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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Reiter, tailor, Fall goods cheap.

The total general expenses of the city in December was \$3,233.25.

A. E. Jones and Josephine Williams of this city were granted leave to wed yesterday.

The Pall Mall club gave one of their elegant parties last night in the Royal Arcanum parlors.

The city jail was empty yesterday morning—a thing that has never happened before at this season of the year.

Chief Templeton draws a pair of new lines over a new horse and is as proud of his position as a boy with a new drum.

P. J. McGinty and Elizabeth Hudson of Omaha secured a license yesterday and were tied by Justice Schurz within the same hour.

C. Walker was arrested Sunday night and the charge of "drunk" placed against him. He left \$10 to guarantee his appearance in court.

The workmen on the new postoffice building will no longer work in the cold, for the furnace is completed and fire was started yesterday afternoon.

There will be a business meeting of the King's Daughters Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Mrs. De Vol's, corner of Willow and Bluff streets.

At a New Year's euchre party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Greter, corner of Frank and Pierce streets, Mrs. Ed Mott and Frank Levine won the prizes, while Mrs. Levine and E. Huntington took the booby prizes.

A bar docket of the superior court of the city for the January term has just been issued and is being placed in the hands of lawyers and others having use for the same. For this the "powers that be" will receive the thanks of all.

The annual election of the Citizens' State bank were held yesterday, resulting as follows: J. D. Edmundson, president; E. L. Shugart, cashier; C. R. Hannan, directors—J. D. Edmundson, E. L. Shugart, C. R. Hannan, L. A. Miller, F. O. Gleason, G. E. Hart, Thomas Bowman.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. were thrown open and the public invited to accept the hospitality offered. The visitor was met by Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Montgomery, who introduced him to the company and to a well-filled board upon which was spread substantial viands of every sort and amountable delicacies as well. Many persons availed themselves of this opportunity to acquaint themselves with the new Secretary Baker and spend an hour in hospitable entertainment.

Yesterday the following real estate transfers were recorded: Josie K. Smith to Sanford K. Barstow, of Cleveland, O., lots 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 in blk 7; lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in blk 6; lots 18 to 20 inclusive in blk 7; lots 3, 4 and 5 in blk 13; lots 16, 17, 26, 27 and 28 in blk 15, Highland place, W. Hart to William Moore and H. D. Hart, lots 1 and 2 in blk 2; lots 3, 4 and 5 in blk 2 R. Curtis & Ramsey's add, \$2,000.

Opium, morphine habits cured. Dr. Bellinger, 614 B way, Council Bluffs.

Wadsworth, Etnyre & Co. loan money.

Residence lots for sale by Johnston & Van Patten.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. Barber is off for Chicago.

S. T. Patten has gone to Chicago on a brief trip.

T. J. French left last evening for Nebraska City.

Dr. Crinklaw, of St. Joseph, Mo., is in the city.

J. A. Bones, of Woodbine, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. George Keeline has returned from a western trip.

Samuel Haas has returned from a quick trip to Wyoming.

S. J. Swanson left yesterday for a few days visit at Creston.

B. B. Smith and A. R. Pardun, of Creston, were at the Bechtele yesterday.

Postmaster Cramer, of Avoca, was exchanging greetings here yesterday.

Alex Malurose has been spending a week in Chicago and returned yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pusey are visiting his parents and their friends here.

Geo. H. Champ returned on Sunday from a three weeks' visit in New York.

Mayor George E. Cole and wife, of Pacific Junction, were in the city yesterday.

Mit Sears returned yesterday from a week's visit with friends at Dayport.

Fred L. Boruff and Henry Spurling will occupy the position of assistants in the office of the new auditor.

O. O. St. John returned yesterday morning from a protracted visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. D. Sherman, of Chicago, en route for California, stopped over New Year's day with his friend, Frank Yenawine.

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Their Bonds Approved.

The board of supervisors met yesterday morning in regular session. S. G. Underwood was elected chairman. Mr. Hetzel, of Avoca, the new member, was sworn in, after which adjournment was taken until afternoon. At this session the bonds of the following newly elected officers were approved: I. F. Hendricks, auditor; H. C. Plummer, assessor; Jerry O'Neil, sheriff; John K. Cooper, county superintendent; E. T. Waterman, coroner; Constables—J. M. Meredith, Clavus Haas, Wallace Bishop, C. A. McCready, G. Carter, Valley township; Christ Haman, Keg Creek; Justices of the peace—August Hansen and Roland Ward, Keg Creek; J. B. Matthews, Washington. Assessors—J. M. Barton, Carson; Robert McElrath, Keg Creek.

Money to loan. Cooper & Judson.

Insure with Wadsworth, Etnyre & Co.

Splendid Business Opening

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Light For the City.

On Saturday last articles of incorporation of the Iowa Individual Gas company were filed in the office of the county recorder. These give the following facts: Principal place of business is Council Bluffs. The capital stock is \$200,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are A. W. Kitchin, Samuel Theodore, William W. Kenner, E. W. Pichler, Ernest C. H. N. Gallo, W. B. Taylor, H. O. DeVoles, A. C. Powell, G. H. Brown, F. W. Taylor, M. L. Parrotte, T. H. Taylor and John L. McCague.

