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## MINOR MENTION.

Clyde McClellan paid \$5 and costs for the fun of distributing the Salvation Army. Dr. A. M. Langel and F. X. McTigue of Brema were in this city during Easter week. Mrs. H. Mendel of Neola was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mrs. J. B. Atkins. E. E. Hart is confined to his home, the result of an accident in which his hip was injured.

Mr. Clark is seriously ill at the home of his son-in-law, Manager Van Orman of the Transfer hotel. The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs, High class in every respect. Rates, \$2.50 per day and upward. F. Clarke, proprietor.

Unity Guild will hold an article sale on Wednesday at 502 Broadway and serve dinner from 11.30 to 1 o'clock and supper from 5 to 7 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of St. Paul's Guild at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Merriam, 811 Third avenue, on Wednesday, April 8, at 4 o'clock. Rev. C. W. Savidge of the People's church of Omaha will preach at the DeLong Industrial room, corner of Broadway and Main street, under the Savings bank, tonight at 8 o'clock. All the missions are invited to be present.

A mass caucus of the populists of the city will be held at the Farmers' hall Wednesday evening. Since fifty-three delegates are to be elected to attend the county convention next Saturday a lively meeting may be safely predicted. Sheriff Morgan returned yesterday from Clarinda, where he went in charge of the boy, Clarence Davenport, who became insane while an inmate of the Christian Home. He had a fit while on the train, but was landed at the hospital without any serious difficulty.

Coleman Howe, for using profane and obscene language on the street, was fined \$25 and costs by Judge McCreedy yesterday morning. The chief witness against him was the one-armed colored man who has kept a stand at the corner of Broadway and Pearl street. Judgment for the plaintiff by stipulation was rendered in the superior court yesterday in the case of the National Biscuit company against Ringer. The action was a suit on seven promissory notes. The assignment of cases for the present term of the court will be made on Wednesday. The Woodward Theater company opened at the DeLong last night, playing to the full capacity of the house. All the desirable seats were sold before 7 o'clock. The company presented "Little Wild Cat," a strong four-act comedy, in an excellent manner. Tonight the "Golden Giant Mine," and on Thursday night the favorite, "East Lynne," will be given. The reception given to the members of the company last night as they entered the stage certainly shows the opinion which the people of Council Bluffs have for this excellent company.

Dr. Cleaver's office moved to 600 Broadway. Wanted—A competent girl for general housework. Small family and good wages. Mrs. W. S. Dimmock, 217 South Street.

"Just tell them that you've seen me" at the Durfee Furniture company's, 336, 338 Broadway.

Avoca Taxpayers Win. The Board of Supervisors yesterday instructed the county attorney to confess judgment in the matter of the Avoca taxes and others against the Board of Supervisors. In this action the property owners of Avoca sought a reduction of the assessment of a large amount of property from the figures placed by the Board of Supervisors. The assessments were returned it was found that the agricultural lands in the township in which other towns of the county were situated were assessed at a much higher rate than were the farm lands lying in the township around Avoca. The supervisors accordingly raised the valuation about 200 per cent, and that the property owners brought the suit to have the assessment reduced. An examination of the books showed that in the other townships certain lands had been assessed at a high rate as farm lands, when they should have been assessed as town property. This brought the average below the assessment of the Avoca lands and led the supervisors to make the increase. When the matter was finally explained and understood there was no objection to the reduction asked in the suit brought by the property owners.

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Still on the Docket. In the district court yesterday a motion for a continuance in the case of Kipnorts against Oberholzer was overruled. The court as insufficient and the case then continued by the court on its own motion. This case has been making history rapidly in the courts and has attracted much attention. Judge Smith was once interested as attorney for one of the parties, and that fact was made a ground for continuance of the present action at one stage of the game by one of the attorneys. Now when that attorney is anxious to get to trial the judge of his own motion refuses to take up the trial and the attorney took an exception to the court's ruling. The case has been down to the supreme court and back so often that it is familiar to every judge on the bench and in doubt the case will be settled as it was several years ago, when Oberholzer failed in the clear business and Kipnorts sought to recover several hundred dollars by young Oberholzer's father set aside.

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## NAMES THE NEW POLICEMEN

Mayor Carson Presents Some Little Surprises to the City Council.

## JOHN TEMPLETON TO BE FIRE CHIEF

Appointive Officers All Filled and the Routed-out Routine of a Month Given Attention by the Aldermen.

