COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

On and after February 1 the Council Bluffs office of The Bee will be located at No. 16 North Main street.

The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs. High class in every respect. Rates, $2.50 per day and upward. E. F. Clark, proprietor.

E. R. Rice has commenced attachment proceedings against B. M. Duncan for $213.66 for goods sold and delivered.

L. C. Besley has applied to the district court for a mechanic's lien against the property of W. E. Lindsey and wife.

G. W. Shoemaker, a former Council Bluffs boy, is laid up in Melrose, Minn., with a crippled hand. He lost a portion of his hand while coupling cars.

L. B. Butler and Miss Lizzie Grant, both of Mills county, were married at the residence of J. E. Butler in Garner township yesterday. Justice Clatterbuck performed the ceremony.

Old Jack, the police dog, who has done faithful service around the headquarters and with the patrol wagon for the past three years, will be sent to his owner, Frank Scanlan, in New York, tomorrow.

The young ladies who were the guests of the young bachelors at the leap year party given at the Grand hotel New Year's eve have arranged a return party for the gentlemen. It will be given in Chambers' hall Friday evening, and will be the swell social event of the week.

A novel feature of the entertainment to be given by the young ladies of St. Paul's guild tomorrow evening will be the sale by auction of twelve of the handsomest of the girls, each dressed as a foreign spinster. W. F. Sapp will be the auctioneer.

There are several saloon keepers in the various parts of the county who have so far neglected to comply with the mulct law by the payment of the necessary license. County Attorney Saunders is arranging his business so he can go after them good and hard in a few days.

Another big house greeted the Compton players at the New Dohany last night. The comedy-drama, "Wrecked," highly pleased the crowd. Tonight the company gives one of its strongest plays, "Dangers of a Great City." Popular prices to all parts of the house constitute one of the strongest charms for the theater goers.

One of the nastiest family rows that has come up for consideration in the courts for a long time was adjudicated in Justice Vein's court yesterday. Zack Taylor, a painter, was arrested upon the complaint of his sister, a rather good looking 19-year-old girl, who charged him with assaulting her with his fists. The trouble originated between Zack's wife and his sister, and he stepped in as arbiter and ended the quarrel by sending his wife into the house and pushing his sister out of the front yard. The justice hastened the conclusion of the case by discharging Taylor.

Guard against loss by fire and insure your property in reliable companies. If you pay an insurance premium you expect insurance. We represent some of the best English and American companies. Lougee & Towle.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Kasper Smith of Burlington is visiting the city, the guest of Kirk Peterson.

Mrs. George F. Wright has gone to Des Moines to attend the funeral of the late Judge G. G. Wright.

Rev. E. W. Simon of Burlington, presiding elder of the German Methodist Episcopal church, is in the city, the guest of Pastor Harmel.

Ex-County Treasurer Reed will leave today for an extended trip through the south. He will visit New Orleans and make a tour of the southern states and take a rest and vacation.

Musical entertainment at Chambers' hall Wednesday evening.

May Develop a Sensation.

There is liable to be some cases in the district court in a short time growing out of the unfortunate condition that J. W. Templeton, a wealthy farmer living a few miles east of the city, found himself in two years ago last summer. Templeton drove his team into town one hot afternoon and left it in one of the uptown feed stables and then disappeared. Several days elapsed before his family realized that something had happened to him. The police were notified of his disappearance and joined in the vigorous search that was made for him. He was finally found by Officer Claar wandering around in the woods near Mynster Springs in a state of complete mental aberration. He was cared for and afterward recovered his reason. It now transpires that during the time he disappeared and the time he was found he was led by somebody to put his name to some valuable papers. The matter has been kept very quiet, and none of the facts have leaked out. It is said that a suit will soon be commenced to set aside the deeds, mortgages or whatever the papers were signed by him, on the plea that his signature was obtained by unfair means and at a time when he was not mentally responsible for his acts. The case promises some elements of sensation.

The firm of Woodbury Bros. having been dissolved, C. E. Woodbury has opened an office in the Sapp block for the practice of dentistry.

Gilman is a Burglar.

