CURRENT NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Cooper, Fire Ins., 6 Pearl, tel. 272.

H. B. Parkis of Boone is in the city.

F. H. Keys went to St. Louis yesterday.

W. E. Guild of Carroll is a visitor in the city.

H. O. Cook of Sioux City is a Council Bluffs visitor.

John S. Wright of Rochester, N. Y., is in the city on business.

Klondike for fine gold and the Bluff City for fine work. 'Phone 314.

Ed E. Wells, J. N. Gadd and C. H. Rollins of Des Moines are in the city on business.

The members of St. Agnes' guild will give a dancing party on Thursday evening at Chambers' hall.

The incest cases of Carl and Nellie Crogan have been set for hearing in Justice Vela's court Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

We give attention to little things in laundry work. You get all that is best in fine work and good service at the Eagle laundry, 724 8way.

S. T. Walker has been seriously ill for the last ten days. He is suffering from heart trouble and was reported to be somewhat worse yesterday.

A ladies' social will be given this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Hart on Glen avenue. It will be in the interest of the First Congregational church.

Robert Bond, who has held a reportorial position on the Nonpareil paper for several months, resigned his position yesterday and will leave the city. Warren Dailey was chosen to fill his place.

J. J. Timson, who could not locate himself any nearer than by swearing that he was from Ohio, and Mrs. Dale Bien, who had the same difficulty in fixing her home in Illinois, procured a marriage license yesterday and were married by Justice Burke under the solemn assurance that their marriage should never be made public.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association has been called to meet at the office of Secretary Judson on Wednesday evening. Two important propositions from manufacturers have been received and must be acted upon. Their representatives will be present to explain the propositions that have been made.

John Byerly, the pack policeman, employed at a nominal salary to look after the welfare of Bik Lake park, was arrested yesterday upon an information lodged by Park Policeman Wolff, who has charge of Cochran park. Byerly is charged with malicious mischief, and is accused of cutting down trees in the park and converting them into firewood for his own use. He gave bonds to appear for a hearing in police court this morning. He admits that part of the charge is true, but says he was only topping the trees, according to the orders of the park commissioners and cutting those that were dead.

Anton Benecke, the Cut-off saloon keeper, was arraigned in Justice Vela's court yesterday morning on the charge of grand larceny and of receiving stolen property. The first case was dismissed, the justice holding the value of the property to be less than $20, and a new information was filed, charging petit larceny. The evidence in the case charging Benecke with receiving stolen property was heard and the justice took his decision under advisement until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The two sets of harness recovered under the search warrant were adjudged to be the property of Samuel Frieden, plaintiff in all the cases.

Clerk Steadmen of the federal court yesterday received the opinion of Judge Shiras in the $140,000 damage case of Deere, Wells & Co. against the Milwaukee Railway company. It was the final decision in the third attempt of the railway company to have the case transferred from the state to the federal court. The opinion is bulky, covering over thirty pages, and goes fully into all of the questions raised by the attorneys on both sides. It sustains the action of the other judges in refusing the motion to order the case transferred. This definitely settles it that the case will be tried in the district court. It is docketed for trial at the present term.

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Cases Against Engel and Corgan.

The cases of Charles Engel and Carl Corgan, charged in two separate informations with larceny from L. Feurhaken, came up for trial in Justice Vien's court yesterday. In each of the cases Engel pleaded guilty and Corgan was discharged. For the first offense Engel was given two days in the county jail, and for the other he will be sentenced Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

During the day developments were brought out which show that the two men have been engaged in wholesale stealing during the three months they have lived in the city. Five additional search warrants were issued and nearly all the property mentioned in them was recovered. The most important information was filed by Jens Jorgensen last evening, and charges the men with entering his barn at 908 Avenue A, on the night of January 11, and stealing a set of single harness. The other less important cases will be held to await the result of this one, as it is a felony, punishable by a term in the penitentiary.

May Stevens charges both men with larceny of clothes. She was washing for M. Marcus at her own home, and left the clothes hanging out over night. The next morning the line and all had disappeared and she had to pay Mr. Marcus $4 to cover his loss. The clothes were found at the Corgan house.

Charles Olson filed an information, charging Corgan and Engel with the theft of a buggy cushion. The cushion was found, and the case will be heard Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

George Boardman also suffered the loss of clothes from a line. They were found at the home of the defendants, and an information against them will be filed today.