At the council meeting last night Mayor Carson appointed the police force for the ensuing year in the following order: Ed Canning, captain of police, D. Matby; Patrickson, O. E. Bawick, Charles Custer, John Sharet, H. V. Slead, William Vandenburg, Charles Clair, John Barlyte, J. M. Murphy, H. Petersen; patrol driver, Andrew Neally. This is a change from the old force, Beswick, Custer, Sharet and Neally are new men. The old officers who were dropped from the roll were Chief Seaman, Sergeant Gaslin, Patrolmen Covatt and Martin, and Patrol Driver Andel.

City Marshal Canning reappointed his present force. H. L. Ward will be day jailer and deputy; F. Petersen deputy and night jailer, and J. T. Anderson, bailiff of the superior court. These appointments were made early in the session. After the transaction of the routine business the council filled the elective offices by naming John Templeton as fire chief, Frank West as police collector, Nicholas O'Connell as pound master, Dr. Treynor as city physician, and W. G. Morris as street supervisor. Prior to the appointments Mayor Carson reviewed the present financial situation and made a number of suggestions for the guidance of the body in the matter of handling the various funds. He recommended that no more paving be done except on the petition of property owners and their agreement to pay the cost of paving and intersections as well. Other suggestions were made in line with the policy of the mayor, as marked out in his inaugural address and his public utterances.

The "burnt district" on Pierce street will have to be moved. A petition of property owners was presented, calling attention to the violation of the law and asking that the houses of ill-fame in that vicinity be closed up. After some slight discussion, the city marshal was directed to remove the occupants of such houses to remove from the street at once. The committee on water works was instructed to pay the cost of paving and intersections tested for pressure and report the result to the council.

WRES TO GO UNDER. Telephone wires in the business part of the city are to be removed according to the terms of an ordinance introduced. The ordinance provides that telephone wires in the city bounded by Willow avenue, Sixth street, Washington avenue and Broadway, be placed underground before December 1 of the present year, and that no franchise be granted to any telephone company hereafter that will not comply with the terms of the ordinance and place its wires in the business part of the city in underground conduits. The ordinance was read and referred to the committee of the whole.

The city marshal was instructed to prevent the plowing up of platted streets in the Fifth and Sixth wards. The Chicago & Northwestern asked for a rebate of \$50 on its water tax, asserting that it was taxed on property that was not within the hydrant limit. John Riley was granted authority to plant a banana cart at the corner of Main and Broadway.

A petition asking for the location of a water main for fire protection on Sixth avenue, east of Eighth street, was referred to the committee of the whole. Mrs. J. E. Brooks was awarded the contract for the cleaning and painting of the city for the ensuing year at 11 cents per meal. O'Neill & Schickelzanz were granted permission to open a liquor dispensary at 1717 Seventh and Broadway.

The street supervisor was instructed to grade Hall street, the new street opening connecting Harrison street with North First street. The city engineer was instructed to survey and park commissioners requested to fence Lake View park. The committee on streets and alleys was instructed to purchase a carload of oak lumber for use in building crosswalks. The committee on police was instructed to contract for the necessary work in enlarging the city jail building by the addition of an eight-foot extension on the east side of the structure to make additional room for the marshal's office. The expense will be about \$300. The committee was also instructed to have other changes in connection with the present action at one stage of the game by one of the attorneys. Now when that attorney is anxious to get to trial the judge of his own motion refuses to take up the trial and the attorney took an exception to the court's ruling. The case has been down to the supreme court and back so often that it is familiar to every judge on the bench and in doubt the case will be settled as it was several years ago, when Oberholzer failed in the clear business and Kipnorts sought to recover several hundred dollars by young Oberholzer's father set aside.

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Sister Patricia Fatally Burned by an Accident at St. Francis Academy. Sister Patricia O'Flaherty died yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at St. Francis Academy from the effects of terrible injuries received Saturday afternoon, while engaged in making a preparation to wax the floors of the building.

She was in the laundry heating a mixture of turpentine, beeswax and linsed oil. The mixture boiled over and caught from the fire in the stove and instantly the whole mass was on fire. Sister Patricia, who was standing by, was thrown over her clothes. No help was at hand and she made her way up the stairs and fell fainting on the floor, enveloped in flames. The other nuns quickly smothered the fire with blankets and rugs, but not until her habit had been consumed and her body burned to a cinder. Sister Patricia forgot her own terrible agony for a moment and called upon the others to extinguish the fire and save the building. Her presence of mind saved the academy a dangerous fire. The fire had spread to a large pile of freshly laundered articles, and was blazing fiercely when the sisters put it out by throwing water. The table upon which the clothes were lying was burned and the woodwork of the room badly scorched. Meanwhile the physicians were called and all that could be done to relieve the injured nun was done at once.