The Central drug store, under the management of J. D. Stuart, has been enlarged and refurnished with a complete stock of fresh drugs. A fine holiday line of books, stationery, cutlery and musical goods at very low prices.

Guns of all kinds at Odell & Bryant's, 504 S. Main St.

MAYOR ROHRER'S RECEPTION.

Bluffites Do Honor to Their Newly Elected Ruler.

SHERIFF REEL GETS A WATCH.

Feeble-Minded Fugitives Recaptured—The New County Board—New Corporation—Light for the City—Notes.

The New and the Old.

Yesterday at high noon there was a gathering of the city officials and prominent citizens in the elegant parlors of the Council Bluffs club to witness the new mayor, M. F. Rohrer, take the oath of office. President McConnell, of the club, was master of ceremonies, and performed his part well. He called the attention to order and addressed them as follows:

Gentlemen:—It is with great pleasure that I welcome you here to-day in the name of the Council Bluffs club, to witness the inauguration of the new mayor of our city.

Mr. Rohrer, who has been chosen from among us to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. William Groneweg, who has been elected to the state senate, and to whom this club extends its good wishes in his new capacity. I believe that this club was instrumental in bringing before our honorable city council the name of M. F. Rohrer, and as he is one of our members we feel justly proud of him, and believe he is the right man for the place. While we are not a political organization, yet we will support our honorable mayor and city council in all measures that tend to the betterment of Council Bluffs. We are now entered upon a new year, and to me it seems a year full of great prospects of development of this city, and I believe that the social and fraternal interests of this club are more closely allied to the interests of the city than any other organization within its limits. What we want to do is to work and pull together for the prosperity and up-building of our fair city. Our watchword should be Council Bluffs first, last and all the time.

The retiring mayor, William Groneweg, who has been chosen state senator, was then called upon, and made a short speech. He said he was glad of the opportunity of expressing his thanks for the good will shown him, and for the hearty support he had met on all sides. He was grateful for the harmonious action of the club, and among the citizens. They had tried to work for the interests of the city. He had no axes to grind, no enemies to punish, or further to favor. He had simply tried to do his duty. He had been accused of violating his oath of office by not enforcing all the laws, if he was guilty of this, it was because he had not had the necessary funds laid down for him, and because he had tried to comply with the principles as they had been expressed as the will of the citizens. When he was in Des Moines recently trying to get some action taken by the legislature to be made in accordance with the law, the valuation to be cashed rates, instead of 40 per cent, Governor Larabee informed him that whatever the law might be, the precedent was clearly established, and that he would not precede what was better than law, or as good, for the governor, it was good enough for the mayor of this city. He was glad that Mr. Rohrer had been elected as mayor. He had both come to this city as poor boys without a cent. The speaker had lived here twenty-seven years, twice as long as he had lived in his native town. Who could have more interest in the prosperity of the city than those who had thus lived here for years, whose only all was here.

At the close of Mr. Groneweg's remarks, Squire Burke rose and administered the oath of office to Mayor Rohrer. The new mayor then addressed the gathering as follows:

"President McConnell, Members and Guests of the Council Bluffs Club—Gentlemen: The solemn duty just performed by Judge F. A. Burke reminds me anew of the fact that our worthy board of aldermen have conferred on me an honor that I do not merit and for which I cannot sustain. The only consolation I can find at this moment is that my term in office will be short and I hope will be to the city's advantage.

The kind and hearty invitation of the club through our energetic president, S. P. McConnell, to have the oath of office administered in these pleasant, homelike rooms assures me that you fully endorse all the grand public improvements begun during the year 1887 by Mayor William Groneweg and Aldermen George F. A. Burke, S. S. Keller, P. Lacy, George Metcalf and Lucius Wells, and that you desire them pushed forward to completion, and new ones inaugurated, in order that our city may keep pace with our rapidly growing population. Your presence here, to-day, gentlemen, leads me to believe that you confirm the action of our board of aldermen in their selection of me. This to me is extremely gratifying, and in return I can possibly promise, is that I will try to do my best for the city at large, aided by the wisdom of my able cabinet. The past few days I found myself, for the first time in my short life, in the hands (unsolicited on my part) of our seven learned daily papers—the largest and most powerful in this city, and in the commonwealth of Iowa. I thank them for the tender and, I trust, harmless manner with which they have handled me. I am fully aware of the fact that the mayor of any city is by custom the first representative on which to get service, and by so doing reach the city itself. I am convinced that your public reception given me now, is not a compliment due me, but on the other hand, due to the city of Council Bluffs the coming year. I am sure that the state I represent on behalf of our 35,000 people, return you their thanks for your presence. The members of the club have kindly tendered me the use of the rooms for the balance of this New Year's day. The doors will be open to the public and I shall be pleased to have you all remain and to receive any other friends who may call. In conclusion, allow me to wish you all many happy returns of this prosperous year."