Another batch of grief was fixed up for Harrison Gilman yesterday. He is one of the gang of chicken thieves who have been occupying the attention of Justice Cook more or less for a week. Yesterday Frank Owens, a farmer living near Weston, lodged a complaint against him in the police court charging him with larceny from a building. Owens has succeeded in tracing the theft of a lot of property recently taken from his barn and has put the officers in possession of absolute proof that Gilman is the thief. Among the articles are a set of double harness and a pitchfork. The former was taken from the backs of Gilman's team and the latter found in his stable yesterday. All were promptly identified by Owens as his property. Gilman was put out on bond awaiting the completion of the hearing, and he was arrested on a warrant from the city building. Judge McGee fixed a bond too high for the purses of his friends and he is safely locked up in the county jail.

The officers are cherishing a very laudable ambition to keep Gilman and the other chicken thieves under arrest and in jail upon some pretext or other until the weather gets warm enough to permit the chickens to roost high out of doors.

Lost, gold stickpin, class of '93, engraved "C. B. H. S., 1893," Saturday on Park or Fifth avenue. Return to Bee office for reward.

Fine musical program at Chambers' hall Wednesday evening. Admission only 25c.

W. C. A. Election.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian association was held yesterday afternoon for the election of officers and other business connected with the work of the association. The meeting was one that the ladies denominate as delightful. The financial showing made by the secretary was extremely favorable. All of the old officers were re-elected, Mrs. George T. Phelps, president; Mrs. J. L. Stewart, vice president, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Orcutt, auditors. The only change made in the management was the resignation of Mrs. M. F. Rohrer in the commissary department, and the selection of Mrs. Bradley, wife of Deputy United States Marshal Bradley, to fill the vacancy. The women say that the financial report, when it is ready to be made public, will be the cause of considerable satisfaction among the friends of the institution.

Stephan Bros. for plumbing and heating; also fine line of gas fixtures.

Have you seen the new gas heating stoves at the company's office?

Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses have been issued as follows:

Name and Address.	Age.
Frank Varley, Council Bluffs	29
Margaret Madden, Council Bluffs	29
Harry F. Albright, Pottawattamie county	17
Edith Lipp, Pottawattamie county	18
Lewis S. Jones, Harrison county	21
Mary E. O'Donnell, Pottawattamie county	19
C. T. Scantland, Omaha	46
Arethuse E. Herrington, Omaha	35

Dr. Cleaver's office moved to 600 Broadway.

Davis, only drug store with registered clerk.

RECEIVER STEINKE'S STORY

Testifies as to the Condition of Atlantic's Bursted Bank.

VALUE OF MR. DICKERSON'S PROPERTY

Partial Estimate of the Bank's Liabilities Gone Over in Detail—Efforts Made to Keep the Concern in Operation.

Theodore Steinke, receiver of the Cass County bank, was on the witness stand most of the day in the trial of the Dickerson case yesterday. His testimony was partly of the nature of an expert and there was a lively contest on all the time, the attorneys for the defense objecting to much of his evidence on the ground that the books of the bank would show the state of the concern better than the evidence of the witness. Hon. Smith McPherson of Red Oak, counsel for the defense, appeared for the first time in the trial yesterday and took an active part in the examination of the witnesses.

Mr. Steinke identified a large bundle of notes as the property of the bank on December 27, 1893, when he was appointed receiver for the institution. He said that he had used due diligence and every effort to collect the notes and other assets of the bank that had come into his hands. He had been able to collect the following amounts from the various sources:

On notes	$ 6,685 74
On accounts	4,401 77
On profit and loss account	1,644 28
On J. C. Yetzer securities	796 09
On interest account	439 66
Total	$10,928 54

Other notes, the witness testified, had been placed in the hands of Phelps & Temple of Atlantic for collection. Mr. Steinke testified that he had been in the mercantile business at Atlantic for nineteen years and knew of the financial standing of most of the business men of the city when he was made receiver of the bank. The state sought to show by the witness the financial standing of the men who owed the bank at the time of the failure. This was ruled out by the court. Witness testified that the outstanding certificates of deposit, when he was made receiver of the bank, aggregated $347,848.34. An effort to show the other indebtedness of the bank, aside from the certificates of deposit, was ruled out by the court. Some time was spent in an unsuccessful effort to fix the value of some real estate in Ogden which had been turned in with the assets of the bank. The witness had a list of the real estate that came into his hands as receiver and gave his estimate of the value of the property. In this list was 740 acres of Cass county land which had been conveyed to the bank by J. C. Yetzer.

