## INTEREST FROM IOWA CURRENT NEWS

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Cooper, Fire Ins., 6 Pearl, tel. 372. Spooner Grocery Co., 323 Bway, Tel. 314. Schmidt's bus relief photos are the latest. John McDermott of Chicago is home on a

Joseph and Cyrus Boller of Walnut, Ia. were in the city yesterday. Wanted, competent girl for care of children. 321 Platner street. Mrs. Ray Palmer Toele will leave th

evening for Washington, D. C. The Bluff City laundry invites patrons to call and examine their methods. Will Merritt, a popular young lawyer of Red Oak, was in the city yesterday.

S. B. Wadsworth left last evening for Des Moines, accompanied by his son, Paul. Elmer Smith of Macedonia was transacting

business at the county court house yester-

Miss Kittle Wilde of Cincinnati will visit friends in this city and Omaha in the near future.

The funeral of William Walton yesterday on was largely attended by friends of E. Reed of Oakland was in town yesterday

to meet his son, C. W. Reed, who has re turned from California. L. C. and S. W. Besley have been called Waukegan, Ill., to attend the funeral of

their father. William Besley. Stephen J. Purdy and Mrs Emma J. Hamllton, both of Grand Island, Neb., were mar-ried yesterday by Justice Ferrier.

Madeira, O., where she was called about a week ago by the death of her father. The Unity guild will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs.

Lone, corner of Union and Voorhis streets. hearing of the Converse disbarment case will be resumed in the district court morrow. Converse was quite ill yesterday. The justices of the peace are beginning their annual task of checking up their books preparatory to submitting their reports to the

board of supervisors. We want you to feel that your package is y welcome at our place, and every effort I be made to please you at the Eagle Laundry, 724 Bway.

Rev. Henry DeLong will today receive contributions of meat for the industrial school children's New Year's dinner. All donations are to be sent to the Eiseman building. Tonight is the time that St. John's English

Latheran Sunday school will render the fine Christmas cantata, erritled "Sacta Claus" prepared by Fannie J. Crosby and The county jail is receiving an overhauling

with soap and water, the walls, floors, cellings and cells being thoroughly scrubbed. The inmates took kindly to the proposition giving them something to do to occupy their time in addition to the usual monotony

C. B. Viavi Co., female remedy; consultation free. Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250. Domestic soap wrappers call for spoons.

Up to Friday night the Council Bluffs Paint, Oil and Glass company enjoyed the busiest and most profitable holiday it has ever experienced. The line of artists' supplies could not be more complete and the art department is unexcelled. From a can of red paint for your coal shed to a beautifu ce of art to adorn your parlor mantle or wall, your wants are easily supplied. RECORD BREAKING MORTGAGE

Northwestern Railroad Gives On Calling for \$165,000,000

Interest in large transactions around the county court house was further aroused yesterday by the filing for record of one of the largest mortgages ever given in the world. On the day previous a mortgage securing ffice were talking shout it as the record breaker. Their calculations were upset by the filing made yest rday, which contained figures specifying \$165,000, which contained figures specifying \$165,000. The big plaster was executed by the Northwestern Railway company, covering all of the property of the company. It is ex-ecuted in favor of the United States Trust company of New York and to John A. Stew-art of New York as trustee. It is dated No-vember 1, 1897, and is a general gold mortgage. It is given for the purpose of extin-guishing outstanding bonds of the company amounting to \$114,302,000, covering thirty one issues, and specifies that the residue is to be used for the purpose of improvements and extensions of the company's lines. The mortgage is of such length that the recording fees will amount to \$25. It covers 3.78% 25 of road in actual operation and a railway 115 miles long under construction from Big Suamico, Brown county, Wisconsin, a point on the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary at or near section 25, township 41, range 15; administration once in four years. In making a complete change in the city administration once in four years. In making a complete change from the old to the new law. all other property in the shape of bond hold-