She lingered until yesterday afternoon under the influence of opiates and only partially conscious. Her father, Michael O'Flaherty, arrived during the day from his home in Victor, Ia., and was at the bedside of his child when she expired. She had been at St. Francis Academy since last September. She was raised in Victor, and was a pupil of Mount St. Joseph academy, Dubuque, and entered the order as a teacher in East Des Moines, and was transferred from there to this city when the academy was closed. The funeral will occur Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Father Smith of St. Francis Xavier officiating. He will be assisted by Father Bunker of St. Bernard's hospital, Father Lathin of St. Bernard's hospital, Father Schumacher of Neola, Father Dollard of Walnut, Father Hayes of Imogene and Father Bunker of St. Bernard's hospital, besides a number of priests from Omaha.

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Brevity Boiled Down. The will of A. W. Kloppling of Norwalk township, dated March 6, 1896, was filed for probate yesterday with the clerk of the court. It is entitled to the name of brevity, and contained less than fifty words. With-out any preliminary explanation the document says: "I give all my property to my wife, and appoint her executor of this will." The will was written in German and signed properly by two witnesses.

Caught After Awhile. On December 24 D. D. Standish robbed the till at the Kansas City house and got hold of \$1,000 before the police caught him. Yesterday afternoon he was caught and lodged in the city jail. A warrant was issued out of the superior court for his arrest at the time of the robbery.

Loveland Burner Caught. An officer came down from Loveland last evening with a prisoner, a young man, who was locked up in default of \$500 bonds, to await the action of the grand jury. He gave the name of John Shepard, and he was charged with burglarizing the house of John Friend.

Licensed to Wed. Marriage licenses were issued by Clerk of the Courts Reed yesterday as follows: Name and residence. Age. F. M. Redman, Council Bluffs, 26; M. E. Burt, Council Bluffs, 25; Edson Jeffers, Council Bluffs, 22; Minnie Gillman, Council Bluffs, 20.

For Easter SARGENT'S CLEKKS are paid to the customers' bidding. You cannot look in our window WITHOUT SEEING A SHOE YOU LIKE. GO IN and try it on whether you want to buy or not. DON'T HESITATE because you think it will COST TOO MUCH for SHOES never were so pretty or so CHEAP. LOOK FOR THE BEAR

It Pays to Investigate!

## MYSTIC SHRINES AT LEMARS.

LEMARS, Ia., April 6.—(Special Telegram.)—El Kabir, chief of Cedar Rapids, nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is holding a very successful meeting here tonight. A class of about forty will walk the sanita. The town is ablaze with fireworks. The features of the parade were two Roman chariots and three bands including the celebrated Arabian band, a ghost wagon with a skull and skeleton exposed by the cathode rays, and twenty special characters in costumes besides a camel and cages of animals. Illustrious Potentate George W. Beaver is present to conduct the work. El Kabir's meeting at Lemars was first called for April 9, but Sioux City afterward secured Kaaba temple of Davenport to hold a meeting at Sioux City two days earlier, April 7. Most of the smaller towns sided in with Lemars in this unequal contest with a larger city, and El Kabir's date was changed to April 6, one day ahead of the Sioux City meeting. It has been a hard hustle, but El Kabir and Lemars are now jubilant over the great success of the meeting. A banquet will be spread for over 200 tonight by the nobles of the Eastern Star. Kaaba temple will doubtless have a successful meeting at Sioux City tomorrow night.

Malvern News. MALVERN, Ia., April 6.—(Special Telegram.)—T. D. Gibson was fined \$50 and costs for cruelly whipping his horse yesterday afternoon at Cedar Rapids. He was fined by W. S. Potts, agent for the Burlington, Ia. succeeded today by Mr. Burrus of Colo, Ia.

New Water Works Complications. DENVER, April 6.—A suit was filed in the district court this afternoon by stockholders of the old American Water Works company, representing over \$200 worth of stock, asking the court to appoint receivers for the Denver Union Water company, and to issue an injunction restraining the present company from collecting any money from water consumers or the city; also asking for an order that the city should not pay for any source previously collected by the present company and for a decree setting aside every conveyance, mortgage or transfer made by the company since the dissolution of the American Water Works company of all property actual cash value, 50 per cent of which will be taken as the basis of assessment. This does not include the railroads or any of that class of property now listed by the executive council. The leading friends of economy in the lower house do not take kindly to this exception, as they feel certain that whatever the rate may be will result in a visible increase in taxation and apply to corporations as well as to farmers and other property owners. The provision for the requirement of an itemized list of all notes owned by