COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

Scientific optician, Wollman, 409 B'way.

Cereal coffee, the great health drink, can be had at Bartel and Miller's.

D. J. Blicker of Haworth & Sons, Decatur, Ill., is in the city, the guest of Harry Haworth.

The Christian Scientists will hold their regular services today in their hall in the Shugart-Beno block.

Rev. Henry DeLong last evening united in marriage William Wylie and Julia S. Cranberry, both of this city.

S. T. Walker received word by wire yesterday of the death of his brother, W. L. Walker, in Kenton county, Ohio.

Six unfurnished rooms for rent in a residence facing on public park. Rent can be paid in board. Apply at 539 Willow avenue, in the mornings.

Charles Reynolds, the last bread and water prisoner in the city jail, was declared to be seriously ill last night by the city physician and sent to the W. C. A. hospital.

In opposing the sultan the Greeks in Crete are putting up a "good front," but no more so than the young man who wears Eagle laundry work. 724 Broadway. Telephone 157.

C. V. Nieman & Co., 523 Broadway, dealers in stocks, grain and provisions. Correspondents of James E. Boyd & Co., Omaha. They will furnish market quotations by telephone at any time. 'Phone 129.

The jurors for the March term of the superior court were drawn yesterday. They are L. Dunlap, L. V. Williams, H. C. Addis, L. Swearingen, L. Zurmuehlen, sr., George F. Smith, George T. Phelps, R. N. Whittlesey and O. H. Lucas.

The three cases of the state against Mrs. Amelia Berney, the charges being larceny and assault with intent to do great bodily harm have been taken from Justice Cook to Justice Burke by change of venue and will be called for trial March 5.

Mrs. Niblo came from South Omaha yesterday and identified her trunks that were recovered by the police on the preceding evening. She announced her intention of following up and prosecuting her manager, Carberry, who stole them when he eloped with the leading lady of the Humpty Dumpty outfit, Miss May Cromer of Council Bluffs.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Pearl Wykoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Wykoff of 819 South Sixth street, was arrayed in bridal apparel, ready for her approaching marriage with Mr. Hiram Coburn. While momentarily engaged in assisting others to arrange for the ceremony the prospective bride took up a large flower pot and in so doing burst a blood vessel. The marriage was not deferred, though in uttering the solemn vow Miss Wykoff was confined to her bed. Mrs. Coburn has had three hemorrhages since the accident, and is in a critical condition, though reported somewhat better yesterday.

C. B. Viavia Company, female remedy. Medical consultation free Wednesday. Health book furnished. 369 Merriam block.

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Farm Loans.

For lowest rates on good farm loans call at the office of D. W. Otis, No. 133 Pearl street, Council Bluffs. Money ready and loans closed without delay.

The New Wash Goods Are Ready.

Fine imported organdies and dimities in an endless array of patterns, styles and colorings; the assortment is now complete; you can find anything you want; don't delay making selection.

New percales, new cambrics, new ginghams.

Fancy striped organdies and tamis cloth.

Lappet, mulls, jaconets, Swisses, etc., in an endless assortment.

The new dress goods, all the new novelties for spring, are now in stock and await your approval.

The assortment in all grades was never more complete.

New checks at 25, 39 and 50c.

All wool suitings, 25c a yard.

Fine all wool and Jamestown novelties at 39 and 50c a yard.

Silk stripe fancy suitings, worth $1.00, at 65c a yard.

54-in. fancy checked suitings, actual value $1.00 a yard, at 69c a yard.

THE FEBRUARY WHITE GOODS SALE WILL CONTINUE ALL WEEK.

Special prices on ladies' muslin underwear, linens, bedspreads, laces and embroideries.

Ladies' cloaks at half price.

BOSTON STORE,
Broadway, Council Bluffs.

"GIANT JOE" TAYLOR IS DROWNED.

Well Known Fisherman Falls Through a Hole in the Ice.

Joseph Taylor, a well known fisherman, lost his life in Lake Manawa yesterday or the day previous. No one saw the accident, and it was only apparent that he had broken through the ice and was drowned.

Taylor has been engaged chiefly in fishing for a living in the river and at Manawa for many years, and was a well known character. He was a single man, about 40 years old. He has been making his home with a family in the western part of the city. On Friday he left the house after announcing his intention of going to Manawa to fish. His intention was to return in the evening. When he failed to do so and no word was received from him yesterday morning, his friends became alarmed and went to the lake to hunt for him. He was seen walking over the ice on the west end of the lake, and a number of holes were found where he had cut through the ice with his axe and tried his luck. He was tracked from one hole to another and finally through the willows to what is known as "the pool," a deep hole where Indian creek years ago used to empty itself. A hole was found in the ice here. Near it lay his fishing tackle and bait and his lunch basket. Indications pointed strongly to the fact that he had broken through the ice or slipped into the hole he had cut. Word was sent to the city, and Chief of Police Canning and Officer Murphy went down to investigate. They were convinced that Taylor was in the water and set about finding the body. The pool is almost circular and not more than 100 feet in diameter. The water is from five to twenty feet deep. The ice was broken in many places and grappling hooks were used. After a number of unsuccessful attempts, one of the hooks caught in the clothing of the dead man, and he was brought to the surface. The fact that his lunch had not been eaten is taken as conclusive proof that he fell into the water shortly after going to the lake Friday.