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Judge Smith occupied the bench in the dis trict court vesterday and spent the day in an effort to assist several attorneys to untangle a rather complicated case in which several members of the Shea family figured. The proceedings several times became rather breezy when the attorneys grew very car-nest to the colloquies between themselves and the court. All of the witnesses examined were the lawyers engaged in the case and several family and professional secrets were divulged. The case involved the determina-tion of whether an assignment made by J. M. Shea of his interest of \$100 in a judgment was made in good faith. The assignment was made in blank several years ago and the name of Shea's father was inserted. A \$300 debt, alleged to be a gambling debt, also figured in the controversy with Dan Carrigg

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons: B. J. Purdy, Grand Island...... Emma Hamilton, Grand Island ...... Oscar Nelson, Marshall, Kan..... Hildio Lindquist, Chicago ..... W. B. Wilson, Hampton, Ia...... E. Clara Mustard, Thurman, Ia...... Frank A. Waack, Omaha.....Lena Basinger, Omaha..... Ira Stephenson, South Omaha..... Esther M. Norelins, Omaha

## TOILET AND BATH



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WANTS RIGHTS AS AN INDIAN

George Wicks Sends Singular Petition to Senator Allison.

BORN IN THE POTTAWATTAMIE TRIBE

His Father Was Agent and Chief and His Mother Queen, While the Applicant is a Veteran of 1861.

George W. Wicks forwarded to Senator Alli son yesterday a petition requesting him to subdivision, one in Everett's addition and introduce and put through a special bill reinstating Wicks and his two children as members and beneficiaries of the Pottawattamie tribe of Indians. Mr. Wicks is one of the oldest citizens of Council Bluffs, having been born here in 1844, but very few people except the older citizens were aware of the fact that he had any claim to kinship with the original settlers and owners of Pottawattamie county. His father, Stutley E. Wicks, was a white man and his mother a three-quarter white man and his mother a three-quarter blood Pottawattamle, and ander the laws of the United States retained her full rights as an Indian. The father of Mr. Wicks was equally with S. R. Pallard in the remainder as an Indian. The father of Mr. Wicks was Mrs. O. P. McKesson has returned from an Indian agent in the employ of the government for many years, a good part of the time as an interpreter. He first visited Council Bluffs in 1834, and in 1848 returned here as to \$25,000 will be realized from the sale the guide and agent of a band of 400 Potta- which, with the \$10,000 in cash, will make wattamies, who settled in the vicinity on the Woman's Christian hospital of Council lands allotted by the government. For many Bluffs the foremost institution of its kind in years he was the practical head of the tribe not only as agent, but chief, and his Indian wife was queen of the Pottawattamies. He helped to build and for many years occupied the government blockhouse, which stood on the site of the cresent home of John Clausen Street school. The son and the two oldest daughters were born there. The elder Wicks built the first mill west of the Mississippi It stood on the site of what is now known as Parks mill, a few miles east town. Mosquito creek, which furnished the cower and continued to do so for the succeeding mills that were erected there, was much larger than it is now, and George Wicks was telling yesterday of the great amount of fish that lived and thrived in its

> When the war broke out the latner joined the service as a scout for the government and lost his life. The son also enlisted and lost his life. The son also enlisted and when her husband was at home. In the diswhen her husband was at home. In the diswhen her husband was at home. In the diswhen her husband was at home. ession of property that was appraised at that his mother, being unable to read or write, had been tricked out of the title to write, had been tricked out of the title to all of it and was homeless and penniless. admitted to ball in the sum of \$100. The The property embraced a large portion of what is now the central portion of the city.

Wicks, the son, is now a weather beaten grizzled veteran, who has to work hard for he support of himself and his family of the 'chomokon quau," or white squaw, and two When the allotment of lands children. Indian Territory was made to the Pottawattamies a few years ago he was unable to get there in time to secure his share and the bill that he is asking Senator Allison to put through congress for him is to enable him to secure the land or its equivalent, which would be 160 acres of agricultural or 320 acres of grazing land for himself and each of his two children, Rubia and Rutha P. Wicks. The petition bears the names of many of the most prominent old citizens. Wicks' two older sisters, who were born here, were in Indian Territory members of the citizen tribe of the Pottawattamies at \$14,000,000 was placed on record, and the time of the allotment, and they have rereated such a rush when thrown open for

settlement a few years ago. Mr. Wicks has been in communication with the members of the Council Bluffs exposition association, who have been considering the plan of putting him in charge of the big Pottawattamie wigwam that will be built on the exposition grounds.