A saw and ax belonging to George Hertle was stolen from his woodshed. They were found on the Corgan premises.

Other informations will doubtless be filed, as there is a great deal of other property on the place which the officers believe was stolen. A good opportunity for searching the premises is had, as all the parties have been in jail ever since the first informations were filed by Feurhaken.

Rebecca Degree lodge, No. 3, will hold a public installation ball and banquet January 24 at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' temple, the first of its kind ever held in the city.

All Prices Cut

this week at Sargent's. No coupons given at our January sale. Look for the Bear.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
F. C. Cleveland, Pottawattamie county	24
Ella G. Coleman, Pottawattamie county	20
C. H. Vyse, Rock Springs, Wyo.	22
Tama E. Woods, Hamburg, Ia.	21
J. J. Timson, Ohio	29
Mrs. Dale Bien, Illinois	30

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NO MONEY IN ADVANCE. Wonderful appliance and scientific remedies sent on trial to any reliable man. A world-wide reputation back of this offer. Every obstacle to happy married life removed. Full strength, development and tone given to every portion of the body. Failure impossible; age no barrier. No C. O. D. scheme.

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CITY COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE

Several Important Matters Discussed Informally Among Members.

TO REGULATE TELEPHONES AND BICYCLES

Price of One and Speed of the Other Given Thorough Consideration —Nothing Settled on the Questions.

The city council met yesterday forenoon as a committee of the whole for the consideration of several matters that were to be submitted for examination. One was the charges that have been made against Street Commissioner Hardin, who has been accused by other sidewalk contractors of having used his official position to secure contracts to construct sidewalks at prices below the actual cost, and alleging that there were grounds for the suspicion that the street commissioner was making use of his position and means as one of the heads of departments to do the work. The bids have been filed in the name of his son. The street commissioner was on hand ready to confront his accusers and show the council that he had no interest in the contracts let to his son and to disprove all of the other phases of the charge. The other side was not represented and the matter was not taken up. The committee voted to recommend the approval of the bonds of John Skinkle, the successful bidder for the contracts to construct a lot of plank sidewalks in the western part of the city.

Two other important matters were discussed in an informal manner, but no action was taken. One was the new ordinance introduced by Alderman Casper regulating and greatly reducing the telephone tolls, and the other was the bicycle ordinance that was introduced several months ago. The new telephone ordinance requires the Nebraska company to reduce its tolls to a limit that is far less than has ever been thought of charging in any western city. The price named in the new ordinance is $1 per month for all telephones in private residences and $2 for those located in offices and business houses. The present rate is $2.50 for residences and $4.50 for business houses. Friends of the ordinance claim that the telephone company is getting rich, or has gotten rich, from the excessive tolls collected from subscribers in years gone and that the prices named in the new ordinance will pay all operating expenses of the exchange and return a handsome profit on that investment. The telephone company and the people generally have not regarded Alderman Casper's ordinance as a serious menace to the income of the company until within the last few days. A communication was received yesterday from the managers of the company asking the council to defer consideration of the ordinance until they could be heard. The receipt of this communication caused the postponement of the discussion yesterday. It was intimated on the streets yesterday that the managers of the telephone company had declared that if the council saw fit to enact such an ordinance, the company would close its exchange here and withdraw from the city. The matter was deferred until the special meeting of the council, which has been called for Thursday night, to consider it.

The bicycle ordinance was talked about to some extent and the fact disclosed that several of the aldermen were in favor of its passage. The ordinance regulates the speed of wheelmen when riding through the streets and makes it a misdemeanor to go faster than ten miles an hour. It also provides for the carrying of lamps and bells and all of the paraphernalia that some cities and many small country boroughs have seen fit to attach to bicycles. A number of wheelmen were present and listened to the discussion and at the conclusion announced their intention of opposing the ordinance in its present form. Several of its features meet their approval and they will sustain the council in the effort to pass it, provided some of the other restrictions are removed. They favor the provision that hits the scorcher and are willing to attach bells for the accommodation of the careless individual who bolts across the street in the middle of the block without looking to the right or left and who would not try to dodge a cannon ball, but they oppose the lamp feature unless the ordinance is made to include all other vehicles. This ordinance will also be brought up for consideration at the meeting on Thursday night.