Mr. Steinke testified that prior to the failure of the bank he had purchased several drafts from the bank, which were returned unpaid before the bank passed into the hands of a receiver. The state offered eighty-five notices of protest of the bank's paper covering the period from August 22 to the time the bank went into the hands of a receiver. This list of protests was filed by the state and marked "exhibit 386." The exhibit list will run to nearly 500, as all of the books and documents of the bank have been or will be offered in evidence. After some argument the evidence was stricken out, the court holding that the notices were made by parties who had not been supoenaed as witnesses in this case, and could not be used as evidence by fact of their having been found in the possession of the bank when the receiver was placed in charge.

Smith McPherson took charge of Mr. Steinke on cross-examination and started in to show that the witness, as receiver for the bank, had placed too low an estimate on the property of Isaac Dickerson which had come into his hands. On direct examination Mr. Steinke had refreshed his memory from time to time by reference to a memorandum book. Mr. McPherson's first question developed the fact that Mr. Steinke had used another book at the trial of the case against Isaac Dickerson at Glenwood and Mr. McPherson wanted the book. The witness parted with it reluctantly, and the next question asked was if he had helped write the speech of Attorney Boorman at Glenwood, which was found in the book. Mr. Steinke stated that he had made a new book for this trial, and had made some changes in it from the book used by him for reference in the trial at Glenwood.

Mr. Steinke stated that he put a valuation of $6,500 on the Dickerson building. Mr. McPherson drew from him a description of the building as a two-story brick, 40x70, with a vault, one block from the postoffice and a block from the court house, with a rental return of $75 a month, and that much less desirable property, more removed from the business center, had sold for more than $6,500.

The witness stated that Isaac Dickerson had taken no part in turning over the accounts of the bank to the receiver. Mr. McPherson elicited the information that Mr. Steinke had two lawyers, an expert accountant and two clerks employed in winding up the affairs of the bank, and that a rival banker in Atlantic was also engaged in helping close up the bank's business.

W. B. Temple, who was assistant to the cashier of the Cass County bank and is a nephew of Isaac Dickerson, was the next witness. He explained his duties. The officials of the bank during his time there, from June, 1892, to December, 1893, were J. C. Yetzer, president, and A. W. Dickerson, cashier. He could not state positively who the other officials of the bank were. He testified that a number of drafts, bought by the patrons of the bank, had been returned unpaid, and gave the names of several firms and individuals who had lost by such transactions.

Mr. Temple testified that from fifty to sixty of the drafts drawn by the Cass County bank had been returned unpaid. At the solicitation of the cashier, A. W. Dickerson, he had gone out a number of times and borrowed currency for the day's business. During the months just prior to the failure of the bank he had gone among the business men of the city and had solicited their deposits, but had never met with much success. During the month of December the bank had not made any drafts on other banks for the purpose of securing funds to pay customers' drafts. On December 27 the bank opened its doors with $200 in cash on hand, and had about $100 at the close of the day. That was the last day that the bank was open for business. He remembered one instance in which a patron of the bank presented a check for $100 which the bank could not pay. That was about a month before the failure of the bank. Mr. Temple had at different times raised money at other banks by presenting the collaterals of the Cass County bank. This kind of dealing took place during the month of August, 1893. Three of the deals were made with the Atlantic National bank, and the other with the Commercial National bank. On the last day of the bank's business the witness took certain drafts and raised $600 in currency on them.

ENDED HIS LIFE WITH A ROPE.

Financial Worry Causes Henry Neffen to Commit Suicide.

Coroner Jennings was notified last evening of the death by suicide of Henry Neffen, a young German farmer living three and a half miles from Minden. The cause assigned for the man's deed was worry over his financial condition. He was badly behind in his rent and has been trying to arrange with his creditors for a settlement that would leave him in condition to continue his farm work. The effort was not successful, and yesterday a lot of his property was attached to satisfy some of the claims against him. The blow was too heavy and he gave way under the strain. He went to the barn and fixed a rope around his neck, attached the other end of it to a rafter and jumped from the haymow. When found he was dead. He was 35 years old, and leaves a wife and family of small children.

St. Paul's Guild entertainment at Chambers' hall Wednesday evening. The Ladies' Choral society of Omaha, Mr. L. A. Torrens, director, will be the attraction.

CITY COUNCIL STANDS PAT.

Not Ready to Yield to the Terminal Company.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last night the special committee, consisting of Aldermen Greenshields, Shubert and Brewick, made a report concerning the conference with the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company's officers relative to the company's proposed improvements on Union avenue and its taxes due the city of Council Bluffs.