The body was brought to town and taken to Undertaker Lunkley's. The coroner was notified, but it was too late in the evening when the body was brought to town to hold an inquest. This will be held to-day, if it is deemed to be necessary.

Taylor, so far as could be learned, had no near relatives in this vicinity. He was commonly known as "Giant Joe, the fisherman."

Genuine Centerville Block Coal, $3.50; other grades of coal from $2.75 to $3.25 per ton delivered. William Welch, No. 8 Main street, telephone 128; yard, 615 South Main street, telephone 93.

The genuine Domestic soap wrappers are red. Beware of the cheap grade of Domestic put up in yellow wrappers.

Baby carriages—the finest line in the city. Durfee Furniture Co.

Forty Domestic soap wrappers are good for six silver spoons.

Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

Bert Dungan Caught Again.

Bert Dungan, the 8-year-old boy who was arrested for robbing the Fairmount park pigeon roost, was caught in the act of stealing some of the pigeons kept in the property adjoining the police station and city hall. The birds were taken from him and the youngster was given a lesson in morality. A shingle was the instrument used. He was taken to the police station, but not locked up.

The finest baby carriages made for the money just received at Crockwell's, 411 B'way.

You will find the best nickel-plated and copperware at J. Zoller & Co.'s. Telephone 320.

JUDGE HAS A SWINDLING BOX

Sorely Puzzled to Know Whether He May Destroy the Article.

COUNTY ATTORNEY DECIDES HE MAY NOT

Device for Dealing Skin-Game Faro Used as Evidence and Finally Returned to Its Owner After Being Examined.

Justice Burke yesterday had a case before him involving the ownership of a "braced" box for dealing skin-game faro. A day or two ago some of the local gamblers fell out, and the silver faro box that was used in one of the establishments which failed or was closed up several weeks ago was taken possession of by one of the fraternity to whom it did not belong. The quarrel finally got into the local justice court. The ownership of the box was not so much a question for the court to determine as was the problem of what to do with it. Under the plain construction of the Iowa law against gambling, it was the privilege, not the duty, of the court to order the destruction of the device. Justice Burke consulted Judge Thornell and other members of the bench and their opinion was that it was his duty to see that the swindling box should be destroyed. County Attorney Saunders was also called into the consultation. He believed the same way, but when he came to look up the law he was unable to find any section of the statute that would justify the destruction of the box owing to the manner in which it came within the jurisdiction of the court. If the court had secured possession of it on a search warrant his duty would have been plain, but as the box came into court as evidence in the prosecution of a suit, he could not destroy it without becoming liable for its value. Catalogues of gamblers' goods were looked over and the price of the box was found to be $300, and this high price made its destruction involve too much risk. While the box was in court it was thoroughly dissected, and the ingenious tricks by which its manipulators made every deal win were disclosed to the gaping crowd. The box was a pretty piece of delicate mechanism. The court decided that the box was the property of M. B. Connelly, a Council Bluffs man, whom the attorneys in the case declare to be worth $75,000.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE LAST WEEK.

Smith-Abel Wedding One of the Chief Affairs in the City's Life.

A social event of considerable interest to a large number of old citizens was the marriage of Allura, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abel, to Mr. George Smith. The marriage was celebrated on Thursday evening at the residence of the Abels, just east of the city. Mr. Abel has lived on the farm for the last fifty years and has seen a large family grow up around him and settle down into homes of their own until he and his wife have become many times grandparents. In early days Mr. Abel drove a thriving business as a trader with the Indians and Mormon emigrants. Besides a large number of old citizens, many of whom had been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Abel for half a century, there were fifty people present at the wedding who were related to the parent house. The wedding was made a festal occasion not only for the entire neighborhood, but for the old settlers all over the county. The bride is a handsome girl, just out of her teens, and was not only the apple of the old man's eye, but has been a popular favorite among the young people. Nearly all of the guests testified to the worth of the young people by handsomely remembering them with gifts, and the wedding presents nearly filled one of the rooms of the farmhouse. Among the guests present were Mrs. and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. Abel, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Fred Owens, Mrs. Owens, Francis Krettich, Miss Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Motts, Mr. J. W. Jacok, Mr. and Mrs. Jacok, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Mr. S. A. Winchester, Mrs. S. A. Winchester, Mr. Benjamin Winchester, Miss Emma Winchester, Miss Emma Krause, Fred Harting, Marie Bessie Winchester, George Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr Towle write enthusiastically of their pleasant surroundings in their new home in Saltilla, Coahuila, Mexico. They left Council Bluffs in January and bade their friends adieu for six months, but the prospects are now that the months will be extended into years. They are so charmed with their situation in the Mexican town that there is danger of them losing their allegiance to Uncle Samuel. In a recent letter to Miss Laura Flickinger, Mrs. Towle says the Mexicans are very kind to them and it has been a matter of surprise to them how readily the latter managed to understand a few words of English accompanied by signs. She says they are learning a good deal of Spanish, though putting the words together comes rather awkwardly. They take breakfast usually about 10 o'clock in the morning, have another meal at 2 o'clock and then take a walk or else a spin on their wheels. A few days ago they rode ten miles out to another town and were caught four miles from home on the return trip by darkness. They walked the remainder of the way, and Mr. Towle seemed to stand the trip remarkably well. Their many friends here will be very glad to learn that Mr. Towle's health is improving rapidly.