For Sale: Eighty-five acre farm, three miles from Council Bluffs on main traveled road; large apple, cherry and plum orchards, three acres vineyard, three and a half acres strawberries and other small fruits, twenty acres young timber; first-class well water; all improvements first-class; free from incumbrance; will sell at a bargain. Address lock box 661, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Ladies' Patent Leather Shoes, $2.50.

I have a lot of nice $4.00 patent leather shoes that I do not want. You can have them this week at $2.50. SARGENT'S.

MOTOR COMPANY CHARTER SUIT.

Argument on the Demurrer Had and Matter Taken Under Advisement.

In the district court yesterday attorneys for the city and the plaintiff urged the demurrer filed by the city in the case of C. C. Bump against the city asking the court to annul the charter granted to the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company. The demurrer asks the court to dismiss the suit on the grounds that no individual has the right to maintain such a suit, and that it is against public policy to allow one man to set up a claim that he represents the people and prosecute a suit that is meant to be an interference with the legal rights of the city and powers of the council to grant franchises for public utilities. City Attorney Hazleton presented a long list of supreme court decisions sustaining this contention, many of them of very recent date. The court took the case under advisement and will announce his ruling within a few days. This is the case that was started immediately after the mayor signed the motor company's franchise last September, but which did not reach a hearing in the November term. The attorneys for Bump in the last day upon which new cases could be filed instituted a new suit in quo warranto which will come up for hearing during the present term. The quo warranto proceedings brings the action in the name of the state. The question of ultra vires will figure largely in the latter case, and the attorneys are preparing for a strong fight to have the courts annul the fifty-year franchise granted by the council.

Wolf Scalp Dealers.

The wolf scalp bounty swindlers, James McIntosh, Arthur Grosvenor and Thomas Jefferson, who were arrested at the instance of the Madison county officers for fraudulent collections of bounty, have been indicted by the grand jury, and it is believed that three of the chief swindlers in this line are now safely on their way to the penitentiary. McIntosh, while in custody of the officers here, talked very freely concerning his achievements in the line of importer and producer, and declared that he had done nothing else for a living for the last twenty years. The records at the county court house show that he has been well paid for his enterprise by the Pottawattamie county taxpayers. During 1897 he drew out of the public treasury $192. The Harrison county records show that he was equally successful in disposing of imported scalps in that county, and the same state of facts are reported from Mills, Fremont and Page counties. It is estimated that he and his coworkers have drawn several thousand dollars each year from the various counties in the western part of the state. They might not have been caught at all if their success had not become known to other fellows whose disposition to engage in the same business led to overstocking of the market to such a degree that suspicion was aroused. The Madison county officials announce the probability of the adjoining counties where the swindlers have operated joining in the prosecution and making it still more interesting for them.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

Old Question of Tuition Bobs Up Again with Serenity.

The question of collecting tuition from nonresident pupils of the public schools came up for consideration again at the regular meeting of the Board of Education last night. The secretary reported that he had sent personal letters to the parents and guardians of each of the foreign pupils notifying them that unless arrangements were made to pay the tuition or orders from the board were issued relieving them, the children would be excluded from the privileges of the schools. The majority of the parents and guardians treated the communications with silent contempt, but a few of them appeared and made all sorts of excuses and representations which they thought would relieve them of the necessity for paying the small amount demanded. Not one, however, had paid a cent. The secretary asked for specific instructions as to whether he was to let the matter rest as it is or notify the principals of the various schools to exclude all nonresident pupils whose tuition had not been paid. The board decided to let the matter rest until the next meeting and in the meantime have the principals make a new list of these delinquents.

Mrs. Sarah Pool reported that two of her grandchildren, whose widowed mother is employed in the Iowa School for the Deaf, were making their home with her and were being sent to the city schools, and asked the board to exempt them from payment of the tuition fees. A similar request came from Mrs. Casey, living on Grace street, and both were granted.

Member Spruit from the teacher's committee reported the resignations of two primary teachers, Miss Thompson and Miss Zipf, and the promotion of Miss Slyter and Miss Bohn from the substitute list to fill the vacancies. The action was approved by the board. The salaries of the promoted teachers was fixed at $35 a month. Miss Maude Pierce was appointed a substitute teacher. Spruit reported that it had been necessary to appoint an assistant teacher from the substitute list for work in the Pierce and Madison street schools and that Miss Evers had been appointed, she to receive the regular salary of promoted teachers.