The report stated that the company had not paid its taxes, had failed to report its trackage to the state executive council as provided by law, and was seeking to evade taxation on a technical objection as to ownership, and that the company had not filled the avenue as required by its franchise prior to the laying of its tracks on the avenue. The report concludes as follows: "On the day of the conference with the officers of said company, but not until it had taken place, it came to the knowledge of the committee that the said company, although aware of the facts that the time had elapsed for improvements to be made by it, as stipulated and agreed in its franchise, the said company was laying its tracks on said avenue. Believing that it was for the interest of the city that no further steps be taken or rights secured by said company on said avenue until a complete understanding and arrangement should be made in regard to these matters, your committee procured a restraining order from the district court of this county and stopped said work. This is the condition of our relations with said company at this time. We therefore ask that this council grant further time to confer with said company, if it so desires, and direct us to have said restraining order continued until such time as said matters are adjusted."

The report of the committee was concurred in.

A report was made by Alderman Brown recommending a reduction of the bill of the Nebraska Telephone company for November because the night operator had been asleep and had failed to answer a call from the police station. The other members of the committee reported in favor of allowing the entire amount of the claim. Manager Atkins of the telephone company denied that the operator had been asleep. Alderman Brown insisted the operator had been asleep and that many complaints had been made of poor service. He insisted that the reduction of $4.90 be made, as that amount of money was lost to the city by the inability of the police, owing to the telephone operator's negligence, to notify the gas and electric light company to shut off the lights. After burning $4.90 worth of electric light the report of Alderman Brown was adopted and the city clerk instructed to present a bill for $4.90. But that didn't end it. Every alderman in the group had a whack at it. A motion to allow the bill anyway met Alderman Brown's opposition and was withdrawn. Then a motion to adopt the bill, less $4.90, brought another tangle, and finally the report of Alderman Brown was reconsidered and the bill of the company for the full amount, $28.35, was adopted.

A resolution by Alderman Brewick was adopted providing that hereafter each individual or corporation seeking the passage of an ordinance granting privileges in which the general public does not participate shall be required to deposit $25 with the city clerk to pay the expense of publishing such ordinances.

The ordinance granting the Iowa Construction company the right to build a sewer out of Indian creek and use the space of said creek for a railroad was read and referred to the committee of the whole.

IT IS A POCKETBOOK AFFAIR.

Somewhat Prosaic Ending of an Alleged Love Scrape.

John Berlew, the old soldier concerning whom several sensational stories have been published in the local papers in connection with the daughter of Herman Droge, was too ill to remain in Justice Walker's court yesterday to prosecute his complaint of assault against Droge. The case was continued until Saturday.

Berlew is a federal pensioner, drawing $14 a month, and lives at 1115 Twenty-fourth avenue with his aged wife. In the justice's court yesterday he told the story of his trouble with Herman Droge while asking for a continuance. It is widely different from the highly colored narratives that have been printed in some of the city papers, where Berlew was pictured as the ardent wooer of a buxom young girl and the valiant challenger of her father, who was said to object to the match. Berlew's story was to the effect that the daughter of Droge had made her home with himself and wife much of the time since she was a child and was always a welcome guest. She is now about 18 years old, and during the interval when she is not working for some private family she stops at the Berlew place as often as at her father's home.

Berlew and his wife have become very much attached to the young girl, and have often told her in a joking way that they would make her their heir. Herein, the old soldier says, is the secret of the whole trouble. He owns several lots in the southern part of the city, and the girl's father has concluded that it would be the proper thing for the old man to deed these lots to his daughter and thus anticipate the will and prevent any slip or change of heart. Berlew refused to do this, and thereafter advised the girl to remain away from his house and spend her idle time at the home of her father or other friends. He finally concluded that it would be the safest plan to make this request in writing, and did so, the document, a very formidable looking affair, being drawn up by an attorney. After the reception of the letter at the Droge home the girl refused to take it seriously and continued her visits. But the father took it seriously enough, and on the 5th of January went to Berlew's home and threatened to kill both his daughter and the old man unless the girl would leave or Berlew would hand over the deeds to the property. It was upon this complaint that Droge was arrested at the instance of Berlew, the trial of which is still pending.

MAY HAVE MADE A GOOD CATCH.

Nebraska Man Arrested and Wanted for One Offense Anyway.