One of the pleasant social events of the week was the party given by the women of the Order of the Eastern Star in Masonic temple on Friday evening. It was the most pretentious as well as the most delightful social event the women have engineered during the season. They were fortunate in having able assistants and talent in providing the program. Miss Etta Bankson of Waterloo, Ia., a young woman who possesses elocutionary abilities of a high order, was a guest of one of the members for a few days during the week and she consented to take part. She charmed all of those present and was heartily applauded. Miss Esther Fried of Omaha also charmed the guests with her fine vocalization. Miss Yanskowski, a fine pianist, contributed largely to the pleasure of the guests. The Apollo and Orpheus clubs and Master Arthur Goff, the 8-year-old cornetist, who is the marvel of all the critics, added their share to the general enjoyment. At the conclusion of the program light refreshments were served. All of the events were presented rapidly but it was midnight when the banquet was ended. The attendance comprised several hundred people from Council Bluffs and Omaha. Manager Dimmock supplied the special motor trains to carry the guests to their homes when the entertainment was over.

A unique entertainment was given on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. G. H. Jackson on South First street. It was under the auspices of the Unity guild. It was called an "extortion and poverty" social. It had many new and novel features and was a social success in every respect. Many of the costumes were startling.

Miss Ella Wagner has returned from a three months' visit to Denison.

Mrs. L. M. Sherraden has returned from an extended visit to Princeton, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. DeVol are in Nebraska City visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hochstetter.

Mrs. J. G. Brush left for Chicago Thursday evening over the Burlington, after a pleasant visit of ten days in the city.

Company A, Council Bluffs Light infantry, met Thursday night for election of officers, as follows: Captain, Henry Robinson; first lieutenant, C. H. Burke; second lieutenant, Joe Tanehill; quartermaster, T. Thompson; first sergeant, Jake Washington; chaplain, Paul Giles. The company is preparing to give a ball soon.

Miss Minetta I. Benton of Bronnston, Ind., left for her home Friday, after spending the winter with her cousin, Mrs. W. D. Thomas. Miss Benton made many friends during her stay in Council Bluffs and will be pleased to learn that she is expected to return before long to grace the home of one of the best young business men of Council Bluffs.

Miss Mary Flickinger of Independence, Ia., who has been visiting her brothers, A. T. and I. N. Flickinger, has returned home.

One of the events of the present week will be another assembly of the Dancing club, which will transpire at the Royal Arcanum hall on Friday evening. The committee was compelled to yield to urgent requests of many of the members, who so thoroughly enjoyed the last assembly.

Allen Clark and Miss Annie Sowers of Mills county were married here Wednesday. They are spending a portion of their honeymoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Killins of Morningside.

Mr. John S. Grym of Omaha and Miss Zedee M. Brooks of this city were married Wednesday evening by Rev. V. C. Rocho at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spoor, corner of Seventh avenue and Twelfth street.

The Mexican Herald, published in the City of Mexico, contains an item saying that J. W. Squire and family of this city have taken rooms at the Coliseo hotel.

James McCann and wife of Defiance, Ia., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan.

Mrs. J. C. Edmundson of Fremont, Neb., is in the city for a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Faes.

