

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Hamilton's shoe store, 412 Broadway. Davis sells drugs. Moore's food kills worms and fattens. Iowa Furniture & Carpet Co., 407 W. way. J. H. Miller and wife of Hastings, Neb., are in the city. C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street. The Ladies of the Macabees will hold their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Royal Arcanum hall. J. C. Bixby, heating and sanitary engineer. Plans and specifications for heating, plumbing and lighting, 322 Main. Council Bluffs. They had not met for years. "You have changed," she murmured. "Yes," said Al-gonzo. "I now send all my work to the Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. The case against William Jenkins of Mys-ter acet, charged with assaulting his wife, was dismissed in Justice Perrier's court yester-day for want of prosecution. George Fowler and wife of Binghamton, N. Y., are in the city. Mr. Fowler is the senior partner of Fowler, Dick & Walker, the proprietors of the Boston store. The funeral of the late Edmund Wilson will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 428 Little Curtis street, and interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The women of St. Paul's Episcopal church are requested to attend an important meet- ing Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Lyman Shugart, 617 Fifth avenue. The funeral of Vance Goodwin, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goodwin, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Lincoln avenue. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The Derbick club will hold its musicale Monday evening in the rooms of the Council Bluffs Woman's club, in the J. T. Baldwin building, on Broadway. Chopin will be the composer and the program will be in charge of Mrs. Montgomery. Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes died yesterday at the home of C. F. French in Hazel Dell town-ship, aged 80 years. Her death, which was sudden, was due to old age. The funeral will be held this morning and interment will be in Greig's cemetery. Barzillai France died yesterday morning of kidney trouble at St. Bernard's hospital, aged 39 years. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles Bailey, 677 South 16th street, and interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Reference to the real estate transfers shows that the Fort Dodge & Omaha Rail- way company is still continuing to purchase a large amount of property for its right-of- way through the city. Hardly a day passes but the records show the transfer of one or more lots to the company. The public meeting of the Theosophical society will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. Van-Brunt, 714 Fourth street. The subject of the lesson will be "The Trinity-Divine Incarna- tion, being the second of a series of five lectures on "Essence of Christianity." Encampment No. 8, United Veteran Legion, will hold a public installation of officers Thursday evening, after which an instru- mental and vocal concert, interspersed with short addresses, will be given. The members of the legion extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present, especially all old soldiers and their families. John Morgan, the veteran South Main street grocer, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon while taking some bread out of a case with a glass door. The door in some manner fell on his head and the glass cut a deep gash in his face, which re- quired several stitches to sew up. The glass narrowly missed cutting the eye. Charles E. Walters, ex-state bank exam- iner, and A. W. Rickman have been ap- pointed assistant cashiers in the First Na- tional bank of this city. Mr. Rickman was formerly cashier of the Council Bluffs Sav- ings bank and later held the same position in the First National bank prior to the time Mr. J. A. Patton secured control of the bank. James A. Patton, former cashier of the First National bank before its consolidation with the Citizens' State bank and who re- cently went to Kansas City to assume the presidency of the Citizens' State bank, is in the city for the purpose of seeing to the reorganization of the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric Light company, which is expected to be completed early in the month. The case against James Atkinson, alias "Coal Oil Johnny" charged with burglariz- ing the Klondike saloon on South Main street, was dismissed yesterday morning, there being no evidence to convict him outside of the statement of D. Cinnell, who was arrested on the same charge. Cinnell, who is a member of the county jail to petty larceny and was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. The Lincoln lost, No. 29, Grand Army of the Republic, and women's Relief corps, No. 24, held a joint installation of officers Friday night at their hall on Pearl street. After the excellent short addresses were made by right-walter J. E. St. John, president, and Hon. W. E. Bainbridge, assistant sec- retary of the United States