S. C. Kelly is in the county jail, arrested on a warrant from Justice Walker's court charging him with having disposed of mortgaged property. Kelly lived on Avenue L in this city in 1894 and gave a chattel mortgage on his team of horses to A. A. Clarke & Co. for $25. He sold the team and skipped to Kansas. Some time ago it was learned that he was at Ashland and a warrant was issued for his arrest and requisition papers secured. Constable Jackson went to Ashland Saturday and secured his man and brought him to this city. His hearing will take place before Justice Walker this afternoon.

Indications now are that a more serious charge will be made against Kelly. He was in Kansas about a year ago, when a large sum of money was lost by an express company for which he was working. He has been talking too much of late and detectives for the express company are in the city and have been trying to get an account of Kelly's knowledge of the loss. Kelly admits that he had said that he found the money, but now says that he was joking about the matter and has told a story about the case that has caused the detectives to take further steps in the investigation of the details of the loss of the money.

Building Up a Bird.

The most arrant thief and adroit rascal in Council Bluffs is being harbored in the office of the chief of police. He has practically made his home there, loafing around as a privileged character for the last month or more. The worst feature of the case is the fact that Chief Scanlan and Captains Maltby and Gardner, who are cognizant of his thieving propensities, make no effort to punish him or prevent his raids. On the contrary they regard whatever the creature does as too cute for anything. The only effort they do make to prevent him preying on the general public is to endeavor to keep him confined as much as possible in the office. They call him Mag, without regard to sex.

The name is only an abbreviation of the fellow's name, for Mag is a mischievous magpie, who was born about six months ago in Colorado and presented to Mrs. Scanlan while she was out there last summer. Mag is a beautiful bird, with glossy black and white plumage, and in many respects is about as interesting a pet as can be found. Every scrap of metal that has shine to it and every little article that he can carry is quickly seized and carefully hidden in some of the many secret nooks and corners that he is very familiar with. The officers have to watch him closely to prevent him getting away with keys or articles of value. If anything small about the office is missing Mag's secret hiding places are overhauled, with the invariable result of finding it, and often discovering other things. He is on the best of terms with everybody and everything about the office, including the chief's good natured old bull dog, Jack. He loves to torment Jack, and for awhile the dog was inclined to resent his persecutions, and once or twice Mag came near losing his head after he had tormented Jack beyond endurance. But Jack is more amenable to restraint than Mag, and he good naturedly submits any indignity the bird may choose to put upon him. The boys are teaching Mag to talk, and he is becoming proficient, especially in the use of slang, very much to the sorrow and disgust of Mrs. Scanlan, who will probably be compelled to forego the pleasure of his society unless she can succeed in mending his morals. The bird is a great pet and a popular favorite.

TRIED TO BRIBE THE STATE.

Arrested Fishermen Attempt to Have the Prosecution Dropped.

The nine men arrested for violation of the fishing law and caught seining in Manawa will be vigorously prosecuted. Several of the cases will be heard in Justice Vien's court today. The others are set for tomorrow and the day following.

One of the attorneys for the prosecution declares that he has been approached with an offer of $100 if he would drop the cases and prevent further prosecution. This fact becoming known has strengthened the determination to push the cases to the extreme limit of the law. The state fish commissioner has written and expressed his willingness to assist and also his willingness to restock the lake with black bass, croppies and pike if the local authorities would guarantee protection to the young fish.

In the testimony today it will be shown that 800 pounds of black bass have been taken out of the lake in the last few days and sold in Omaha. The method of seining through the ice leaves no chance of escape for these game fish. During the winter they lie in a partially dormant condition in the deep waters in the bays around the island. They are passive and powerless to avoid the meshes of the drag net and when the deep holes are dragged none are left. They are a difficult fish to capture with a seine in the summer, for they are strong enough and active enough to leap over the top of the seine. Consequently few have been captured during all the seining that has taken place up to the time of the commencement of the atrocious practice of drawing the nets under the ice. An effort was made yesterday to secure the co-operation of some of the Omaha sportsmen in the prosecution of the cases.

The local Fish Protective association was made to include as many of the Omaha fishermen as desired to become members, and as the ruling of Judge Ambrose established the fact that a large part of Coney Island was in Nebraska, the Nebraska fishermen are directly interested, for the reason that nearly all of the bass were caught in Nebraska waters.