Chairman Thomas from the finance committee reported that his committee had found it more advisable to borrow a machine for canceling the vouchers than to expend the $15 authorized by the board in the purchase of one.

The furnace in the Harrison street school was reported to have collapsed, and Member Moore from the committee reported that he had ordered repairs by wire.

Member Sims announced that the methods that have always been in vogue for purchasing school supplies were scarcely what ought to be expected to prevail in a country district school, that the practice had been to permit the janitor to run out and buy a single broom a the top market price, and all other small supplies in the same manner. He said Secretary Grason and himself had evolved a plan which he believed would save the board annually a good deal of money. The plan was to require an estimate each year of the amount of supplies required in each department and let the contract to furnish them to the lowest bidder. The board ordered the secretary to submit his plan in detail at the next meeting. Superintendent Hisey submitted the report of monthly attendance as follows:

Number enrolled December, 4,344; November 4,309; gain 35. Average number belonging December, 3,680.9; November, 3,793.4; loss, 112.5. Average daily attendance December, 3,359.3; November, 3,599.4; loss, 240.1. Number of cases of tardiness December, 540; November, 384; increase, 156.

D. W. Bushnell, custodian of the school books, submitted a proposition to furnish the board with a new $15 pencil sharpener with which the janitor of each building could sharpen all of the pencils used in the schools and prevent the annoyance to teachers and pupils. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the reading and allowance of the monthly bills.

The People Learn

and do not patronize all so-called sales, but when Sargent advertises a cut price sale they know it's business. Look for the Bear.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers are reported from the title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

Margaretha Hagge to Town of Walnut, e 36 feet of lot 18, block 15, Walnut, w. d.	$ 200
P. H. Wind and wife to John Buck, lot 5 and 6, block 3, Terwilliger's add., w. d.	370
County treasurer to George W. Lipe, lot 15, block 11, Burns' add., tax d.	11
Fred E. Bird to Roy Simpson, lot 2 of Auditor's subd. of lot 3, Auditor's subd. of nw¼ se¼, 12-75-40, w. d.	50
Wilhelm Wiederstein and wife et al to John Doll, und. 7-9 of n½ se¼, 35-77-40, w. d.	2,333
Franklin Lowe and wife to Samuel Barnett, 1 acre in se¼ se¼, 21-74-40, w. d.	50
Heirs of Betsey Kay to Caroline Cayes Woodward, lot 2 in sw¼ ne¼ and lot 11 in se¼ se¼, 20-75-43, q. c. d.	500
Ernest E. Hart, W. S. Cooper and George H. Mayne, referees, to Effie M. Smith, part lots 6, 7 and 8, block 11, in Bayliss' First add., ref, d.	9,000
Eight transfers, total	$12,515

Any dealer that advertises to sell you shoes that other dealers get $1.50 for at $2.25 is a humbug. Our $5.00 shoes are $3.98, $3.00 shoes $2.48, etc., at Sargent's. Look for the Bear.

Larabee Compliments Shaw.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-Governor Larabee, en route to Mexico with his family, said tonight: "Governor Shaw's inaugural address is sound. If Iowa's delegation in congress had his courage currency reform would be accomplished this session. Regret that our delegation seems to be without aggressive leadership. How the retirement of the greenback shall be accomplished and when the other details of the plan may safely be trusted to Secretary Gage. The important thing is to secure a severe measure of currency reform in strengthening the gold standard so that the election of no president opposed to it can overturn the finances of the country. Just how the nation and our delegation at congress need aggressive men of the Shaw type."

Iowa Political Notes.

The candidacy of M. L. Temple of Clarke county, for the nomination for attorney general of Iowa on the republican ticket, has been formally announced in his home papers.

Ex-Governor Drake is at his home in Centerville, but will soon go to a sanitarium to recover his health. When he left Des Moines he was escorted to the train by Governor Shaw and a party of his friends.

The Dubuque Telegraph says there are four "free silver" republicans, whatever that may mean, in the Iowa house, Messrs. Boyd of Shelby, Christy of Hancock, Farley of Kossuth, and Hinkson of Guthrie, and they caucus with the democrats.