L. J. Ollier and wife of Chicago are in the city and will be quartered at the Grand until after the cycle show in Omaha.

Miss Edith Miller of Cleveland, O., is the guest of Miss Faye Travis.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season occurred last evening at the residence of A. S. Bonham, 317 East Pierce street. It was the eighty-first anniversary of Mr. Bonham's birth, and near the sixty-first anniversary of his marriage to Mrs. Bonham. The children and grandchildren of the couple planned a surprise and at 8 o'clock the house was filled with the scions of the family, representing three generations. There are sixty-one members of the family living, and in the gathering last evening there were twenty-two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Among the children present were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Parmalee and Mrs. J. W. Bonham. Rev. E. W. Cole, pastor of the Christian tabernacle, which Mr. and Mrs. Bonham attend with never-failing regularity, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Courtier and Miss Mary Courtier were the only persons outside the family present. A delightfully pleasant evening was passed by all. Grandchilden and great grandchildren swarmed around the old couple and gave them loving assurances that their lives had not been spent in vain. Age sits lightly upon both and neither looks to be as old as the family record reveals. They have lived in Council Bluffs continuously since 1864, and during all of the years that have intervened Mr. Bonham has been a prominent figure in business and social affairs. During the evening children whose hair was well silvered and great grandchildren who were almost old enough to vote thronged around the aged couple and heartily wished them the joy of rounding out a full century of happy and useful life. The guests did not begin to depart until 10 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Bonham stood near the door and bade each good night, and referred to the occasion as among the proudest and happiest of their lives.

The fancy dress ball given by the Augusta Grove women was noted as one of the social successes of the week. Prizes were offered for the most original and striking costume. Mrs. Jack Barter received the woman's prize and Mr. Brell that offered to the best dressed man. One of the features of the evening was the fancy dancing of Master Eddie Harrington.

J. Zoller & Co. sell all kinds of feed, hay, corn, oats, chop feed and chicken feed. Use telephone 320.

Don't forget the ball Monday night, Feb. 22, at the G. A. R. hall.

Master of Ceremonies—E. R. Fonds.

Floor Committee—J. L. Templeton, E. J. Abbott.

Reception Committee—Geo. Carson, S. J. Davis, C. E. Taylor.

Ladies' Committee—Mesdames Mary Sheve, M. Weatherby, W. H. Campbell, E. J. Abbott.

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COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY.

Quorum Failed to Materialize to Consider Mr. Paul's Propositions.

The session of the city council called last evening for the purpose of considering the propositions of Mr. Paul in connection with his Indian creek plans did not materialize. Only a few of the aldermen were present when the hour set for the meeting arrived. After waiting a while some of them drifted into other parts of the city building or went home. Others came and went during the early part of the evening, but at no time were there enough in the council chamber at one time to constitute a quorum. After waiting a while the lights were turned off, but not before an agreement was reached to meet in special session on Monday evening.

Mr. Paul filed with the city clerk the ordinance prepared by the city attorney granting the Iowa Construction company nine months' extension of time in which to begin its work of improving Indian creek. The street car ordinance was not introduced, but it will follow the introduction of the extension ordinance on Monday evening. The Traction company, which is asking for the ordinance, is the old Twin City company and not the Interstate company. The Twin City company was organized by Dr. Mercer of Omaha and others in September, 1894, and its ordinance was presented to the council on October 1 of the same year. It was passed along to its second reading and referred to the committee. Subsequent events in connection with the failure of the stock yards project and other plans that were supposed to be maturing in the northwestern part of the city rendered it unnecessary to push the ordinance and it was never called up from the committee. Mr. Paul says the time has now come for it to be revived and he will ask its passage.

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Frames at Half Price Going Fast.

We sold frames by the hundred all last week. Did you get one? If not, get your order in Monday for a frame. Twenty-five new styles of frames on sale Monday at half price. All go at this low figure.

W. L. SMITH & CO.

J. Zoller & Co.'s Fish Market.

Lent is approaching, and it is interesting to know where you can get the choicest fish for the least money. From now on we will keep all kinds of fish. Save money and get the best for cash. J. ZOLLER & CO.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

Frederick M. Keeney and wife to Hiram Watkins, w½ sw¼, part sw¼ nw¼ 8, and part e½ se¼ 7-77-40, w. d.	$ 8,000
J. H. Bolton and wife to James Boller, s½ ne¼ and n½ se¼ 19-75-38, w. d.	6,080
L. W. Ross and wife to Sophie W. Oldenburg, lot 13, block 9, Bryant & Clark's subd., w. d.	700
J. F. Ronna and Julius Hector and wife to E. C. Wilmarth, ½ acre in ne¼ sw¼ 9-77-38, w. d.	545
Mary A. Stack to Julia Stack, lot 2, block 59, Riddle's subd., s. w. d.	450
Five transfers, aggregating	$15,775

Buy your strainer, milk pails, water pails, dinner pails, galvanized iron pails, fiber pails, water pails, paper pails, cedar pails, horse pails, slop pails and every other kind of pails at J. Zoller & Co.'s cash establishment, 100 and 102 E. Broadway.

BILL IS AMENDED TO DEATH

House Defeats Proposed Investigation of State Institutions.

DENOUNCED AS A POLITICAL SCHEME

Senator Carney Accused of Being Actuated by a Desire to Embarrass the Management of Marshalltown Soldiers' Home.