legation at London, Chas. Rev. G. W. Snyder, Colonel Mrs. Sarah Goodchild and Mrs. F. Weather. N. Y. Plumbing company, Tel. 250. Five Per cent off on water bills until January 19. Office open Saturday and Tuesday evenings. Telephone 161 for Berwick bay oysters. That's Sullivan, the grocer. District Court Notes. Freeman Reed, clerk of the district court, received a letter yesterday from Judge Thornell in which he stated that he would not be able to be here next Tuesday to open the January term of district court and in- structing him to notify the members of the grand jury not to convene until Tuesday of the week following. The petit jury is sum- moned for January 31. In the case of George Morrison against David Parker and others, involving the pos- session of accreted lands in Crescent town- ship, Judge Smith yesterday handed down his decision, dismissing the petition of in- tervention of Vincent Knapp on the ground that it was filed after the decree of judg- ment had been entered and was therefore too late. He also dismissed the application of David Parker to set aside the decree because he had no further interest in the proceedings. In the matter of the assignment of F. Stottmeister the assignee, W. E. Haver- stock, filed his final report, which was ap- proved, and he was discharged. Knud Jensen filed an original notice of suit against the Omaha & St. Louis Railroad company for \$1,500 for alleged personal dam- ages claimed to have been received on ac- count of the negligence of the company's employees. Ambrose Burke, attorney for Jensen, at the same time filed notice of a lien of \$1,000 on the judgment if any was obtained for legal fees in prosecuting the suit. Berwick bay oysters at Sullivan's. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons: Name and Residence. Age. Charles Jensen, Pottawattamie.....24 Emma Hansen, Pottawattamie.....17 W. C. Hoffman, Des Moines.....38 Dora Kruse, Des Moines.....22 If you have the grip "don't eat too much meat," is generally the remark from the numerous friends who are always ready to prescribe for one's ailments. They ought to recommend Sullivan's oysters. The vic- tim would then thank them for the advice. Davis sells drugs.

AFTER TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

Board of Supervisors Passes a Resolution Affecting Them.

MANY OF THEM HAVE FAILED TO QUALIFY.

If Bonds Are Not Filled Before January 17 They May Not Be Al- lowed to Hold Their Offices at All.

A large number of the township officers elected last November are apparently indiffer- ent as to whether they hold office or not, or else they do not care to serve, at any rate nearly two-thirds of the newly elected justices of the peace and constables and some of the assessors have so far failed to qualify by filing their bonds with the county supervisors. The law requires all newly elected county and township officers to file good and sufficient bonds with the county auditor on or before the first Monday in January immedi- ately following their election. This being a part of the necessary qualifications for office, a failure to fulfill the law is construed as a refusal to serve. Of the bonds filed many are defective and have been thrown out by the supervisors as not complying with the requisite conditions. The supervisors at their session yesterday took the bull by the horns and it is very probable that many of the newly elected township officers, even if they wish to serve, will now find they will not get the chance, as the following resolution which was adopted will give their predecessors in office an opportunity to hold over: Resolved, That in all cases where the bonds of officers in this county are required by law to be filed on or before the first Monday in January, and the Board of Supervisors and the persons who have been elected or appointed to such positions have refused to file the same, or failed to qualify and the officer who held the preceding term in office is entitled to hold over by reason of such facts, such officer entitled to and desiring to hold over shall be required to qualify anew and file a new bond on or before January 17, 1899. The remuneration of the county superin- tendent of schools is fixed by law at \$4 per diem while actually employed, and the bills presented to the county show that they rarely if ever find a day that they are not employed. This remuneration, County Superintendent Sawyer, in a communication to the board, petitioned the board to in- crease the board's expenses for extra help and traveling over the county. The board, by resolution, allowed him, in addition to his per diem, not to exceed \$200, to meet these extra expenses for help and traveling. The board fixed the salary of County Recorder Smith at \$1,000, which is the amount al- lowed by statute, and that of his deputy at \$800. The salary of the assistant county at- torney was fixed at \$60 per month. Chairman Brandes named the following standing committees: On accounts of Officers—Hansen and Mat- thews. On Printing—Brandes and Matthews. On General Claims—Auld