I. B. Richmond of Muscatine is the Muscatine Tribune's choice for candidate for congress on the democratic ticket this year. Mr. Richmond has not yet returned from abroad, where he has served for four years as consul. He is a young man of ability.

Third terms are good in Iowa, but fourth terms are tabooed. F. R. Conaway, state printer, Lafe Young, state binder and N. N. Jones, warden of the penitentiary at Fort Madison, were all re-elected by the legislature and all to third terms, but Warden Madden, of the penitentiary at Anamosa, failed to get a fourth term which he sought.

While a majority of the members of the Iowa legislature have had but little legislative experience there are a few veterans in the seats. Senator C. J. A. Ericson of Boone was a member of the fourteenth general assembly which met in 1872, and Senator L. R. Bolter from the Harrison-Shelby county district was a member of the Eleventh general assembly, which met in 1866.

AFTER STATE INSTITUTIONS

Healy Investigating Committee Will Submit Its Report Today.

RUMORED DISSENSIONS AMONG MEMBERS

Some Are Said to Be Favorable to Central Board with Large Administrative Powers and Reduction of Trustees.

DES MOINES, Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Healy committee to investigate state institutions has completed its report and will lay it before the assembly tomorrow. There were rumors today of dissensions in the committee as to the character of recommendations to be made in favor of a State Board of Control for the institutions. It was stated that Senator Healy and Representative Porter were favorable to a central board with large administrative powers, and to a great reduction of the number of trustees of the several institutions; all the institutions except the University, Agricultural College and Normal School to come under the control of the board, while these should be left under the present system of management. Representative Merriam was represented to oppose giving the central board so large powers as proposed by the majority, and a minority report was predicted. It is understood tonight that no minority report will be filed. The document will be very lengthy, and will represent the results of several months work examining the institutions. It is said to contain a severe arraignment of the present system of managing state institutions on the ground of extravagance and impracticability.

PASSENGER RATE BILL.

The representatives of the Iowa State Traveling Men's association have completed the draft of the railroad passenger rate bill, which they will push before the legislature. It is drafted by Frank T. Campbell, ex-railroad commissioner, for the legislative committee of the association. It demands a flat rate of 2¼ cents a mile on class A roads, 2½ cents on class B roads and 2¾ cents on class C roads, with the provision that all roads shall sell mileage books at $20 per 1,000 miles. A bill will be introduced according to the committee, in a few days, but it is not announced who will father it. The railroads are asking legislation extending till 1900 the time for equipping their freight cars with safety couplers. The time has already been once extended by the railroad commissioners, in accordance with authority lodged in them by the legislature. January 1, 1898, was the extreme date for extension, and the roads ask still more time.

HOLDS ELECTION ILLEGAL.

The district court handed down its decision today in the Electric Light election case. Last fall an election was held to determine whether the election rate would ratify a contract the city had entered with the McCaskey-Holcombe company of Springfield, Ill, to build a municipal light plant. At the election two propositions were submitted; the first elector was expected to vote first on the question whether he favored building a municipal plant; second, whether he voted to ratify the contract with the McCaskey-Holcombe company. The propositions both carried by immense majorities, but the court holds the election illegal because there was room for ambiguity in the decision; if the first proposition had been defeated and the second had carried, the will of the electors would have been still uncertain; accordingly the election is declared illegal. Without an appeal the matter will probably be submitted again at the municipal election in March.

W. C. Miller of this city, Jay D. Miller and Americus B. Melville of Chicago have applied to the city for a franchise to build a gas plant. They claim to be backed by the owners of the Hall process of gas manufacture, which they claim greatly reduces the cost. They ask an ordinance fixing a maximum rate at 75 cents per thousand, the present rate in the city being $1.25. The council today declined to pass an ordinance unless the company would put up a $10,000 bond. The company declined to do this till it should know the terms of the ordinance and announced that unless the council consented to submit the question to the voters it would secure a petition of twenty-five voters in each ward, which under the law gives it the right to have the matter submitted to a vote without the intervention of the council.

Wanted to Sell Their Bodies.