DES MOINES, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The proposed investigation of state institutions was killed today in the house. The resolution by Senator Carney which had passed the senate was called up and caused a long and excited debate. Amendments were adopted one after another till it had been amended to death. All provision for payment of the committee, except mileage, was stricken out and then the provision to allow the committee a clerk and expert assistance was cut out. The resolution was denounced as a scheme to secure political advantages for certain people who are pushing it. One speaker declared that Senator Carney was actuated by a desire to embarrass the management of the Soldiers' home at Marshalltown, his home city. There has been a fight between the management and the inmates for a long time over an attempt of the trustees to compel inmates to turn over a part of their pension and Senator Carney was nominated for his present position by reason of having the united support of the inmates for whom he had been attorney in their contest with the management. The result of the discussion was that a motion carried to lay the resolution on the table, killing it for the session.

Amendments were made to the railway bill making street railways equally liable with other railways for damages to employes. Another amendment adopted provides that no railway corporation shall be exempted from liability on account of personal injuries to an employe by reason of the fact that it shall have carried insurance for its employes. A concurrent resolution to request the railway commissioners to take steps to secure lower rates on corn during the present era of low prices carried. A resolution to memorialize congress to change the regulations in relation to evidence required in support of claims for pensions was also adopted. Its object is to make the requirements less stringent, the preamble setting forth that at present thousands of veterans are unable to comply with the requirements who are entitled to pensions.

In the senate the bills revising the laws relating to the State university and State Normal school were passed. The bill relating to taking private property for corporate uses was amended to require the company to pay the costs of appeals. The laws relating to the state agricultural college were passed, including a new provision that it shall be a crime to sell intoxicants within four miles of the college. The bills relating to the schools for the blind and for feeble-minded children were passed.

ABOLISH SUPERFLUOUS OFFICERS.

Iowa National Guard Petitions the Legislature for Some Reforms.

DES MOINES, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Iowa National Guard wants the number of officers reduced and the average acreage of gold lace cut down to a mere suggestion of its present glory. This is the substance of a petition that was presented to the house committee on military affairs yesterday and which has a good chance of being adopted. Leading members of the guard came from all over the state to present the matter, which it is desired shall be incorporated into the revised military code.

There are now forty-six members of the governor's staff, and it is in the discretion of the governor to increase this to as many regiments as he may choose. The highest rank is major general, held by the adjutant general; then there are brigadier generals in charge of the commissary, hospital, judge advocate's and inspector general's departments; and there are from thirty to forty colonels and lieutenant colonels on the staff as aids, whose only function is to wear gorgeous uniforms and grace social functions. It is proposed to reduce the adjutant general to a brigadier; to make the brigadier heads of departments colonels, and to do away with all but four of the aids and give them the rank of captains.

There were present the following officers: General J. Rush Lincoln of Ames, General P. W. McManus of Davenport, Colonel Thomas F. Cooke of Algona, Major W. C. Wyman of Ottumwa, Captain George E. Evans of Cedar Rapids, president of the Iowa Guard association; Captain W. T. Chantland of Fort Dodge, secretary of the association; Colonel H. H. Canfield of Boone, Captain George P. Guyot of Des Moines, Captain A. B. Shaw of Corning, General J. T. Priestly of Des Moines.

The military men told the house committee that they thought it would be to the best interests of the guard to do away with the superfluous staff officers; it would make the rest of the guard feel better, do away with a good deal of prejudice and result in better discipline. The only change asked in the laws was that the ranks be reduced and the number of aids decreased, as indicated. The house members told the soldiers that they had always taken great comfort in the contemplation of the magnificence of the governor's staff; they thought it would be a great loss to the state, especially to the pretty girls, to have all that array of handsome uniforms and varie-colored trimmings abolished. But they admitted the self-sacrificing spirit of the young men who were willing to lose their glorious habiliments, and they intimated that they would try to do as requested. The amendments asked for will probably be reported. Governor Drake is in favor of them and there seems to be no opposition of serious force.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MULCT LAW.

Senate Committee Makes Changes in Temperance Legislation.

DES MOINES, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The senate committee on suppression of intemperance held a long session and took several important steps. One of them was to report a new legalizing act to apply to the special charter cities that have been operating under the mulct law. Several amendments were also reported to the mulct law.

One of these is that the supervisors shall examine all petitions of consent, either for cities or for counties, and determine on their sufficiency under the law. As the law now stands no authority is constituted to do this. The petition is simply open to public inspection, but unless the matter be taken into the courts there is nobody to decide whether it is good or bad, sufficient or insufficient. There will be a right of appeal from the decision of the supervisors.

It was also decided that where property offered for tax sale under the mulct tax foreclosure is not bid in for the full tax, as has in a number of cases happened, it may be sold at the next succeeding tax sale to the highest bidder.

Still another amendment adopted is that there shall be secured only one petition or one remonstrance in any calendar year. That is, the decision of the voters of the county, either way, must stand for a year.