CHANGE IN TIME OF ELECTION New Law Sets the Date Almost

Month Later. Under the new law the city election will come this year almost a month later than formerly. Under the old city incorporation law the election was held on the first Monday in March. The new code changes it to it so happens that the election this year will call for a clean sweep in all of the administrative officers of the cky. This will create vacancies in the mayor's office, and in the offices of the treasurer, auditor and city en-gineer. In the council there will be four hold-over members. Sayles, Shubert, Met-calf and Atkins. The usual number of va-cancies to occur is the chief thing that makes the coming election of such importance and creating the interest now being felt in it at this early date. With all of the heads of departments and four aldermen to elect the contest is of sufficient magnitude to bring i

change in the entire working and operating forces of all of the offices. There is a disposition on the part of the democrats to force the campaign early in the season to get it well warmed up before the winter is over. For this purpose there is talk of calling the democratic city cam-paign early in February, but there is no probability of the republican convention being held before the first week in March It is almost a foregone conclusion that the the present heads of departments, with the exception of the mayor. There is a bare possibility that there will be some new aspirant for the office of city solicitor who may find favor with the convention, but the splendid record that City Attorney Hazelton has made in the office will go a long way toward removing any objection that may be

nto greater prominence than any similar

campaign in the history of the city. A

change in the heads of departments means

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entertained against a fourth term.

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Christmas Tree Program. The Christmas tree and entertainment prepared for the children of soldiers through the generosity of General Dodge will occur this evening at the Christian tabernacle. Hon. Dodge will be master of ceremonies following is the program:

Assembly and Reveille. Master Arthur Goff
Prayer Rev Perkins
Music Rev Perkins
Music Rev Perkins
Miss Clara Hedison, Mr. Charles Paschal, Mandolins; Miss Ada Hedison,
Mr. Phil Paschal, Guitars.
Recitation Miss Edith Thomas
Gramophone Mr. Wollman
Song Solo, "Happy Thoughts". Grace Harr
Violin Obligato Marsaret McBride
Miss Janie Baldwin, Planist,
Cornet Solo Master Arthur Goff
Recitation Miss Hazel Brown
Violin Solo Master Guy Bouricius
Address to the Children. Assembly and Reveille. Master Arthur Goff Prayer ..... Rev. Perkins

Vicilin Solo Master Guy Bouricius'
Address to the Children
Rev, Alexander Litherland
Gramophone M. Wollman
Recitation Miss Edith Thomas
Cornet Solo Master Arthur Goff
Song Solo, "Bells of St. Mary's"

Music Fred Murphy
Music The Inperial Quartet
Recitation C W Brown
Tattoo and Taps Master Arthur Goff
Distribution of presents.

Stove Got Hot. City Auditor Evans was aroused from sleep

of things in a proper shape for a conflagra tion. One of the lower doors of the stove had come open during the night, and the extra draft had set the fire going at a rate that made the stove red hot. Some portions of the family wash that had been place near the stove to dry out during the night were scorched and on the point of bursting into a blaze. The carpet around the stove was smoking and the temperature of the room was away above 100. A few minutes more the house would have been afire.

HOME FOR THE W. C. A. HOSPITAL Mrs. Ballard Donates Her Fine Resi-

dence Property. Mrs. Sarah J. Ballard, an old and respected resident of this city, has made a munificent bequest to the Woman's Christian Association hospital. It consists of her residence property on First avenue just east of the Grand hotel and occupying three lots, or a frontage of 150 feet; also two other lots in Beer's \$10,000 in cash, tall of this property has ciation, the dead being held in trust by Hon W. H. M. Puscy. Mrs. Ballard has for many years considered the feasibility of bequeath ing a sufficient amount to establish and main-tain an old lady's home, but she changed her lans Tuesday and this magnificent gift to the

Mrs. Ballard is 84 years of age and has always been noted for her charitable works. She is the widow of the late Dr. Samuel Ballard, who at his death left a large estate The testator requests that all the property be sold and the proceeds used to enlarge the hospital. It is estimated that from \$20,000 the west, a fitting memorial to the benev olence and sublime character of the donor.