and Kerney. The bridge districts were apportioned as follows: Supervisor Auld—Belknap, Center, Grove, Lincoln, Waveland and Wright townships. Supervisor Brandes—James, Knox, Layton, Pleasant and Valley townships. Supervisor Hansen—Bloomer, Hazel Dell, Linden, Neola, Norwalk and York townships. Supervisor Kerney—Carson, Hardin, Keg Creek, Macedonia, Silver Creek and Wash- ington townships. Supervisor Matthews—Crescent, Garner, Kane, Lewis and Rockford townships. The Board of Education filed a petition re- port showing the number of bridges built in his district during the last year, his previous report having covered a period of three years. It showed that he had built twenty-three bridges at a cost of \$4,320. Supervisor Kerney's report showed that seven bridges had been built in his district in 1898 at a cost of \$4,168. Overseer of the Poor Jackson filed his re- port showing that on the first of the new year there were in his district 129 families, including single widows and widowers, 178 grown persons and 252 children under 2 months to 16 years old who were receiving relief from the county. The report con- tained the further information that some of the widows had five or six children each that were not old enough to do any work. The overseer presented a list of seven old people whom he asked the board to place on regular monthly allowances ranging from \$4 to \$12, the allowance to be drawn at the county auditor's office. The board made the order. With reference to the relief of the poor outside the city the board passed a resolu- tion directing that all allowances to the poor be on a monthly basis and that trustees recommending the same be governed accord- ingly, also that the county auditor prepare and keep the accounts and pay in warrants issued on the last day of each month. County Auditor Innes was authorized to purchase a typewriter for the office at a cost of about \$100. Guy Martin was appointed deputy clerk of the district court at Avoca with remuneration from the county. The board adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 18. Free demonstrations in scientific bread making by Mrs. Pugh of Omaha at the Council Bluffs Y. W. C. A. hall, Tuesday, Wed- nesday and Thursday at 2:30 p. m. All women interested in the science of bread making are invited. Remember the exposition by getting some copies of Snap Shots at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee. Ten cents each. Voluntary Petition of Bankruptcy. William W. Cushman, in the general mercan- tile business in Charter Oak, Ia., filed a voluntary petition in the federal court yester- day to be declared a bankrupt. His debts are scheduled at \$12,503.95, of which amount \$500 is due the First National bank of Charter Oak, Iowa, owing to a purchase of real land deals in which he is interested, may be largely increased. For instance, he states in his petition that he has a third interest and likewise liability in the purchase of 640 acres of land in Monona county, the purchase price of which is \$16,500 and on which only \$1,000 has been paid. Likewise last November he entered into an agreement to purchase 302 acres of land in Crawford county, the price being \$8,500. On this \$850 was paid at the time, \$1,500 was to be paid March 1 of this year and the remainder to be paid in seven years. He has since, it is so stated in the petition, assigned the contract of purchase to another party, who agreed to assume the conditions of the sale. Another contingent liability lies in a suit in favor of Voss, but Harz carried it to the supreme court of this year and the remainder of the case goes against Voss he will be liable for half of the judgment. His assets

he lists as consisting of an undivided half interest in a general store, including a building to the firm of Cushman & Griffin, which he estimates to be worth \$4,000, book ac- counts and a note for \$38.95, making in all \$4,000, and a policy of life insurance for \$5,000. C. B. Handlett filed an answer yesterday in the bankruptcy proceedings brought against him December 19 of last year by the Cudahy, Omaha and Swift packing com- panies. He denies that he has committed the act of bankruptcy set forth in the petition and that he should not be declared bankrupt for any cause in said petition and demands that same may be required of by a jury. Berwick bay oysters at Sullivan's. SOCIETY IN COUNCIL BLUFFS. Doings and Prospective Doings of the Iowa City Society People. The last week in Council Bluffs has been quite gay, though no very elaborate func- tions of card clubs, seven Koningstons and various informal entertainments have served to keep society folk quite busy and merry. The events of the coming week will be the reception given by Mrs. Rohrer and the an- nual hop of the foot ball team of the Council Bluffs High school, a number of Council Bluffs people attended the hop at Lincoln and Omaha and a number of small and informal parties were held present at the Omaha theaters. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rockwell entertained informally at a silhouette party last evening, in honor of Mrs. Howell, who will shortly leave Council Bluffs. Mrs. Arthur Stivens entertained at New Year's dinner Dr. and Mrs. Jennings and son, also Mrs. Huber. Mrs. Millard P. Rohrer gave a reception Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The Woman's Whist club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. VanBrunt, and so ex- citing was the game it was decided to re- peat it on Friday afternoon at the same place. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Phelps. The Jolly Forty were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Maurer last week. The prizes were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Bender. The club will be entertained this week by Mrs. VanBrunt and Mrs. Jackson at the house of the former. Mr. and Mrs. L. Zurmuehen, Jr., will en- tertain the Euchre club this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Organ gave a deligh- tful musical on Tuesday evening. The members of the social club, with their husbands, watched out the old year at the home of the president, Mrs. Thomas Met- calf. High five was played and refreshments were served. Miss Gertrude Bennett gave a Kensington concert in honor of Miss Elsie Schoeninger. The grand concert was given with all sorts of housekeeping knick- knacks for her home-prospect. In honor of Miss Irvine, Mrs. W. L. Dou- glass gave a Kensington Tuesday afternoon at her apartments at the Grand. Mrs. A. W. Casady entertained the Ham- iltion Whist club this week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Test Stewart en- tertained at a late supper Monday evening, their guests being Miss Montgomery, Miss Key, Mr. Morton and Mr. Wright. Miss Montgomery entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Test Stewart, Miss Georgia Lindsey of Omaha, Mr. Gleason and Mr. Fred Em- pie. Mrs. Samuel B. Wadsworth entertained at New Year's day complimentary party for her sister, Emma Enayre, who re- turned with Mr. Samuel Enayre from Ore- gon, Ill. Plate cards, accompanied by sev- eral roses, were placed for gift. The Pennsylvania club of Pottawattamie county will entertain for the first time since its organization a Christmas party. The affair, which will be in the nature of a so- cialable, will be held at Woodman hall. The important event for the younger set during the coming week promises to be the hop to be given Friday night at Royal Ar- canum hall by the foot ball team of the High school. The musical auxiliary to the Council Bluffs Woman's club gave its opening musical Wednesday. The program was in charge of Miss Olfinger and Mrs. Key, which was an ample guaranty of its excellence. At the close of the program chocolate was served. Mesdames Sherman, Mullis, Keys, Sapp, C. T. Stewart, J. M. Treynor and the Misses Key, Gleason and Haven assisted the chairman, Mrs. Cory, in receiving and en- tertaining the guests. Miss Dora Lynn has returned from a visit with friends in Red Oak. Mrs. Joseph Bollinger had as her guest the last week Miss Mae Adams of Sioux City. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Addis of Grace street entertained a large party of friends at din- ner on New Year's day. Mrs. C. F. Montgomery and son spent the last week with her husband's parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Montgomery, preparatory to taking up her residence in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Bloomer street, assisted by Mrs. Miller's sister, Miss Edna Weitzel, gave a pleasant "watch" party last Saturday night. The old year was bowed out and the new year ushered in in the old time-honored manner. Mrs. J. H. Ingersoll is visiting friends and relatives in St. Joseph and Maryville, Mo. J. C. Pontius, who spent Christmas with relatives in this city, has returned to his home in Larned, Kas. Charles Gundrum and Miss Bertha Schmel- der were married Wednesday evening at 292 Benton street, Justice Vion performing the ceremony. Theodore Tholl of the First National bank force who has been seriously ill and whose recovery was almost despaired of, is much improved and his complete convalescence is now looked for. Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Plonkett and their daughter, Mrs. Olinger, left yesterday for a two weeks' visit in Mount Pleasant, Ia. Miss Annette Grass has returned to Grin- dell to resume her studies after spending the holidays with her parents in this city. Miss Emma Morehouse returned to Chicago Monday to resume her studies at the Uni- versity there. Miss Florence Bolin is spending the week in Des Moines. Miss Hinchey has as her guest Miss Clark of McGregor, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lane returned Friday from their Wisconsin trip. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Robbins spent the New Year's holidays with friends and relatives in Des Moines. Miss Genevieve Baldwin returned yesterday to resume her studies at Yassar. Friday evening she entertained at supper at the Grand hotel, covers being laid for nine. Miss Hinchey returned this week to her studies at Leavenworth, Ill., after spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. I. Minick entertained at dinner on New Year's day, covers being laid for sixteen. The table was prettily decorated with American roses. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vickroy are visiting in Chicago. Mrs. Mary E. Casady left yesterday evening for a visit with her daughter in Leavenworth, Kas. Solid packed oysters at Sullivan's. New Year at the Postoffice. The first week of the new year at the postoffice has ended with an increase of business over the same period of last year and Postmaster Treynor stated yes-