The Ellis legalizing act first submitted was withdrawn and Senator Ellis offered a new one as a substitute, which was accepted. It will be reported to the senate in a day or two, and is as follows:

That proceedings had by the inhabitants of cities under special charters and their corporate acts and acts of the supervisors of the counties in which such cities are situated, for the purpose of putting into effect chapter lxii of the laws of the twenty-fifth general assembly of the state of Iowa and all statements of consent and bonds given and payments of taxes, liens declared and all other acts done in said cities in attempted compliance with the provisions of said chapter lxii, which would have been authorized if said chapter lxii had applied to such cities, are hereby made valid, the same as though said act had applied to cities acting under special charters, and all persons in said cities who have paid in whole or in part the taxes prescribed thereunder are hereby protected from prosecution and all other liability, the same as though said act had applied to such cities; and all acts heretofore made valid and herein made valid shall remain in force and effect, the same as though authorized by said act, and all future payments of taxes in said cities under that act shall be made as though said act had originally applied to said cities.

WILL COMMEMORATE ON TUESDAY.

Washington's Birthday Exercises at Avoca Are Postponed.

AVOCA, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The union exercises that were to have been held Monday evening at the court house by the public schools and U. S. Grant post, in commemoration of Washington's birthday, will be given at the opera house upon Tuesday evening. The room at the court house was thought to be inadequate. Memorial exercises will be given in the different departments of the schools next Monday morning from 9 to 10 by the pupils.

After three lively caucuses Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the mayoralty rests between M. D. Reed and R. C. Barton.

Mrs. Eva Woodward, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. A. Turner, returned to her home at Onawa Wednesday.

The forty-ninth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Winsby last Monday was the occasion of the gathering of neighbors and friends, who, though unbidden by the worthy couple, assisted them in celebrating. The day was one of pleasure. Many tokens of esteem were received.

Miss Lulu Bower of Shenandoah, Ia., who has spent the past month with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ladd, returned home Saturday. Miss Bower has endeared herself in Avoca's musical circles during her short stay.

Mrs. Ollie Ditto of Topeka, Kan., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. G. Elmer Norton.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Consigny the Current Topic club did not meet Friday evening.

Miss May Hetzel, who has been ill with the grip, is better.

The Saturday club met with Miss Bertha Wiese from 2:30 to 4:30 Saturday afternoon with an attendance of twenty-eight.

The entertainment given at the Methodist church Friday evening by the Epworth league was well attended. The vocal solo, "Three Little Boats," by Miss Bower, was exceptionally fine, while "Dear Heart," by Miss Olive B. Hetzel, was received with applause that could only be silenced by another selection. Miss Josie Diederich in a recitation portrayed the courage of a woman in hunting a mouse, as told by the husband. Miss Grace Bowen sang "The Song That Touched My Heart" in a sweet and winsome manner. Miss Maud Lake delighted the audience with her rendition of the vocal solo, "For You." A selection by the male quartet, Messrs. Ladd, Maxwell, Vierich and Patterson, concluded the exercises.

The High Five club was entertained Thursday evening at the club room by J. J. Spindler and Mrs. J. E. Larimore. The grip epidemic made the attendance small and only seven tables were in use.

Mrs. F. F. Jacobs and Miss Addie Grout, who have been spending a few days in Council Bluffs and Omaha, returned Thursday evening on the belated flyer.

Bertie Conner celebrated his 10th birthday Saturday afternoon with the assistance of ten little playmates.

Miss Ida G. Rollins, who for the past five months, has been attending the Kansas City Ladies' college at Independence, Mo., is expected home the first of the week.

The Presbyterian Aid society was entertained by Mrs. J. S. Porter Friday afternoon.

The Methodist society met with Mrs. J. M. Long Thursday afternoon.

The new firm will read Sass & Peterson, N. P. Sass having disposed of a half interest to Theodore Peterson of Davenport, Ia., who comes well recommended. Mr. Sass and daughter, "Little Dora," went to Davenport Thursday evening, where he will visit a few days and then go east for spring goods. It is the intention to fully equip each of the several departments with the latest and best the market holds.

Mrs. R. S. Hart, after a ten-days' illness, is able to leave her room.

B. F. Wood of the Journal made Council Bluffs and Omaha a flying visit Saturday.

DECISION IN OWL SWAMP CASE.

Judge Thomas Rules Against State and an Appeal Will Be Taken.

DES MOINES, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorney General Remley today received from Judge Thomas the decision in the famous Owl Swamp land case, which has been in the courts nearly two years. It is important because the decision, which is against the state, lays down a rule that amounts to determining that the state cannot prevent the selling of all the small lakes by the counties. Governor Jackson attempted to prevent the counties from selling the lakes within their borders, to be drained and sold as agricultural lands. A large number of them have been treated in this way, and objections were entered against having all the small bodies of water in the state destroyed, as many of those drained were fine lakes. The state, accordingly intervened in the case of George R. Pearsons against the claimants to Owl lake. Pearsons had bought the lake bed from Humboldt county and drained it. The county had secured a patent from the state as swamp lands, under the swamp land grant of 1850. In intervening the state set up that it was not properly swamp land and should not have been so patented. It was claimed that it was a meandered body, and, therefore, the property of the state, by virtue of its sovereign rights over such bodies of water, rather than by reason of the swamp land grant. The court holds that the state, by reason of having made the mistake of asking a patent to the lake as swamp lands lost all right to claim land under its sovereign rights to all meandered streams and lakes. The effect of the decision, if sustained, will be to uphold all the sales of lakes by counties, and to allow the same course to be continued in future. Attorney General Remley says he will appeal the case, and hopes for a decision, under which the state will be able to protect its lakes.