"We want to sell our bodies to the university." Thus spoke a young man and woman to a member of the medical faculty of the Iowa State university when the latter entered his office one day last week, says the Iowa City Republican. At the entrance of the doctor the young people sprang apart, for they had evidently been wrapped in each other's embrace. The professor pressed questions and learned that the couple lived in Muscatine, loved to distraction and were willing to die together, closely clasped, even as did the unhappy hero and heroine of Sue's immortal "Wandering Jew." The young woman needed money to secure a divorce from an unloved husband and the young man, who was to be the succeeding spouse, lacked the necessary funds to cover expenses. They decided, therefore, to raise money on their bodies. Each was ready to seek death as soon as the other died and both were eager to turn their lifeless forms over to science—in case science paid in advance for the sacrifice.

The professor told them that the C. O. D. principle was adopted by the university's anatomical experts and sent the unfortunate couple to Judge Haddock. The venerable secretary was almost overpowered by emotion when the good looking, well dressed young man of 20 and the comely, tastefully attired young woman of 23 made their proposition, but he managed to ejaculate, "We can't pay till we get the bodies." Much disappointed, the couple went away and when last seen the young man was pawning his overcoat for $2.50 to get money enough to secure passage back to Muscatine.

The young people refused to reveal their identity.

Iowa Press Comment.

Sioux City Journal: The measure to give each county in the state at least one member of the legislature has been promptly introduced at Des Moines, and it is not a bad plan at all.

Dubuque Telegraph: The resolution of Mr. Wilson of Clinton county that text books for use in the Iowa public schools be printed in the penitentiaries is not likely to meet the approval of the legislature.

Davenport Democrat: Two governors have given us fairly good messages during the last week and the general assembly has made a start. It is what the legislature does, not what the executives ask it to do, that counts.

Keokuk Gate City: Speaker Funk of the Iowa house, judging from his reports, did a good job of straddling in his make-up of the committee on suppression of intemperance. He gave the anti-prohibitionists a majority of the committee, but made chairman of it the ablest and most radical prohibitionist in the house. This means in effect that there will be no legislation on the liquor question by the present general assembly of Iowa.

Burlington Hawkeye: It will require a longer session of the general assembly to reduce appropriations to meet the exigencies of state debt and deficient revenue than it would to vote large appropriations and let state finance take care of itself. Therefore the Hawkeye isn't worrying about the length of the session. What the people want is economy combined with a just regard for the state institutions and they want this even if the general assembly has to fight it out on that line all summer.

Bonspiel Opens at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 17.—Magnificent weather today marked the opening of the bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association in this city. It was expected that a full half hundred rinks would be present, but when the time for drawing arrived only thirty-seven had registered. The Canadian cities represented are: Nepawa, Toronto, Killarney, Rat Portage, Brandon, Holland, Pilot Mound and Portage La Prairie. Wisconsin had seven rinks. Chicago, Duluth and many other cities were represented and St. Paul entered nine rinks. Playing began at 2 o'clock this afternoon on the twenty-one rinks.

MINERS AND OPERATORS CONFER.

Will Attempt to Formulate a Scale for the Year 1898.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A joint convention of bituminous coal operators and miners met in the city today for the purpose of adjusting a wage scale for 1898. Five hundred operators and miners, representing western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, were present. Work was rather slow, owing to the fact that none of the delegations were thoroughly organized. After adopting the rules committee report, recommending four votes for each state and a scale committee of four miners and the same number of operators from each state, the convention adjourned until tomorrow to permit organization of the delegations.

Permanent organization was effected by the selection of W. H. Holcomb of Chicago as chairman, and two secretaries—F. H. Brooks of Ohio and W. C. Pearce of Chicago, the former representing the miners and the latter the operators. A committee on credentials was selected consisting of one miner and one operator from each state. The selection of a committee on rules and regulations and order of business aroused considerable discussion, but was finally made up on the basis of one miner and two operators from each state, with equal voting powers.

The convention then took a recess until 2:30 o'clock, when the committee will report. About 500 are in attendance.

The principal point at issue is the sweeping demand of the miners for the universal adoption of the "gross weight" system and the abandonment of "screens." Then the miners would be paid for screenings as well as lump coal. The change will revolutionize the wage scale and will be vigorously combated by the operators. West Virginia operators have as yet been unrepresented in the convention.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported 221 operators in attendance, as follows: Ohio, 46; Indiana, 41; Illinois, 52; Pennsylvania, 42. The miners numbered 272, as follows: Illinois, 111; Ohio, 83; Pennsylvania, 40; Indiana, 27; West Virginia, 17. The report was then adopted and pending the arrival of the rules committee Colonel William R. Morrison of Illinois addressed the meeting briefly, recommending a peaceable settlement of all differences.

