

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Hamilton's shoe store, 412 Broadway. Stocker Carpet Co., 205-207 Hwy. Moore's food kills worms and fattens. Dell G. Morgan, druggist, 142 Broadway. C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main St.

FINDS STATE PROSPEROUS

Deputy Labor Commissioner Wilson Gives His Official Experience.

EVERYBODY IS NOW WELL EMPLOYED

Reports and Observations Show the Increase in Business, Work and Wages Paid to Be More than Any One Expected.

"The people of Iowa have everything to rejoice over and nothing to regret," said Deputy State Labor Commissioner E. A. Wilson yesterday when asked as to the present outlook as regards business throughout the state in general. Mr. Wilson in his capacity as deputy labor commissioner has every opportunity of learning the exact conditions that exist and statements made by him in this connection are founded on the most reliable information. The purpose of the State Labor Bureau, which was organized in 1885, is to gather and synthesize the statistics as to labor conditions and the commercial and industrial situation. The law makes it obligatory upon every person in the state employing five or more persons to file with the bureau a sworn statement as to the number of persons employed, number of apprentices under their control, the aggregate amount of wages paid out during the year, the increase or decrease of wages during the year; also the aggregate amount of business done and whether such business was an increase or decrease as compared with that of the previous year. The reports of the bureau are sent to all the public libraries throughout the United States and exchanged for like documents with all the foreign countries. The law also requires that a report must be made as regards the condition of all places where employed help has to work and also to provide prevention against injury by machinery or other dangerous places.

Mr. Wilson says that the reports that have reached the office of the bureau this year show that during 1897 the number of persons employed in the state was about 4 per cent above that in 1896. The increased amount of money paid in wages reached 6 per cent. This, Mr. Wilson says, is a conservative statement and well within the mark. In some instances the reports show that employers have made a voluntary increase in wages to their employees, unsolicited on the part of the employees, but warranted by the increase of business. As far as the figures show now there are only two kinds of business in Iowa that have suffered in the past year and they are brick and tile and the biscuit manufacturing. The brick and tile business suffered a loss on account of the dry season in 1897 which is bound to show a depression on tiling in any state. The cause of the decline in the biscuit business in Iowa cannot be explained Mr. Wilson said.

Further, Mr. Wilson said the wholesale trade in Iowa is in better shape today than it has been since 1892. Some of the houses report an increase in their business of from \$40,000 to \$75,000 for 1897 over 1896. There are more traveling men in the employ of these wholesale houses, made necessary to supply the demand for the retail trade than ever before and the feeling in all classes of trade is better than for several years past.

Some concerns report that, owing to the sharp competition in their particular line of trade they dare not make a statement as to the increase or decrease in their business for fear their competitors will get hold of them and make use of the reports to their disadvantage. There is one industry in this state, Mr. Wilson said, that enjoyed an increase in 1897 of \$100,000 over 1896.

Regarding the labor situation in the state Mr. Wilson said he finds but very few men who could not obtain work if they really wanted it. The situation as regards the miners comes under the jurisdiction of the bureau. There is recorded but one strike among the miners in this state and only fifty-six men were effected by it. This strike was settled in a few days and the operators and the miners are today earning more wages than they have for some years and both the demand for coal and miners is better. There is less discontent and dissatisfaction among the coal miners of Iowa today than ever before in their history.

Although the reports for this year will not be filed with the bureau until 1899 Mr. Wilson says that the labor commissioner, in traveling over the state, observed that the situation as regards the present year will show an increase in number of persons employed and also a somewhat higher rate of wages than the amount of commercial business transacted in the state will show a very material increase over that for 1897. The indications are now that this year will show 10 per cent in the increase of persons employed, 12 to 15 per cent increase in amount of wages paid and an increase of 20 per cent in the increase of business transacted.

The reports of the bureau are printed biennially, the one containing the statistics for 1897 and 1898 will be given to the public next fall.

C. A. Withrow used Cole's Hot Blast heater last winter.

Miss Julia Officer, teacher of piano, 523 Willow avenue. Fall and winter term.

Work of the Board of Control. DEN MOINES, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The Board of Control has this afternoon been considering the bids on supplies and has done a big job, one that will save the state thousands of dollars. It is astonishing how great reductions have been secured on some articles. For instance there is a shoe that is furnished patients of the hospitals for instance. It formerly cost \$1.50 per pair and the board now buys a shoe of the same quality for \$1, and in another instance the reduction was from \$1.75 to \$1. A rubber that formerly cost 50 cents in second quality is now bought in first quality for 30 cents, and so on through the list of footwear.

The reports of the board are usually that between ordinary retail prices, which the institutions have usually paid, and the manufacturer's prices. The first annual report of the board will be a valuable and interesting document. The showing of reduction in cost of meats will not be very great, because the board has bought on a rising market, all live stock being worth more than it was a year ago.