Hoffmay's fancy patent flour makes th

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Picture Dealer in Trouble. John H. Kelly, residing at 1821 South Ninth street, filed an information in Justice Burke's court yesterday charging F. F. Davis with assaulting his wife, Mrs. Clara Kelly. Davis called yesterday morning to deliver and collect for a couple of pictures ordered by Mrs. Kelly about ten days ago. The amount of fish that lived and thrived in its waters. He says the creek as he recalls it was more than twice as large as it is at the trasent time when as a her he used to follow the says the says the says to follow the says the more pictures of the same style and descrip-tion for \$3. Mr. Kelly learned the price for low his father on his hunting and fishing exwhich his neighbor secured her pictures, and of property that was appraised at grew very abusive, that he raised one of When the son returned, he found the pictures as if to strike the woman and called her vile names. He was arrested and case was set for hearing this morning at 9 o'clock.

> For Rent or Sale-240 acres in Crescent Lougee, 235 Pearl street.

Qualifying for Office. In the trial of the Paulson-Sawyer contest case before Judge McGee the latter exhibited as proof of qualification a first class certificate. Mr. Paulson's attorney argued that the certificate was irrelevant and incompe-tent because it was not issued in this county. The court held that the question of qualifi-cation could not be raised in the case. The same question, however, was presented in a different proceeding before the district court of Bremer county and Judge Rudig yesterday rendered a decision to the effect that a first class certificate obtained by F. F. Hageman in another county qualified him for the superintendency of Bremer county. The court also held that a person who qualified before taking the office was eligible at

the time of election. Officers Chosen Washington camp, No. 12. Patriotic Order Sons of America, last evening elected the following officers: Past president, George T. Lacy; president, John G. Smith; vice president, Edwin Rosenberg; master of forms Walter Joseph; conductor, John Halle, jr. ecretary, D. S. Kerr; financial secretary Stanton Rosenberg; treasurer, Stymest Ste venson; inspector, S. M. Stevenson; guard

W. H. Mullin; trustee, Carlos Joseph. Miss Cook's studio, Grand hotel annex.

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New Indian School Completed. TOLEDO, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The new Indian school building for the Musquakie Indians on the Tama reservation has been finished and turned over to the agent. It will not be formally dedicated until some time in February, when it is expected the school will be opened for pupils. Work will soon be commenced on the auxiliary buildings of the reservation,

Personal Gossip of Iowa.

Marshall Childs of Moville, who is over 90 years of age, and one of the oldest residents of the county, is very III. Mrs. Morris Welliver of Merrill is quite sick and her son, J. C. Welliver, city editor of the Des Moines Leader, is at home in con

S. A. Brewster of the Creston Advertiser and his son have gone to New York for a few days' visit with his daughter, who is studying music there.

The wife of Warren Beckwith of Mount Pleasant, who was until recently Miss Jessie Lincoln, presented him with a \$1,000 green-back on Christmas day. H. M. Hughes, former superintendent of

the Northwestern railroad at Eagle Grove lies very ill at his home in that town and it is feared he cannot recover. Mrs. Matt Parrott, wife the the lieutenant

is still in a hospital in Chicago and slowly recovering from an operation performed by surgeons two months ago. Miss Sadie Tackaberry of Sioux City next month will assume the duties of assistant

teacher in the English department of the University of South Dakota at Vermilion. Governor-elect Shaw and family removed to Des Moines yesterday to be ready for the nauguration. The governor will occupy a fine home on one of the fashionable streets An event at the wedding of Dr. Nelson

Whitehill and Miss Mary Brown at State Center was the present of a passport and invitation to the couple to join the groom's ather and mother on a trip to Europe. A letter from Al Swalm, the United States consul at Montevideo, published in the Os-kaloosa Herald, his old newspaper, indicates that he is homesick for some of the good things to eat that were so plentiful in Iowa. F. A. Crandal, a large land owner in Buena Vista county, and Sarah E. Clemens, who has been an efficient teacher in the Storm Lake public schools for nine years, were united in marriage Christmas day. Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Harnly, teachers in the school of Dexter, have accepted posi-tions as superintendent and teacher in one of the departments in the Reform school at

Eldora and will remove there in about six weeks. William B. Chick of Cherokee holds the record for longest service in a county office, as he was treasurer of Cherokee county for twenty-three years. They never called him "Honest Bill," nor did they find his accounts crooked.