Controversy Over the Codicil.

AVOCA, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In the probate court today J. W. Hempstead and J. W. Everson filed a motion to admit the original will of Frank S. Steward to probate, and John Y. Ferry filed a resistance to the motion to probate the will without the codicil. Miss Bolgord's suit against Yeleuer Hicks for seduction was on trial today. In the case of Sims & Bainbridge against O. O. Hotchkiss a verdict was reached, giving judgment for the plaintiff for $5.75. A controversy over some notes between James Bartleson and James Holson was settled by a judgment as prayed, each side to pay half the costs.

In Probate Court at Avoca.

AVOCA, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In the probate court yesterday A. L. Preston was appointed guardian of Estelle and Ethel Morris, children of Richard Morris, deceased, and he filed answer for them.

Sims & Bainbridge against O. O. Hotchkiss is still on trial.

Ottumwa Water Works Ordered Sold.

KEOKUK, Ia., Feb. 20.—In the federal court today the Ottumwa Water works were ordered sold under a judgment in favor of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company. Half a million dollars is involved.

The finest baby carriages made for the money just received at Crockwell's, 411 B'way.

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Troubles in the Business World.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—In the United States circuit court this afternoon before Judge Holt the petition of W. H. Baker, vice president of the Postal Telegraph company, for a receiver for the United Telegram company, was heard. The petition claims fraud and conversion of the company's money by the officers. Herman J. Pettingill was appointed receiver of the United Telegram company, which is a New Jersey corporation, having a capitalization of $500,000.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Attachments to the amount of $30,000 were taken out today against the property of Little & Little, merchants of Stromsburg. The failure is a great surprise, as the firm was looked upon as the very best in the town and had unbounded credit.

Close of Festivities at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 20.—The festivities attending the visit of the naval squadron were brought to a close by a ball, to which all the naval officers were invited. The guests began to arrive shortly after 9 o'clock and at 10 the ball was in full swing. Supper was served at midnight. During the day a public reception was accorded the citizens of Charleston and visitors by Secretary Herbert.

M'KINLEY'S HEALTH IS RESTORED.

Doctor Advises Against Seeing Too Many Visitors, However.

CANTON, Feb. 20.—"President-elect McKinley has fully recovered his usual good health," said Dr. T. H. Phillips to a representative of the Associated press this morning, "and I believe is stronger than ever. That does not mean, however, that he will resume his receiving of visitors promiscuously, as I have advised emphatically against that. What business the president-elect will give his attention to previous to his departure for Washington will be what has been partially arranged beforehand. Special visitors, or those who come by invitation from the major, will be given audience, but not a great deal of this will be transacted. The rest and freedom from official cares obtained the past week have been most beneficial to him."

United States Senator Jeter C. Pritchard of Marshall, N. C., reached here this morning. He was accompanied by Charles Prince of Salisbury, N. C., a prominent attorney and consul for the Southern Railroad company. Senator Pritchard said his visit had been delayed on account of his own illness. "Some weeks ago, said the senator, "I forwarded papers and endorsements from my state, asking that Colonel James F. Boyd be given a portfolio in the cabinet, either that of attorney general or secretary of the interior. Colonel Boyd is an attorney of ability, and would make an efficient official. I see that Mr. Gary of Maryland has been chosen as the southern member of the cabinet. I believe that Mr. Gary will be perfectly satisfactory to the south, and two men from that section of the country are hardly expected for the cabinet. I suppose Colonel Boyd will not be in the official family. I am not here on any political mission, other than to speak a good word if the opportunity occurs."

Aside from Senator Pritchard's interview with Major McKinley, no other visitors gained an audience.

While it is believed here today that Colonel J. J. McCook of New York will be invited to come to Canton a day or two and confer with the president-elect concerning being tendered a cabinet place, the attorney general portfolio is not thought to be decided upon for the distinguished New Yorker. Postmaster general, navy and secretary of the interior, as well as attorney general, are all believed to be under advisement, and it is still believed McCook will be in the cabinet.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—The Times' Frankfort special says: Governor Bradley left there this morning in response to a summons from Major McKinley to confer with him at Canton. The governor's trip is expected to have an important bearing on the solution of the senatorial situation in this state.

Deaths of a Day.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The reported death of Paul Narcelle several days ago was a little premature, but was believed because it was known that the old man was very sick. His death occurred February 18.