Other short speeches followed. C. M. Hurd, who had the right of claim to be the silver-tongued orator of this portion of the state, made an eloquent address.

M. H. Shepherd was called out and made a fine hit at the croaker and addressed his satisfaction that the growth of the city and its numerous enterprises had given the lie to the doleful predictions of those who had no faith in Council Bluffs. He was a man of confidence for 1888, and after paying a high tribute to the new mayor, expressed the belief that so long as Rohrer was mayor in Iowa he first came here, never drop a dollar in value.

Hon. W. H. M. Pusey was called for. He said he supposed that the citizens had been invited here for a purpose, and all had their turn in the council. There had been great changes since the days of the old jerky stage coach. It was probably the infusion of so much new blood that had brought these changes about. He wanted to express his hearty cooperation with the younger men in their attempts to make this one of the foremost cities in the west. The very opposition by which the city had been surrounded could be utilized to its good. The gray haired men were seeing things they did not dream of thirty years ago. He wanted to warn the new mayor of the dangerous position in which he found himself. It was risky to be mayor. Cleveland was mayor once. In closing he spoke more seriously of the intent of government, and he gave the new mayor some very wholesome advice about being stern in his handling of the disorderly element of the city, and yet not to become intolerant in his exercise of power.

Colonel Sapp was next called, and made a happy speech. He congratulated the council on having made the choice of so energetic and honest a man as mayor. He spoke of the great changes wrought in the city since the first came here, and expressed the belief that the city was now on the eve of such prosperity as was never dreamed of by its most enthusiastic prophet.

Alderman Wells was made to follow. He had been of the first to suggest Mr. Rohrer's name for mayor. He did so because he believed that he was not only full of energy but level headed. The progress made the past year was great, but it was but the beginning.

After the speeches informal congratulations followed. Mayor Rohrer remained at the club rooms all the afternoon receiving and hospitably caring for his friends.

He Was Well Watched.

Yesterday afternoon a few of Sheriff Perry Reel's friends perpetrated a genuine and pleasant surprise upon him. As he was taking a last, lingering look at the quarters he has filled, he was approached by Clerk Shea and asked what time it was. Perry drew and gave the desired information, but the questioner dissented from the reliability of the sheriff's timepiece and ordered him a beautiful \$25 watch, which he said would keep more time and do it in better shape than any other watch in the county. The sheriff accepted the gift and neatly expressed his thanks.

Cross-cut saws. Odell & Bryant.

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Court Notes.

The superior court convened yesterday morning. The following jury was drawn: O. H. Lucas, Samuel Morrison, C. A. Hamner, George Faerman, C. A. Pump, Henry Fall, M. Keating and Fred Spurling.

The following causes were heard and disposed of:

The state against Joe Landel for assaulting Solomon Vance with a shovel, was continued until the 16th inst, at which time the principal witness is expected to be able to appear.

Harry Winn, the alleged forger, waived examination and was held in bonds of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury, in default of which he was committed to jail.

John Ealy was arrested yesterday for stealing a ring, and was bound over in the sum of \$500.

Escaped From the Asylum.

Sunday night between 11 and 12 o'clock four inmates of the asylum for the feeble minded, at Glenwood, escaped. Their absence was soon discovered and yesterday morning the superintendent came to this city looking for them. The police were notified and during the afternoon three of the four were found at the Union Pacific transfer depot and taken to the city lock-up. They will be returned to their quarters to-day.

Abstract Company Incorporated.

Yesterday afternoon was filed in the recorder's office articles of incorporation of the "Omaha Abstract Company." The following names appear as incorporators and officers: Lucius Wells, president; E. H. Sheaf, vice president; S. B. Wadsworth, secretary and treasurer. These form also a board of directors whose successors are to be elected in one year.

Every one making a cash purchase of 25 cents at T. D. King & Co.'s cigar store gets a chance in the annual prize drawing. Twenty elegant prizes.

Fortune in Figures.

J. M. Phillips' store was crowded last night at the drawing to see which of his customers would be the lucky winner of the forty-acre farm which he gave away. The owner of ticket No. 10,735 is the happy man, whoever he may be.

Sounds Like a Fairy Tale.

Chicago News: The sensational story told by Henry M. Hurd of his alleged kidnapping Saturday morning last is not believed by the police. Captain Buckley, in whose district the kidnapping is said to have taken place, laughed heartily when he read the account of Hurd's strange tale.

"Forty-five years old, gray hair and mustache, and just as he was about to be married. That's hard. Left his home, 75 West Nineteenth street, Saturday morning, stayed away three days, returned to the woman of his choice, got married, was married shortly after. Well, that's a great yarn," the captain said. "It's the first time I ever heard of the case and I'm not inclined to take any stock in story. No report of any mysterious disappearance has been sent to this station, which, I think, would have been done, had any man been missing in any part of the city."

"Do you believe, captain, that an organized gang of kidnapers exists in this city?"

"No, sir; most assuredly not."

"To what, then, do you ascribe the story?"

"It looks to me very much like too much Christmas festivity, although in his interview Hurd says he never

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