registers of this city shows that for the year 1907 there were about 290,000 persons guests of the hotels of this city. This is about 40,000 more than for the year 1906.

Requisition Granted. Governor Cullinan, following a hearing today, granted a requisition for the return of Harry B. Custer, alias O. C. DeVie, to Chicago. He is wanted for the theft of an automobile. Custer was arrested in Madison, Ia., along with D. M. Burke, of Kansas City. It is alleged that the machine was stolen in Chicago. It was taken over into Iowa and then sold to a Kansas City man. The machine was a \$5,000 de luxe. Burke, according to affidavits, was merely sent by the Kansas City man who purchased the machine to get it and bring it to Kansas City. He was an employee of the Kansas City firm.

Captain Brown a Candidate. Captain J. D. Brown of Decatur county has announced his candidacy for state senator from his district, subject to the republican primaries. He is about the first to make such an announcement. Captain Brown served through the war as a member of the Third Iowa cavalry.

Claim is Scaled Down. In district court today David Weeks was granted a divorce from his wife and the wife given alimony to the amount of \$400 in addition to \$100 she had already received and \$100 attorney fees. Weeks pays the expenses. Mrs. Weeks asked for \$50,000 alimony. Weeks is a proprietary medicine manufacturer here and considered wealthy.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY. Quaint and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State. A Difference—Did you ever notice how much more a hog weighs when you pay freight on him than when a butcher buys it? And we don't imply that there is anything wrong with the butcher's scales, either.—Oakdale Sentinel.

Slighted—"The country newspapers," says the Topeka Journal, have done their best to help out the local banks, by explaining conditions to the people, but, of course, it would be too much to expect the local banker to cease buying his envelopes of the government.—Creighton News.

Presents to Burr—The editor of the Times-Tribune has a choice selection of embroidered slippers, smoking jackets and red neckties which will be given away to the first callers and no questions asked. Two boxes of cigars, fruit of the Christmas tree, have been donated to T. M. Davis and T. M. Boyd.—Beaver City Times-Tribune.

The Limit—What would you think of a man who would write us to stop the paper and only put a one-cent stamp on the letter, making us pay one cent "postage due" to get that letter out? We shall be suspicious of "postage due" letters after this. They may not be them out. That man saved a penny but the amount he will lose by not having this clean, new and reliable paper as his guide next year will not be measured in pennies.—Blair Pilot.

Nice Man—General Manager Frank Walters of the Northwestern road distinguished himself by stopping eleven freight trains on Christmas day and telling all the men to go home and spend the sacred and happy holiday with their families. Why not? Have the people come to that stage of rush and ruin that they can stop to take breath? Maybe it will be found that even railroads may observe Christmas day without precipitating catastrophes. At any rate Mr. Walters and the Northwestern have pioneered in a unique way.—Fremont Tribune.

Lecture—The young men whose pockets are filled with cigarette wrappers, moustache combs, fingernail cleaners, miniature curling irons, looking glass, etc., and have their mothers press their pants every day, says an exchange, are not the ones that make the promising husbands. The pockets of those who are helping to make the country bloom and causing two blades of grass to grow where God planted but one, will be found with barb-wire staples, all sizes of nails and screws. They are the boys the girls had better look after.—Tremont Chief.

Bees Want Ads—They bring results.

COMPLAINT ON RAILROAD RATES

Des Moines Objects to Charges on Lumber from Points in the South.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Interstate Commerce commission has received complaint of excessive rates charged from the Greater Des Moines committee against the Chicago Great Western Railway company and Kansas City Southern Railway company. Lumber from points in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas to Des Moines are products upon which the alleged excessive rates are charged. A rate to Chicago on these products is said to be 2 cents less per hundredweight than the same material designed for Des Moines. An investigation is asked.

The complaint of the Wood River Grain company against the Union Pacific, charging excessive rates, will be heard at Omaha, January 20.

W. Fowler, Cedar Rapids; J. B. Trueblood, Ottumwa; L. W. Phelps, Marion, and A. A. Pyrie, Russell, Iowa, have been appointed railway mail clerks.

Nebraska postmaster appointed: Britt, Cherry county; John Novak, vice L. A. Ward, resigned; Buda, Buffalo county; Ira F. Hendline, vice H. R. Crawford, resigned.

The controller of the currency has approved the conversion of the United States bank of Harvard, Neb., into the Union National bank of Harvard with \$25,000 capital.

Captain Ellwood W. Evans, Eighth cavalry, will assume charge of construction work at Ft. Robinson.

First Lieutenant Orville G. Brown, assistant surgeon, is relieved from temporary duty at Jefferson Barracks and will return to his station, Ft. Robinson.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Bussey, route 1, W. C. Bradley, carrier; Allison Kennedy, substitute; Fontanelle, route 2, E. A. Hawke, carrier; Frank Drake, substitute; Greene, route 4, Timothy J. O'Brien, carrier; Robert F. O'Brien, substitute.

How to Avoid Appendicitis. Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or grip and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. All druggists.

PATTERSON ASKED FOR FACTS. Justice Declines to Hear Evidence About Truth of Charges Against Bonfils.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—In the trial of Fred G. Bonfils, one of the proprietors of the Denver Post, on the charge of assault and battery upon Thomas M. Patterson, principal owner of the News and Times. Justice of the Peace Thomas Carlson decided after argument today to hear evidence as to the truth or falsity of the published charges which Mr. Bonfils contended, justified the assault. His objection being overruled, Mr. Patterson named two men, who he said, furnished the information upon which he based the articles in the News and Times in which it was alleged that Mr. Bonfils had attempted to blackmail the promoters of the Colorado Industrial Exposition company. Mr. Patterson was the only witness today, and the hearing was adjourned until Thursday next.

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