One of the nets that was captured in front of the old Omaha Boat club's house was 1,650 feet long, and the men who were operating it admitted that in one haul they took out 2,000 fish, a large percentage of which were black bass, and many of them very young fish.

WILL NOT PLAY FAVORITES.

Assessors Agree Upon a Valuation for Personal Property.

There has always been more or less trouble over the returns of the township assessors in the matter of personal property. Each assessor has been allowed to use, or has used, his own discretion as to the valuation placed on the personal property in his township, and the result has made endless work for the board of equalization.

An effort will be made this year to have the assessments on a uniform basis, and to attain this result a meeting of the township assessors was held yesterday afternoon at the court house for the purpose of talking over the situation. Twenty-seven of the thirty-seven assessors of the county were in attendance at the meeting, and spent several hours in an informal discussion as to the best plan of doing the work in a manner that would treat all property owners alike. It was shown that some of the assessors in years past had returned personal property at about 10 per cent of its real value, and that others had returned similiar property at its full value.

After a general discussion of the situation a general schedule of values was practically agreed upon for the property that will come under the notice of the assessors, and it was tacitly agreed that the property would be returned by the assessors at about one-third of its value. The assessors will start upon their work at once. The books are to be returned to the county on April 1.

Adler Still a Deceiver.

"Judge" Adler, or Samuel J. K. Adler, according to the prison register at Blackwell's Island, N. Y., where he is serving a few years' term of imprisonment for serious moral delinquencies, is still the same old gay deceiver that he was when he was cutting such a wide swath in Council Bluffs. Two years ago Adler came to this city and by means of forged letters of recommendation from eminent jurists and public men secured admission to the Pottawattamie county bar and an entree in the best society in the city. His career was short and brilliant and ended with him being a fugitive from justice after "doing" almost every one of his acquaintances whom he could get near. The Philadelphia Press has a sensational article giving a detailed account of the old man's latest attempts at deception. Adler is over 70 years old, and is a distinguished looking old man. His age and scholarly bearing has won some sympathy and some of his friends have been trying to secure a pardon for him. To aid them the Press says: "Adler from time to time has feigned sickness. When sent out to work the old man would fall in a fit and have to be carried to the hospital. His fits were made the basis of an application for a pardon, on the ground that he was about to die.

"Before going to the penitentiary, Adler made the acquaintance of a number of charity workers, who felt sorry for him on account of his old age. These workers were of all denominations, and to each the old man professed his desire to embrace their particular form of religion. Adler, who has announced at the Tombs and the penitentiary that he was very wealthy, commenced to make a will. After the usual opening phraseology, he started off by leaving $20,000 to the Protestant Half Orphan asylum. In some way Adler managed to make this fact known to the people of that faith whom he had met. The result was that many charitably inclined women sent baskets of fruit to the old man to cheer his dying moments.

"Adler had also made the acquaintance of many Catholics, and in his will the orphans of that church were not forgotten. They were put down for $20,000, and charitable persons of that faith also sent him delicacies. But Adler did not die; he grew fatter as he grew sicker, and would probably be working his scheme yet had he not decided to make Warden Pillsbury and Deputy Warden Keppings executors of his will in the hope of deceiving them. Yesterday a friend of Adler called at the penitentiary and stated that the old man did not possess a dollar.

"In all of Adler's bequests the money was to come from his life insurance, but investigation proved that he had none. While a fugitive from justice, Adler took refuge in Council Bluffs, where he married a wealthy young widow. Should he live out his term, he will probably be arrested for bigamy, as he left a wife in New York when he ran away."

Dedicated Their Church.

Dedicatory services were held Sunday at the new German Mission church, recently completed on North Seventh street. The church has a seating capacity for 500 people. The dedicatory services were conducted in German. The pastor was assisted by Rev. E. W. Simon of Burlington, the presiding elder of this district, and Rev. Mr. Craig of Omaha, and Rev. Mr. Keller and Rev. Mr. Schulz of Lincoln.

The financial affairs of the church are in excellent condition, the edifice being practically free from debt. The collection Sunday was sufficient to defray the dedicatory expenses.

IOWA LEGISLATURE OPENS

Twenty-Sixth General Assembly Convenes on Schedule Time.

BOTH BRANCHES PROMPTLY ORGANIZE

Caucus Nominees Elected Without a Struggle and Adjournment Taken Out of Respect to the Late Judge Wright.