The rules committee report was then presented and brought out the first heated discussion. It recommended that each state be allowed the same number of votes, four each, and that the scale committee be composed of four miners and four operators from each state, with the exception of Illinois, which should have five delegates, but only four votes. This basis of representation was not agreeable to the Illinois contingent and a minority report was presented, recommending one vote to each 5,000,000 tons, based upon the output of 1896.

Operator Traier of Illinois, in speaking for the latter report, declared it to be the only just basis, and cited the house of representatives as a fair example. Chairman Zerbe of the rules committee defended the report on the ground that representation on the tonnage basis was a dangerous precedent and would result in shutting out small producers. The majority report was then adopted, but several unavailing attempts were made to have the vote reconsidered.

The selection of the scale committee was next taken up, each state to select its own delegates. On demand for a roll call by states the fact was developed that only one or two delegations were organized and proceedings were blocked. An adjournment was therefore taken until tomorrow for the purpose of allowing the state delegations to organize. Before adjournment the West Virginia delegation of miners was seated with a voice in the convention, but without a vote.

Business Troubles of a Day.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 17.—The Milwaukee Manufacturing company, a corporation engaged in the manufacture of bicycles at North Milwaukee, made a voluntary assignment today to Jesse B. Whitnall. His bond was fixed at $50,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Maurice Wertheimer, Herman Steinberger and Jacob Steinberger, doing business under the name of Wertheimer & Co., in this city, and the Wertheimer Glove Manufacturing company, at Johnstown, N. Y., have assigned to Bruno Richter without preferences. The liabilities are reported to be $800,000, and the assets about the same amount.

The firm of Macy & Pendleton, bankers and brokers of this city, made an assignment today to Harold G. Curtis. The firm has offices in this city and membership in the New York Stock, Produce, Cotton and Coffee exchanges. The firm is composed of Charles C. Macy and William F. Pendleton. The assignee of the firm says the liabilities were in the neighborhood of $100,000, and the assets would not equal that amount.

CANTON, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The Lehigh Valley Construction company of South Bethlehem, Pa., today filed in the St. Lawrence county clerk's office a deed of general assignment to Julius Workum of New York. The company had a subcontract of the St. Lawrence Construction company to do the work on the Massena, N. Y., canal, for the St. Lawrence Power company, which is capitalized at $6,000,000. The Lehigh contract was said to be a $2,000,000 job. The Lehigh Valley Construction company has filed a mechanic's lien against the power company for $53,000, alleging to have done $78,000 worth of work during the past summer for which it had received $25,000.

ASHLAND, N. H., Jan. 17.—J. F. Draper & Co., who failed recently for $110,000, have settled with their creditors satisfactorily and a new corporation has been formed. The factory, which makes gloves of all kinds, started up this morning with 100 hands.

OTTAWA, Ill., Jan. 17.—Ex-Mayor L. W. Hess has been appointed receiver for the Ottawa Electric Street Car company, of which W. F. Ellis of Boston is president. The company was organized last year with a capital of $100,000. Extensions were built at large expense, to which eastern capitalists, it is said, have failed to contribute. Several small judgments obtained during the last few days precipitated the action of this evening. The line will be operated by the receiver.

DELAWARE, O., Jan. 17.—Hon. J. D. Vandemand was tonight appointed receiver for the electric street railway company of this city and at once gave bond in the sum of $50,000. The road will be appraised at once and offered for sale.

DUCYRUS, O., Jan. 17.—George Gormley, vice president of the First National bank of this city, assigned today to D. L. Bell of Toledo. The assignment does not affect the bank. Gormley's assets and liabilities are not known.

French Cannot Intervene.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Judge Lacombe, in the circuit court today, denied the application made in behalf of J. B. French and others for relief and leave to intervene in a suit brought by J. Pierpont Morgan and others against the Union Pacific Railway company and its receivers.

Huge Locomotives.