Will Hold an Inquest. YORK, Neb., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The sheriff, coroner and county attorney went to north of Sumner. If they ever get into the big Wapsie timber the chances for their capture are very remote indeed. The law officers all over northeastern Iowa are thoroughly aroused and for the next few days every stranger met with will be compelled to give a pretty clear account of himself.

day to the farm of Gerard Meiner to hold an inquest as to the cause of the death of Mrs. Meiner, who was to have been buried yesterday.

DEATH RECORD.

Old Settler of Emerson. EMERSON, Neb., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—William Womack, a pioneer settler in Nebraska and the republican candidate for representative in Dixon county, died yesterday morning after several weeks' illness, aged 82 years. Mr. Womack built the first house in Emerson in 1881, was postmaster for eleven years, was justice of the peace, member of the school board and prominent in church affairs. He was a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois regiment and served during the war of the rebellion. The funeral will be held Monday.

Ex-Editor William Hyde. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—William Hyde, at one time managing editor of the St. Louis Republic, died today at his home in this city of heart disease. He had been a sufferer from ill health for a long time and for two months prior to his death had been confined to his home. He was 62 years old and was born at Lima, N. Y. During his residence in Cleveland's first administration Mr. Hyde was appointed postmaster for St. Louis. After the expiration of his service he was called to Salt Lake City to assume the editorship of the Salt Lake Herald.

Hot Time at Millard. MILLARD, Neb., Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Today Millard was the political storm center of Douglas county. The republicans held a rousing meeting at Stockman's hall in the afternoon which was addressed by Burkholder, Phil E. Wilson, candidate for county attorney, Miles D. Houck, R. H. Olmsted and Joseph Koutsky, candidates for the legislature, and Judge Kelsey, candidate for county commissioner. The meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic.

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GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Saturday's Games Analyzed Show Some Little Scraps of Comfort.

LINES ON THE BIG FIVE ARE FUTILE

Nothing in the Schedule Calculated to Give Much Information as to the Relative Merits of This and Last Year's Teams.

Saturday's gridiron contests in the east in which the members of the upper ten of foot ball society—the big quintet—figured furnished some little line on the form of these foot ball aggregations and incidentally provided one or two bits of surprise. The day's schedule, however, gave no means of comparison with the teams of last year. Only one of the quintet, Yale, played an eleven which it fought last year. West Point last season held the Blue down to a tie, the score being 6 to 6; this year the Blue won by a score of 10 to 0.

Possibly the most interesting of these struggles between the warriors of the chalk ribbons was the fight between Pennsylvania and the Chicago university eleven. One of the causes for this interest resulted from the fact that this contest for the second time in the history of the game found an eastern university team arrayed against a western eleven. Such a game was played once before, when Michigan visited the east a couple of years ago. To be sure the Chicago Athletic club has crossed the Alleghenies a couple of times, but this can hardly be called a representative western party, as it has been made up in good part of eastern college players.

The west has no reason to be ashamed of the fight that was put up by the Chicago lads, for they made a stubborn stand against the Quakers and succeeded in scoring twice. The linelight character in their cast was the great punter, Horschberger. He was responsible for the greater part of the dropped field goal and his superb punting work really permitted the Windy City representatives to do as well as they did. There seems to be little question that this kicker will prove to be easily the light of the fallbacks of the year, whether of the east or of the west.

There is still another reason for the interest that foot ballists felt in the game. While the Quakers have run up a bigger number of points against their opponents than any others of the big five, they have lacked a rather inferior quality of team play. With the exception of Brown, they have not had a hard aggregation lined up against them. But Saturday's game demonstrated that offensively and defensively they are up to form. Their great weakness is their punting, and this, which Coach Woodruff has been trying to eradicate for some time, proved to be as bad as ever. If it continues it may prove fatal in the games with Harvard and Cornell. The scoring that Chicago made on the Quakers now leaves Princeton the only one of the big five that has not been scored upon this season.

The Tigers may be judged to have shown up better against the Brown team than either Pennsylvania or Yale. While the Providence lads made practically as strong a score against us as against the Quakers (the Blue yet in both the latter games) they were on foreign ground, while they played the Tigers at home. They scored on Yale in a game which resulted in 22 to 6 and held Pennsy down to 18 to 0. While Princeton succeeded in making it 23 to 0, one of the touchdowns was on a fumble and the Blue yet in both the latter games about alike. The supporters of the orange and the black will be able to figure out any superiority over the Quakers or Yale only from the fact that the game occurred in Providence.