terday that if it kept up at the present rate he would have to apply to the department for increased help. The business has been such the last week that the employees have been obliged to work twelve hours a day steady and this they are beginning to feel is a little too much to ask of them right now. For the first six days of this year the postal receipts were \$1,181.87, as against \$777.17 for the same time last year. Owing to the holiday last Monday when business was practically suspended in the city this makes it but five days against six for last year. The remittances from fourth class business mail receipts were \$2,000, or no less than \$10,742.44 having been sent in from the smaller offices. The fourth class postmasters of twenty-two counties remit to the Council Bluffs office. Many new resolutions went into effect with the opening of the new year and those who declared themselves in favor of eating oysters to a greater extent than in previous years should buy 'em at Sullivan's, the grocer. Five Per cent off on water bills until January 19. Office open Saturday and Tuesday evenings. Sullivan's Berwick bay oysters still go at 30 cents a quart. Church Notes. The theme of Rev. W. Wilson's sermon at the First Congregational church this morning will be "A Great Mountain Becom- ing a Plain." The investigations are to be made on "Sin and Redemption," being the fourth in the series of addresses on "Essential Teachings of Evangelical Christianity." All services will be as usual. The annual meet- ing of the church will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Commencing today the morning service at the Christian tabernacle will commence at 10:30 o'clock instead of at 10:45. The topic of Rev. S. M. Perkins' sermon this morning will be "A Study in Parables." In the evening he will take his subject "Pro- crastination the Thief of Time." At the Second Presbyterian church today the pastor, Rev. Alexander Litherland, will preach in the morning on "Church Officers, Qualifications and Duties," and in the evening on "Comfort Ye My People," which will be ordained and installed in connection with the morning service and those of the Christian Endeavor society in the evening. At the First Baptist church at 10:30 o'clock this morning the pastor, Rev. R. Venting, will preach on "The Worker's Method." At noon he will give an evangelistic address to the children of the Sunday school and in the evening will take as the subject of his discourse, "Procrastination." There will be no service this evening at the Central Christian church, but Elder J. R. Speck will conduct services and preach in the morning at the same church. There will be the regular services at Broadway Methodist church and preaching by the pastor, Rev. Myron C. Waddell, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At the Fifth Avenue Methodist church the pastor, Rev. E. W. Smith, will preach this morning on "The Believer's Text" and in the evening on "The Sin Bearer of the World." Sunday school will be at noon, Junior League meeting at 3 p. m. and Ep- woorth League meeting at 6:30 p. m. Morn- ing class will be held at 8:45 o'clock. The services at Grace Episcopal church today will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m., holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m. and evening service and sermon at 7:30 o'clock. At St. John's English Lutheran church this morning the pastor, Rev. G. W. Snyder, will preach on "The Impelling Power" and in the evening on "Obstacles Overcome." Sunday school at noon and Young People's meeting at 7 p. m. Elder I. M. Smith will preach both morning and evening at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints today. Sunday school will be at noon and meet- ing of Z. R. L. society at 6 p. m. Sullivan's oysters were not awarded any gold medal, but they were declared the vic- torious "winner" of the "grip" run in Council Bluffs during last year. They will beat that record this year. Davis Submits a Bond. The members of the Board of Education met yesterday afternoon in Attorney Sims' office at which time School Treasurer Davis submitted a bond signed by the offi- cial members of the First National bank. The bond was so worded that the signers responsible for all moneys now on hand or that may hereafter come into the possession of the treasurer and this being satisfactory although it did not cover back to the time