Three immense passenger locomotives for service in New Mexico, lately furnished for the Southern Pacific railway, are reported as having a remarkable capacity for high speed—one of them capable of pulling at the rate of sixty miles an hour on a piece of level and straight track no less than thirty-three Pullman cars weighing forty tons each, such a train being more than two-fifths of a mile long. The six-coupled driving wheels of these engines are each six feet in diameter, with working steam pressure of 200 pounds to the square inch; the cylinders are of the usual simple type, each of twenty-one inches diameter, with a piston stroke of twenty-eight inches. All this gives a tractive force, or drawing power, of 27,400 pounds, sufficient to haul a train load of 4,279 tons, equal to about eighty-five of the largest loaded freight cars, at slow speed on a level track. The total weight of one of these locomotives is seventy-five tons, of which fifty-eight rest on the six driving wheels, the remaining seventeen being carried by the four-wheel truck in front. With these conditions, and reckoning the bite or grip on the rail at one-fourth the weight of the drivers, there is adhesion of fourteen and one-half tons, or 29,000 pounds more than the tractive force of the engine, thus leaving a margin for wet weather and slippery rails.

Brothers Meet After Twenty Years.

J. D. Barnes, who has been a miner in Alaska for eleven years, and who arrived in San Francisco from the Klondike gold fields on January 3, last, met a brother at the Palace hotel whom he had not seen nor heard from in twenty years, says the San Francisco Examiner. The brother is J. L. Barnes, the Redding newspaper man. They were born in Canada, and some twenty years ago J. D. Barnes left the parental roof to carve a fortune for himself in the western states of this country. His brother at that time was a very young boy. The elder brother after spending nine years on the coast went to Alaska. He met with indifferent success until the gold discoveries around Dawson City occurred. He then came into possession of some rich claims on El Dorado and Bonanza creeks, along with several partners. He came to this city last week for a vacation, expecting to return early in the spring. His brother at Redding saw in the San Francisco papers an account of Mr. Barnes' arrival here and the statement that he was born in Canada. This latter fact induced him to come to this city to inquire if the gentleman was not his long-lost brother. He turned out to be such, and now they are inseparable around town.

Used No Judgment.

Chicago Post: "Here's an account of a man who has been arrested for stealing plays," said the man with the paper.

"For stealing plays," exclaimed the man who was smoking, in astonishment.

"That's what the paper says."

"Oh, well, the trouble with him must have been that he didn't use any judgment. If he had stolen some of the plays I've seen they wouldn't arrest him, they'd give him a vote of thanks."

Everybody Satisfied.

Indianapolis Journal: "I want to get a couple of books for two young men," said the girl in the bookstore, "and I don't know what to choose."

"Er—what sort of young men are they?" asked the really intelligent clerk.

"One teaches in our Sunday school, and the other—well, he is not that kind of a young man at all, you know."

"Ah! I think I have just what you want." And he handed out two copies of "Quo Vadis."

First Thing to Be Done.

Chicago Post: "Now that we have decided to organize the company," said the first promoter, who was somewhat new to the business, "what is the first thing to be done?"

"Vote ourselves salaries," replied the second promoter, who had been in the promoting business for some time.

Truly there are things that should antedate even the incorporation papers.

A pickpocket is despised, dreaded and avoided. He is a sneaking, despicable foe who robs a man unawares. Men hate him worse than the more bold highwayman whose attack is made in the open. There are some diseases that are like pickpockets. They are sneaks. If men only knew it, these sneaking diseases are more to be dreaded than small-pox or yellow fever. The sneaking disease begins with some slight disorder of the digestion and sluggish action of the bowels. The blood becomes disordered and the body receives insufficient or improper nutriment. Emaciation follows and the sufferer is troubled with nervous prostration, brain fag, and debility, and very likely falls a victim to that dread destroyer, consumption. All this happens before the sufferer fairly realizes that he is in danger.

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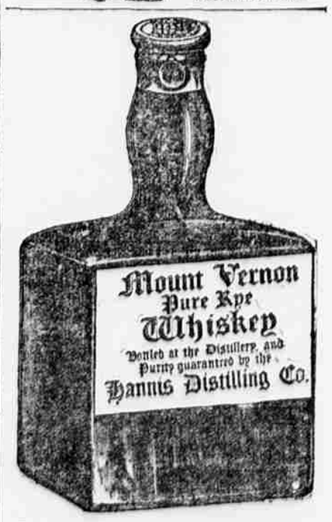

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