DES MOINES, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—When the hour fixed by law for the opening of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly arrived nearly all of the members of the lower house were in the hall and ready for business. According to a long established custom, Hon. O. E. Doubleday, the senior member from Polk, called the house to order. Hon. John Harrison of Keokuk was elected temporary speaker and I. K. Wilson clerk. Mr. Allen of Van Buren nominated H. W. Byers of Shelby for permanent speaker. This motion was seconded by Mr. Monahan, democrat of Plymouth, who arose and said: "A still, small voice from the democratic corner seconds that nomination." (Great laughter.)

Mr. Byers was escorted to the chair by Messrs. Allen, Griswold and Monahan, and on being sworn, said: "I thank you most sincerely for the high honor conferred upon me, and as this is to be a business session I will set the example by not consuming the time with any extended remarks." (Applause.) J. D. Rowen of Polk was then elected chief clerk, the democrats voting for N. B. Holbrook of Iowa county for this position. The election of the republican caucus nominations then followed.

The senate met promptly at 10:30 with Lieutenant Governor Dungan in the chair. All of the senators answered to their names except Senators Hobart and Blanchard. The sessions was largely consumed in preliminary proceedings. The entire list of officers nominated by the republican caucus was elected, the democrats making no nominations.

Both houses adjourned and attended the funeral of ex-United States Senator George G. Wright.

The woes of Lieutenant Governor Parrott and Speaker Byers have now begun in earnest and it will be a great relief to each of them when the lists of standing committees are finally announced. Some presiding officers in the past have sent cards to the members with a request that the committees on which they wish to serve be designated, but owing to the fact that all, or nearly all, named the committee on ways and means, judiciary, railways or appropriations, this course did not lighten the task of these officials. Formerly, the most unpopular committee has been that on fish and game, but since the creation of the office of fish commissioner, this committee has risen to considerable prominence. Strange as it may seem, the committee on woman suffrage is now the least sought after of any, and, as it does not carry with it the selection of a clerk, but few members can be prevailed upon to accept the chairmanship. Mr. Chapman of Woodbury, who is the most enthusiastic suffragist in the house, will probably be slated for this position, though he would be equally at home as chairman of the committee on horticulture.

OUTLOOK FOR INSURANCE LAWS.

The insurance combine known as the Iowa Alliance will receive considerable attention. Representative Finch of Humboldt will probably be the leader in insurance legislation. Early in the session, Mr. Finch will introduce bills providing severe penalties for all combines or understandings between rival insurance companies of every name and nature. For several sessions past from one to a dozen valued policy bills in either house have been introduced only to be pigeonholed in the senate in the closing hours of the session. A similar measure will receive consideration during the present session. The "old line" life companies will endeavor to have some rigid restrictions imposed upon the mutual, fraternal and benevolent associations, which they claim have an unfair advantage over those companies that are required to put up a bond or other security in order to secure authority to transact business. A proposition to establish a separate insurance department and provide for the election or appointment of an insurance commissioner will also receive consideration.

There are any number of strong men among the newly elected senators who will make their impress on legislation. Senators Trewin of Allamakee, Mitchell of Adams, Ellison of Jones, Blanchard of Mahaska, Harriman of Franklin and Young of Delaware were all recognized leaders of the lower house two years ago.

There is considerable speculation in regard to the makeup of the standing committees of the senate. Lieutenant Governor Parrott is exceedingly close-mouthed and nothing definite has yet been learned in regard to the important chairmanships. It is rumored, however, that the chairmanship of the judiciary, which will be by far the most important committee this session, will go either to Cheshire of Polk or Ellis of Clinton. It is also probable that Senator Carpenter will get the special committee on revision of the code. Senator Funk, who successfully engineered the mulct bill through the senate two years, begs to be excused from further work on this line and he will likely be relieved from the chairmanship of the committee on suppression of intemperance.

Small Blaze at Stanwood.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire at Stanwood last night destroyed the stores of James McKerron, J. W. Seifert and F. Johnson, causing a loss of about $10,000, with little insurance.

T. A. Kelly, wholesale liquor dealer and wholesale and retail fruit dealer, today made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities and assets about $15,000. Inability to make collections is the cause of the failure.

Senator Allison on Matters of State.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 13.—Senator Allison in an interview today stated that he believed the bond bill would pass the senate with a free coinage amendment, but die in the house. The revenue bill, he thought, would pass both houses, but would be vetoed by the president. He feared Germany and Great Britain would fight. He was on his way to Des Moines to attend the funeral of Judge Wright, and will return to Washington in two weeks.