A novel wedding was celebrated a few days ago in Chariton, the bride and groom being possibly the youngest couple ever married in the state of Iowa, each being but 17 years of age. V. J. Casebier and Miss H. E. Harris the contracting parties and both live at LaGrange, la. The parents of the young heat in his sleeping room, which is directly and quite a crowd gathered to witness the ever the sitting room where a big base bur-11 -----

ner furnishes the heat for the household DIES AT HANDS OF A MOB

Iowa Farmer Who Neglects His Father Meets a Violent Death.

RESISTS ATTEMPT TO TAR AND FEATHER

Fires at the Crowd, When the Latter Returns the Compliment and He. Falls with a Mortal Wound.

OTTUMWA, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.) -Abe Balm, a prominent farmer of Lee ounty, this state, lies dead at his farm home, six miles north of West Point, as the result of defending himself in an attempt that was made by an infuriated mob of farmers to tar and feather him for the neglect of an aged and feeble father, who died in abject poverty Monday. The affair occurred last night about 9 o'clock, and Balm died this evening, The dead man was married and with him

his brother lived. Their father lived a few miles from them. He had been in Ill-health and was an object of the most abject poverty, developments subsequent to his death showing that he had died of starvation. Even ing that he had died of starvation. Even cumb to typhoid fever. About three weeks after death the unnatural sons refused to ago his youngest child, a boy of about 10 appear at h's burial or have anything to do with the service. Neighbors became incensed and their anger took the form of such an angry passion that twenty-five of them put on masks last night and went to the home of the two boys in Pleasant Ridge township prepared to threat them to a coat of tar and eathers. The sons had learned of the proosed visit and when the mob appeared at their home Abe stepped out of the house with a shotgun. His brother was close at his side and both fired point blank at the crowd without effect. Some one in the mob re turned the fire and Abe fell mortall; wounded. He was carried into the house The farmers became frightened and hurried best and most bread. Ask your grocer for away. The entire neighborhood was aroused and excitement was intense. The wounded man on his deathfed gave the names of seven of the most prominent farmers in the ounty as his assailants, whom he claimed to have recognized. The brother swore out wartheir arrest, but constables were afraid to serve them and the sheriff was sent for. The community is excited, but sentiment is all for the assailants.

NEW HEAD OF THE IOWA GUARD.

Gen. Byers of Glenwood, Who Has a Good Record in War and Peace. Fort Do GLENWOOD, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Major Moines. batallion in the Third regiment, Iowa National Guard, chosen by Governor-elect Shaw as his new adjutant general, is one of the most popular guardsmen in the state. He lives at Glenwood and has been the mainspring of the progress of the company there for years.

Major, or "General" Byers, as his friends now call him, was born in Noble county, Ohio, January 12, 1846. In June, 1853, he removed with his parents to Glenwood, where he attended the district school in the winter and helped his father on the farm in the

His father was a shoemaker by trade and worked at it for years in Glenwood. January 5, 1864, he enlisted in company B, Tweny-ninth infantry, and served to the close of 1865, and finally discharged at Davenport August 25, 1865. Returning to Glenwood he went to work

upon the farm and in 1870 was married to Miss Carrie S. Daniel. There is a family of six children, five girls and one boy. Three of the daughters are married. In 1878, after being a republican wheel horse for years, General Byers was elected county recorder of Mills county and held office for three terms—six years.

In 1888 he was unanimously elected ser-geant-at-arms of the twenty-second general assembly. For three terms he was mayor of Glenwood. For several terms he was chairman of the Mills county committee and has held the position of member of the congressional committee for years at a stretch, giv-ing much of his time to the work of his

1879 he enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and attended his first camp at Red Oak in 1880 as second lieutenant of company Fifth regiment. In 1881 he was pron to first lieutenant and January 2, 1884, was elected captain. He held this commission for over eleven years and was the ranking captain of the state. September 3, 1895, he was elected major. He has attended every camp since 1880 and the Glenwood company never turns out unless he is with it.

