

## DEMOCRATS IN A WRANGLE.

### An Attempt to Straighten Matters in Johnson County.

## NATURAL GAS AT JEFFERSON.

**The Product Flowing Freely and New  
Wells Projected—The Sioux City  
Bridge—Disastrous Fire at  
Oelwein—Iowa.**

**To Restore Harmony.**  
IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 19.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Chairman Hunter and other members of the state democratic committee are here to-day to endeavor to restore harmony in the senatorial matter. Efforts are being made to get Kanek and Kelley the two democratic candidates, to withdraw and to put a new man in the field. It is thought that Moses Bloom will be substituted in

**Natural Gas at Jefferson.**  
JEFFERSON, Ia., Oct. 19.—[Special Telegram to the Bee].—The discovery of natural gas in this city a few days ago has stirred up a great deal of interest here, and is, yet, the principal theme of conversation both on the streets and in the houses. Saturday night the gas was conducted by loose jointed pipes from the well to the postoffice, a distance of over eight miles. From there, it has since been brightly burning in high ceilinged parlors and dining rooms. The flow of gas grows stronger than when first struck. While the place has not yet entered upon a boom some fancy prices have already been paid for the gas. The streets in the city, but no sales are announced as yet. Several persons will, in a few days, begin prospecting for the hidden treasure and no doubt before a short time, more wells will be numbered by the dozen at least.

**St. Louis City Bridge.**  
ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19.—(Special Telegram to the H.E.R.)—Telegraphic information was received this morning that the bids on the grading of the east approach of the Missouri river bridge at this point were opened at Chicago by the Northwestern railroad officials last evening and that W. C. Nelson was awarded the contract. This approach is from the bridge site to a point north of the Union stock yards where the lines leading to the bridge will cross the Elgin line. It is estimated that a thousand yards of dirt must be moved.

**A Disasterous Fire.**  
OELWILN, Ill., Oct. 19.—(Special Telegram to the H.E.R.)—A fire broke out last night and destroyed business houses valued at \$100,000. Insurance small. Several stores, the hotel, the bank and postoffice were almost wholly destroyed.

**Supreme Court Decisions.**  
DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 19.—(Special Telegram to the H.E.R.)—The supreme court filed the following decisions here to-day:  
George R. Bath, appellant, vs the Decatur County Agricultural society, Decatur district, affirmed.  
Winsdor & Catheart, appellants, vs J. G. Evans, Taylor district, modified and affirmed.  
John Weendt, vs the Iowa Legion of Honor, appellants, Hardin circuit, reversed.  
S. R. Shear, appellant, vs Fred Wintman, Chickasaw district, affirmed.  
Patrick Joyce vs Christina Allard, appellant, Pottawattomie district, affirmed.  
H. Gage, appellant, vs J. W. Muschmeyer, Worth district, affirmed.  
Dante J. Egan, appellant, vs J. E. Egan, independent district of Templeton, Carroll district, reversed.  
L. G. Terriest, vs B. F. Sutton and William Hunt, appellants, Linn district, affirmed.  
William Chilton, appellant, vs the Rock Island & Pacific Railway company, appellant, Rock Island district, affirmed.  
Mohaska district, dismissed.  
Marion county vs J. J. Gavlin, appellant, affirmed.

**Iowa Presbyterians.**  
KEOKUK, Ia., Oct. 19.—[Special Telegrams to the HER.]—The Iowa synod of the Presbyterian church will commence its session to-morrow evening in the Westminster Presbyterian church in this city. It gives promise of being the most important and influential ecclesiastical body ever held in the state. A large number of the most prominent divines of the church in this and other states will be in attendance to take part in the sessions. Ministers from Chicago, Cincinnati and other large cities will have some of their able ministers here who will deliver addresses on interesting subjects. This being the first annual meeting since the establishment of the first Presbyterian church in Iowa, it gives added interest to the occasion. The first church was formed at Walnut Hill, Ill., in 1822.

**Lowia Odd Fellows.**  
DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 19.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The grand lodge of Odd Fellows for the state of Iowa began its annual session here to-day with Attorney General Baker as grand master. Mayor Phillips extended a welcome in behalf of the city and Rev. S. S. Hunting in behalf of the various lodges of this city. The grand master's annual report shows that the order has largely increased in membership in this state during the past year. Several honorary degrees were conferred and the usual reports of grand representatives were received. This is the fourth annual session of the Iowa

**The Application Denied.**  
MARCH 24, 1890. In Oct. 19, 89, application was made to day at Des Moines, before a full bench of the United States circuit court, Judges Brewer, Love and Shiras sitting, by the Elijah Smith committee of the main line bondholders of the Central Iowa railway for the setting aside of the decree of sale and putting the road into the hands of a committee of bondholders. Messrs. Anderson and Love, for the Iowa Central, argued for the Smith interest. The application was opposed by James Thompson,

**Y. M. C. A.**  
SIOUX CITY, Ia., Oct. 19.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The eighteenth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. convened this city at 7:30 o'clock at the M. E. church this evening. After the welcoming exercises

**The Wichita Stock Yards Burned**  
WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 19.—The stock yards were totally burned at an early hour this morning. The yards and a hotel had been

hotel fortunately was not damaged and the yards will be reconstructed at once. The latter are insured for \$20,000. Twenty-five steers, two horses and some hogs are burnt. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

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**Illinois Grain Dealers.**

Grain Dealers' association at the closing session elected B. C. Beach, of Champaign, member of the executive committee and J. H. Penfield, deceased.

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