Yale and Harvard both had hard games and the question of which of the two is superior, judging from the scoring, cannot be answered from the results of the contests. For while Harvard defeated the Indians by a smaller score than did Yale, on the other hand Yale rolled up a smaller score against West Point than did Harvard. Harvard beat the Indians by a score of 11 to 5. Yale defeated West Point by a score of 10 to 0; two weeks ago Harvard beat the cadets by a score of 28 to 0. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Indians have scored upon all three of the big five against whom they have played—Harvard, Yale and Cornell. They have still to meet Pennsylvania.

No comparison from scores can be made in Cornell's case, for none of the other four have met Oberlin and the Cornellians did not play this college last year. The low score does not promise that the Cornellians will show up well against the Quakers, but possibly the fact a number of substitutes were in may account for Cornell's poor showing.

The game between Nebraska and Grinnell did not take place on Saturday. It is charged by the Lincoln boys that the Iowans were afraid to play. Grinnell objected to the officials proposed by Nebraska, claiming that they were not impartial. However, even after Nebraska offered to play with Grinnell's officials the Hawkeyes refused to come and it is hinted pretty strongly that Grinnell declined to play simply because it could stick its fingers down its throat and touch its heart at the prospect of facing the Antelope state gridiron warriors.

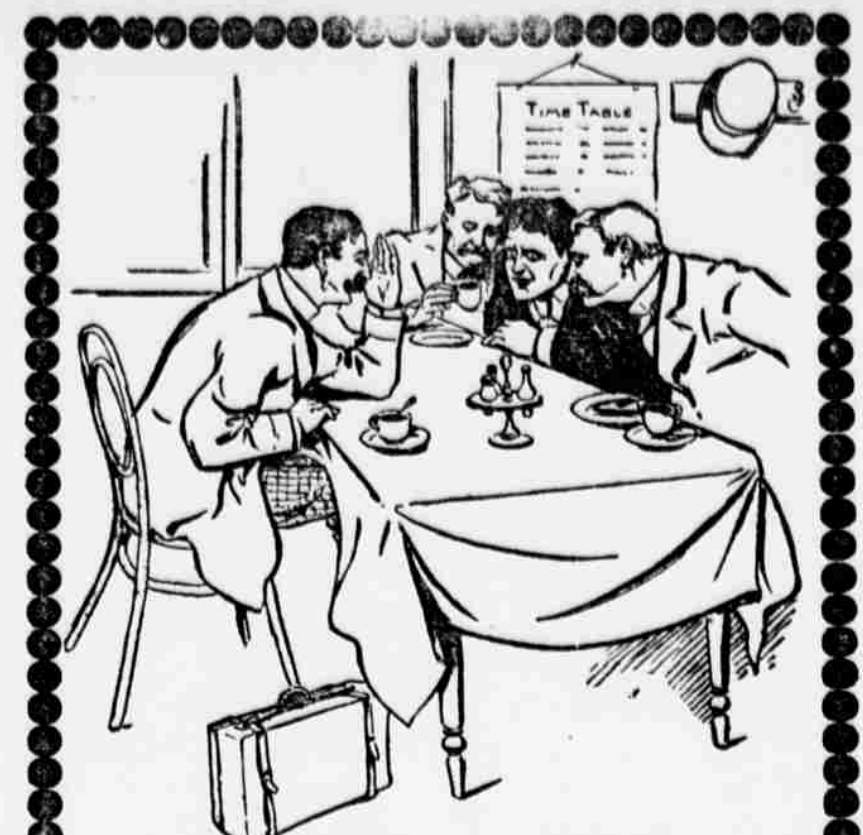
On Saturday the Lincoln High school team played all around the Tekamah High school eleven, winning by a score of 42 to 0. This was one of the games for the interschool championship.

RAW GOLFERS BEAT ST. LOUIS. Field Club Men Defeated Man for Man with Three Exceptions. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 30.—The golf match between teams representing the Field club of St. Louis and the Country club of Kansas City, over the links of the Country club, was finished today. The local golfers were victorious by an aggregate score of 69 up. The Kansas City players beat their opponents as follows: Mackenzie beat Blum, 4 up; Young beat Stienkey, 11 up; Meredith beat Sterling, 17 up; Logan beat Carter, 5 up; Howell beat Bennett, 7 up; Forrest beat Bissell, 9 up; Street beat Miller, 19 up.

Janowski Comes to Play Chess. NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—D. Janowski, the Franco-Polish chess expert, arrived on the steamship La Touraine today. He has come to this country to play a match of chess at the Manhattan club with the Showalter. At the conclusion of that contest Janowski will make a tour of the United States and probably cross into Canada.

York Defeats Grand Island. YORK, Neb., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The York High school football team defeated the Grand Island High school lads by a score of 12 to 0 at this place yesterday. It was an exciting and clean game.

Two Persons Suffer Fractures. HURON, S. D., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—Yesterday Charles Ferris fell from a wagon, striking the ground in such a way as to throw his left leg beneath the wheels, which passed over it, breaking it in two places.



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