IOWA TEACHERS ARE INTERESTED.

Largest Attendance in the History of the Association.

DES MOINES, IA., Dec. 29 .- The enrollment today of the State Teachers' association is the largest in the history of the organization, nearly 1,200 names being on the books. The friends of Gates have adopted tactics that it is believed have resulted in benefit to his opponents for the presidency. The contest is believed to be between A. N. Currier of the State university and F. E. Eastman of Upper Iowa university, with the chances de-

idedly favorable to Currier. The principal discussion at today's session of the general association was over the subject of "Born Short." The impression pre-vailed that many pupils are deficient to nental powers in certain directions at birth John M. Coulter of the University of Chicago engaged the attention of the association with an able paper on "Problems in Educa-

In the school directors' section lively discussion was precipitated by a paper by City Solicitor J. B. Macomber, who attacked the present school system as one with overplus supervision. The allegation was denied by Schator Trewin, chairman of the committee on schools of the state session.

The main address was made tonight by W T. Harris, the commissioner of national edu-The committee on the nomination for officers was selected. There is a spirited contest between the supporters of Presiden Gates of Iowa college, Grinnell, and A. N. Currie, dean of the faculty of the State university. The convention will close tomorrow

Sloux City Paving Muss. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29 .- (Special.)-Three more actions have been commenced in the courts by property owners against the com panies that paved the principal business street of the city with asphalt last year. This makes twelve suits in all. The property owners claim that the paving was not up to contract, and they seek to have the paving certificates against their property canceled. It will precipitate a long legal battle in the courts before the question is finally adjudicated. It has already caused quite a good deal of trouble in Sloux City, and injunctions have been issued restraining the collection of the assessments

Status of the Novak Case. CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 29 .- (Special Tele-

gram.)-Sheriff Metcalf did not start for Anamosa with Frank Novak today, claiming that the limit of time for filing a bond did not expire until midwight. It is believed that he will not start before Thursday night. It is now pretty certain that the bond will be filed on Thursday, in which event Novak will be released pending the appeal by his attorneys to the supreme court. But a mit-timus has been placed in Metcalf's hands by Clerk Mossman, who believes tha Novak ought to be taken to Anamosa at

Fire in Mason City.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dic. 29 .- (Special)-Fire last night damaged the Voorbies & Roberts Hogg & Schipman's clothing stock, Simons' tailor shop. Calhoun's musical in-strument room and Dimmick & Wrate's cigar plant were all badly damaged. The total loss is \$12,000; covered by insurance.

Sues Salvation Army. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.) -Henry Wolham, a Sloux City man, has sued the Salvation Army for \$5,000 for alleged slanderous and malicious statements

made about him by the local captain, William Sinnock. Wolham was formerly a mem ber of the local branch of the army, but lef the organization some time ago on account of trouble with the commanding officers. Wolham says that Captain Sinnock has ac-cused him of spending money in resorts and ruining young girls. He alleges that by reason of these statements he has lost his position and cannot find anywhere else to work. The difficulty between these two men is of long standing. Wolbam maintains that the army itself is responsible for the acts of Sinnock and hence his suit for damages.

Discrepancy in the Code OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 29 .- (Special.) - An other discrepancy has been found in the new Iowa code. In the old code fortune tellers, clairvoyants and the like were classed as vagrants and pucishable as such. Several days ago the police officers of Otttumwa compelled a faking clairvoyant to leave the city but this week they caught a tartur. When etation he informed them that they had no to touch him, as there was in the new code covering fortune tellers and clairvoyante. The police judge looked the matter up and found that the clause pertain fortune tellers and clairvoyants had been omitted entirely.

Sad Fate of an Iowa Family.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 29 .- (Special.) News has been received of the sad fate of family in Forest City. W. H. Fisher died yesterday, the third of the family to suc years old, was taken sick, and after a short illness died. The disease was commu to other members of the family and Friday Mrs. Fisher, who was apparently recovering Another boy and girl are down and died. the chances of recovery are very slender.