Ten Million Company Incorporated.

SIOUX CITY, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Articles of incorporation of the Holman Locomotive Speeding Truck company, a $10,000,000 corporation formed to develop and manufacture patent appliances for increasing the speed of locomotives, were filed here today. The precise nature of the improvements in question has been kept a secret thus far. The incorporators are: W. G. Garstead, Philadelphia; H. T. Boyer, Morristown; G. W. and J. M. Hemperly, Harrisburg; S. L. White, St. Paul; W. J., H. G. and W. J. Holman, jr., and W. H. Morris, Minneapolis.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE G. WRIGHT.

Final Ceremonies at Des Moines Largely Attended.

DES MOINES, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The funeral of Judge George G. Wright was held from his late residence on Pleasant street this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was by far the largest funeral ever held in the city. The members of the legislature attended in a body. There were large numbers of men from all over the state and from several other states present. All the Sioux City relatives of the Wright family were present, together with the Peavey family from Minneapolis, and a large number of other relatives. Among the delegations that came to attend the funeral was one of sixty members of the faculty and students in the law department of the State university. Judge Wright was a member of the faculty of the university and was a great favorite with the students, who adopted resolutions of sorrow. The funeral was very unostentatious, but the floral offerings were of immense number and richness. The ceremony at the house was conducted by Rev. Emery Miller of this city and Rev. L. T. Bowley of Danville, former pastors of the judge. The remains were interred at Woodland cemetery.

Boy's Peculiar Infatuation.

SIOUX CITY, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Paul Mahnke, the son of a well-to-do Sioux City hotel keeper, has created a sensation here by an effort to wed Lulu Smith, a colored woman of questionable character, and just now a prisoner in the county jail, on a charge of larceny. The young man's infatuation extends over a period of two years, and was to have culminated in his marriage Sunday when her arrest upset the arrangements. His father has warned the county clerk to refuse the lad a license, as he is not of age. Paul declares he is 22, and is planning for a wedding in the jail Friday afternoon.

Robbed and Slugged.

CHARITON, Ia., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—F. E. Crosby, a barber, was slugged and robbed last night while going home. The thugs got $60, but missed $30 in another pocket.

Fire at Ottumwa.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire gutted several of the handsomest suites of offices in the Hoffman block this morning, with a total loss of $5,000.

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WESTERN PENSIONS.

Veterans of the Late War Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Pensions granted, issue of December 28, were:

Nebraska—Original—Henry S. Towers, Gibbon, Buffalo.

Iowa: Original—Charles D. Becker, Waterloo, Blackhawk. Restoration and additional—Joseph L. Mattocks (deceased), Sergeant Bluffs, Woodbury. Increase—Nelson E. Slocum, Humeston, Wayne. Original widow—Prudence Mattocks, Sergeant Bluffs, Woodbury.

Wyoming: Original—Sidney S. Kirtley, Kirtley, Converse.

Colorado: Original—Cipriano Montoys, Sopris, Las Animas; Frank A. Chapman, Ouray, Ouray.

Issue of December 27 were:

Iowa: Reissue—Elias A. Churchill, Fredericksburg, Chickasaw. Original widows, etc.—Catharine B. Hall, Center Junction, Jones; Anna Shanks, Corydon, Wayne.

Colorado: Increase—Edward D. Pillar, Longmont, Boulder.

Kentucky Democrats Unfortunate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 13.—State Senator J. W. Ogilvie, a democrat, is reported critically ill, and members of his family state that he will be unable to attend the session of the legislature at any time. His absence would give the republicans a majority on joint ballot for United States senator, even should a democrat be elected to succeed the member who died on Saturday last.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13.—A special to the Times-Star from Frankfort, Ky., says that on motion of Bennet, republican, the house today took up the question raised as to the eligibility of Cecil Rence of Covington, whose age, it is asserted, falls below the constitutional requirement for membership. A committee of inquiry was ordered, after fierce opposition by the democrats.

Raised Almost Fifty Thousand.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 13.—James Cox, secretary of the Business Men's league of St. Louis, reported total receipts of $47,055 this afternoon towards the democratic convention fund. There are twenty-six committees yet to be heard from, and the total will probably exceed $60,000 by tomorrow evening.

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