Narcelle was one of the settlers who assisted in establishing the trading post at Fort Pierre in 1830, and was among the first white men seen by the Indians of this section, after the Lewis and Clarke expedition, which had camped at the mouth of Bad river in the winter of 1802. Mr. Narcelle has resided in and around Fort Pierre ever since coming here in 1830 and as a trusted employe of the American Fur company traveled over most of the northwest. He was sent on several trips to the Pacific to secure shells, which were used in trade with the Indians, and in 1831 took an expedition from the Yellowstone country down through what is Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, being gone three years on the trip. Narcelle resided in Fort Pierre from the time it was founded until about 1870, when he took a location on Antelope creek about twenty miles down the river, and when the reservation country opened to settlement in 1892 he removed to the reservation north of Cheyenne river about fifty miles northwest of Fort Pierre, where he was at the time of his death. Soon after coming here he married an Indian woman, who is yet living. He amassed considerable property in cattle and horses, and about five years ago called all his children home for a conference. After they had all gathered he informed them that he wanted them for the purpose of making a division of the property. He then gave each the share he wished him to have and retained the place where he lived and one herd of cattle for himself and wife, with instructions as to their disposal after the death of himself and wife. Two sons and four daughters, the children of the family, are living in different parts of the range country and are all well to do.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Augustus S. Seymour of New Berne, N. C., judge of the United States district court for the eastern district of North Carolina, died here today of cancer of the stomach.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—V. R. Begun, another of the honored old settlers of Howard county, living on a fine farm about five miles south of St. Paul, died yesterday at the age of 81 years. Death was due to old age. Mr. Begun came here from Illinois about fifteen years ago. He leaves a family in good circumstances.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Lyman S. Burnham, one of the founders and the last surviving partner in the Brooklyn dry goods firm of Journeay & Burnham, died at his home in Brooklyn today, aged 81 years.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 20.—A telegram from Colorado Springs today announces the death there last night of John S. Brigham, treasurer of the Logan, Swift & Brigham company of this city. Mr. Brigham was 50 years old and identified with the largest envelope business in the country.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jane Damon died at her home in this place early yesterday morning after a severe illness of hardly two weeks, aged 50 years. She was well known in this county. She was an exceedingly good woman and the sick and needy will miss her comforting presence very much.

LITCHFIELD, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. E. Achenbach, for many years a resident of Sherman county, died last night after a long illness. She leaves a husband and two little boys. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock this morning from the Presbyterian church.

AURORA, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—George Quigley, pioneer farmer in this county, fell dead today in his wagon of heart disease after unloading corn. He was an old soldier, aged about 55 years.

DES MOINES, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—David Norris, one of the oldest residents of Des Moines and Iowa, died today, aged 96 years. He was born in 1801 in Maryland, and had lived here since 1845, being the earliest of all the living residents of Des Moines. He had been a farmer and was quite wealthy, having retired from business over twenty years ago.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Light Local Snows in Nebraska; Colder, with North Winds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Forecast for Sunday:

For Nebraska—Light local snows and partly cloudy weather; north winds.

For Iowa—Fair, colder in eastern portion; northwest winds.

For Kansas—Fair, followed by threatening weather in southwestern portion; northwest winds; colder.

For Missouri—Fair; probably followed by local showers in southern portion; north winds and colder.

For South Dakota—Light local snows, followed by fair weather; northwest winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 20.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	40	23	66	6
Minimum temperature	31	2	33	0
Average temperature	36	12	50	3
Rainfall	.03	.00	.00	.07

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1896:

Normal temperature for the day	26
Excess for the day	10
Accumulated excess since March 1	290
Normal precipitation for the day	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Excess or deficiency for the day	.00 inch
Total precipitation since Mch. 1	36.19 inches
Excess since March 1	4.74 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	11.78 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	15.61 inches

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

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Sugar— 25 pounds	$1.00
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Aunt Jemina's Pancake Flour— package	5c
Corn— can	5c
Tomatoes— can	7½c

TINWARE.

Ten Pint Cups for	5c
2-qt. Coffee Pot for	5c
Flour Sieve for	5c
A great big Grater for	5c
2 Dippers for	5c
2 Pot Covers for	5c
3 Pie Pans for	5c
2-qt. Covered Sauce Pan for	5c
3-qt. Round Dinner Pail	5c
3-quart Round Dinner Pail	10c

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COUNCIL BLUFFS WANTS.

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J. P. O'KEEFE, REAL ESTATE AND INSURance. Moved to room 5, Everett block.

FOR SALE—$250 STOCK OF MILLINERY. Good opening for dressmaker and milliner; town forty miles from Council Bluffs. Address 504 South Main st.

FOR SALE—BARGAIN; MY MODERN BRICK residence, 625 5th ave., on motor line, near Sisters' school; also other bargains. J. R. Davidson.

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