Prospective Klondikers. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special Tel egram.)-About 100 prospective Klondiker met in Fort Dodge today from various parts of the state to effect an organization under the leadership of J. M. Starbuck of Cheroke to explore for gold in Alaska. About fifty signed the articles of agreement, put up the cessary money and will prepire to start in a body for Maska in the spring. well known members is Hon. Charles Walsh, chairman of the democratic state committee The details of the plans are kept secret.

Anti-Saloon Lengue Officers. DES MOINES, Dec. 29 .- The anti-saloot eague closed its meetings here today. A pledge was adopted which all members must sign, making it the rule and practice of the lighted candle by a drunken man. league members to vote for candidates wh are opposed to the saloen. Officers were elected as follows: President, L. S. Coffin, Fort Dodge; secretary, Allen Hickey, Des Delegates to the national convention Front street from destruction, Melvin H. Byers of this city, commanding a at Columbus, O., January 11, were elected.

> Would Be Oil Inspector. MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 29 .- (Special Tele gram.)-Charles K. Meyers, editor of the Republican, is now a candidate for appoint ment as state oil inspector. Mr. Meyers has had years of personal acquaintance Governor-elect Shaw, and as a party worker has been faithful, capable and vigilant. has a very substantial endorsement, local and

Change of Agents. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.) -W. N. Day of Yankton, S. D., has been appointed division freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in Sioux City, to succeed F. W. Boltz. The latter was appointed a few months ago to succeed E. W. Jordan, transferred to Chicago.

OTTUMWA, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram. -Patrick Brady, convicted of embezzling \$3,000 from Wapello county while overseer of the poor and sentenced to one year in the penitentlary, was today pardoned by Gov-ernor Drake. He had served six months and was brought home to the deathbed of his child.

Patrolman Fined for Assault. SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.) -Patrolman Frank Harvey, formerly humane officer, this afternoon was fined \$10 for areault and battery upon A. Kopald, a shoe-It may result in the suspension of maker. the policeman

Iowa Press Comment. Keokuk Gate City: It is given out that Hon. M. L. Temple, author of the Temple amendment, will be a candidate for attorney general next year. The enthusiastic support he will not get in some portions of the state will be calculated to make him durn premaurely gray.

Divenport Democrat: A Sioux City woman wanted to show ther affection for her husband, who had grown cold and careless, so she pur-chased some strychnine and took a dose. The prescription did not have the desired effect on her indifferent lord, but it came within one of placing eternity between the woman Dubuque Times: The contest for the speak-ership of the Iowa assembly is narrowed to

two obdidates—Mr. Funk and Mr. Lavendar—with the probability of Mr. Funk's election. He is, so far, in the lead, and it does not seem possible to defeat him. Mr. Funk had quite a large legislative experience be times elected a member of the Illinois asembly. He is well equipped for the position of presiding officer, by attainments and tal-Marshalltown Times-Republican: At an

owa institute one farmer stated that the ollowing was his ideal ration for a cream-Corn fodder, sixteen pounds; en silage, forty pounds; bran, six pounds; corr meal, five pounds; oil meal, two pounds; hay eight pounds. Another speaker stated that he separator and ensilege had increased his outter product sixty-five pounds per ing the year, while still goother said that his separator added \$12.50 per cow in the amoun of butter fat saved.

ADVISED TO GO INTO POLITICS.

English Delegates Talk on American Trades Unions. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Edward Harford, sho with Havelock Wilson, M. P., constituted the British Trades Union delegation to the Nashville convention of the American Federation of Labor, sailed for Southampton on the St. Paul today. Before sail-

ng, Mr. Harford said: The policy of the American trades unions engaging in politics as a body is stupid. How can they expect to obtain any lasting reforms if they hold aloof? By purstupid. suing their present mummy plan of ignoring the control of political machinery as a means of bettering their condition they are not only fatally ignoring their chances, but inviting the scorn of the politicians—the very class from whom they expect to get

better laws for the masses. "Your American politician, as a rule, moved to legislation for the masses only by a show of superior force. Exalted feeling he has none. Let the trades unions force this tyle of puppet into retirement and send men o boards of aldermen, legislatures and congresses who will not pretend to be the friends of the people in speeches and in secret sell out to the corporations and money

'Things in England used to be much a they are in the United States, but they have changed. We trades unionists go right into politics. We have succeeded in making the political parties there defer to us, and why should we not? We are the majority. every country the workers are the ma-

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IS NO DANGER OF STARVATION

Arrivals from Dawson Tell a More Cheerful Tale, SDATTLE, Dec. 29 .- E. Barrington, one of the passengers on the steamer Alki, speaking of the situation of the miners in the Klondike district, said: "There is no need of any one worrying over their friends starving. course, provisions are not plentiful." Speak-

ing of the rush to file claims, Mr. Barrington said: "For some time before I left the com missioner was unable to accommodate the miners, and men stood in line for days with the mercury 40 degrees below zero in order

S. W. Foote said a great many people went past Dawson in boats with the floating ice, unable to make a landing. Many people are living in tents, although the temperature is away below zero.

creek, a tributary of All Gold. Sul creek is also turning out fine. "On the we encountered good weather nearly all the We left Dawson, November 21. of the way we threw off our coats and went in our shirt sleeves and bare hands only 15 above zero then. At the Chilkoot summit we encountered a fearful snow storn and were lost for a time. It lasted all the way from the head of Lake Linderman to th summit. One man went ahead with a stick poking it into the snow to find the hard path to walk on.

"Beef and mutton at Dawson is being sold at \$10 or \$10.50 per pound. Nothing in the food line can be bought without an order. Flour sells at \$100 per sack, while bacon and beans brought \$1 to \$1.25 per pound. was plenty of sugar at 30 cents per pound. The claims are all taken within a radius o forty-five to fifty miles of Dawson J. D. Barnes states that the Alaska Com-

mercial company and the North American Transportation and Trading company have declined to receive any more gold for safe keeping for the miners, as their safes are

T. H. Mallory believes the output next season will be between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000 000. J. J. McKay estimates it at \$8,000,000. SNOW PREVENTS A CONFLAGRATION

Buildings Burned by Fire

Started by Drunken Miners. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- According to news received here from Dawson City, under date of November 25, the Klondike mining camp has twice been in danger of destruction by fire. On November 22 two Front street log houses were destroyed by fire. One of them was used as a lodging house on one floor and a church on the other. The odgings contained food and outfits for men and nothing was saved. Steps have been taken to relieve the destitute. The fire was caused by the overturning of a

A fire from a similar cause broke out or November 25 and the opera house and two saloons were burned to the ground. The snow on the roofs saved the rest A large quantity of provisions and liquors, valued at \$40,000 in Dawson, was destroyed. November 10 the Yukon froze for the win er and since then about 3,000 persons have started out over the ice between Dawson and Fort Selkirk. Many of them are without logs and are poorly supplied with provi

will get through. COAL MINERS DEMAND AN INCREASE.

sions and clothing and it is doubtful if they

Operators Assert They Cannot Afford

to Pay It. DENVER, Dec. 29 .- Trouble is brewing in the northern coal fields. The operators have received notice from the miners that unless their wages are increased before January 10 they will close down every coal mine in Lafavette, Louisville, Marshall Eric and the smaller camps. The operators say that the schedule demanded is an advance of from 10 to 40 per cent. The present scale runs from 40 to 50 cents per ton for mining after machines, and 70 to 80 cents per ton for pick work. According to the way the oper ators figure it, the scale demanded woulbe 55 to 60 cents after machines and 85 cents to \$1 for pick work. The operators say that the present wages, together with the other expenses of production, leave them a very small margin, and they declare if the miner

insist on a higher scale the operators will be forced to close down the mines. NOT TAKING IN OTHER HOUSES

Tobacco Magnates Deny Rumors o Pending Deals. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29 .- The arrival in this city of J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco company, and one of his associates, Josiah H. Brown, was the occasion of a persistent rumor today that the fre quently attempted effort had been renewed to get the great St. Louis tobacco houses into the American combination. Josiah Brown speaking for himself and Mr. Duke, said to-"We are here merely to look over our factory. The year is nearing its close and we want to see what condition every-

thing is in." "No, we are not here to consult with the owners or managers of other tobacco ho It is untrue that a conference with them will be held or that a conference is contemplated. The only meeting I know of is with our salesmen and that is in reference to our

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