of Treasurer Davis' appoint- ment, it was accepted. The grip is here and Davis' drug store is the best place to get the grip medicine, as well as the most complete line of drugs, chemicals and toilet articles, in the city. This ends the first week in the new year and Sullivan made a big record on oyster sales for a starter. A fresh Jersey cow for sale, cheap, by C. W. Foster, 232 Avenue G. Five Per cent off on water bills until January 19. Office open Saturday and Tuesday evenings. At the Industrial School. Yesterday was a big day for the Industrial school, the first of the new year, with 200 in attendance. The room is filled with Chris- tian trees and these are loaded with presents for the little ones which are being added to daily so there will be enough to go around. They will be distributed at an early day as a surprise to the children. The school is conducted in the interest of the poor chil- dren of the city and is one of the most worthy institutions of a charitable nature, in Council Bluffs. Sullivan's fresh fish sales are beginning to grow larger each day. Bluff City laundry, 'phone 314. Shirts, collars and cuffs our specialty. Snap Shots all at 10 cents each at the Council Bluffs office of The Bee. Nearly everybody buys oysters and fish at Sullivan's. Accident Narrowly Averted. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 7.—(Special Tele- gram.)—Wallace C. Winter, assistant to Superintendent Hugh Spencer, in charge of the Sioux City-St. Paul division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, with headquarters at St. James, and C. R. Dixon, superintendent of the Illinois Central in charge of the Sioux City and Cherokee divi- sion, held a conference in this city today to investigate the matter of a mistake which nearly resulted in a terrible collision of two Omaha trains last Thursday morning, a result of the investigation an entire freight train crew, with the exception of the fireman, have been ordered discharged. The freight train was coming into the city and had been ordered to wait on a sidetrack at Leola to allow the fast passenger train to pass at the freight train did not wait on the side track, however. Heavy with stock for market, it steamed along toward the fast approaching passenger train loaded with northbound passengers. The terrible crash which might have been averted by the watchfulness of both engineers, the panting engines being stopped within about 700 feet between them. Sullivan's Berwick bay oysters have no equal in Council Bluffs. Try 'em.

NO STRIPES FOR CONVICTS

Good Prisoners Given Privilege of Wearing Citizens' Cloths. STATE GEOLOGISTS WILL STUDY IOWA SOIL Earth from Various Parts of State to Be Analyzed to Determine the Special Products for Which it is Fit. DES MOINES, Jan. 7.—(Special Tele- gram.)—The State Board of Control, which has been in session here this week award- ing contracts for supplies for the state in- stitutions, has about decided on a new scheme for clothing state convicts. It is proposed to grade the convicts according to their behavior and permit the best men to discard the stripes and wear plain citizens' clothing. The board believes the desire to get rid of the stripes and wear an honest suit of clothes will have a good influence. The annual meeting of the State Geo- logical Board was held this afternoon at the State house and the report of the state geologist, Samuel Calvin, was presented. Governor Shaw is president of the board. Other members are: Auditor Frank Merriam, Dean Currier of the State university, Prof. Honzagon of Iowa college and Presi- dent Beardshear of Agricultural col- lege. The latter was unable to be present. A new line of work has been started by this department looking toward a better understanding of the soils of the state and their adaptability to the agricultural pur- suits which the state has won a good name. A complete series of both mechanical and chemical analysis of the various soil types of the state has been planned and a thorough study of both scientific and agricultural problems is to be made. The object of the work is to make a thorough study of the physical and chemical prop- erties of the most important and typical soils of Iowa. Important features of the work will be a careful study of the texture of the soils for the amount of sand, silt or clay and the relations of soil to moisture and heat. The investigations are to be made on land selected to represent the districts in which the selections are made. A motion for a new trial was today sus- tained in the case of C. E. Hall, a Des Moines switchman, against the Rock Island road. Recently Hall obtained a verdict for \$3,000 on account of the loss of an arm. This is the largest amount ever awarded a railroad man in Iowa for personal in- juries. The motion for new trial was made on the grounds that brakemen had been allowed to give evidence as expert witnesses. Judge Conra before whom the case was tried, granted the new trial, admitting it was a mistake for the brakemen to be con- sidered experts. Auditor is Assured. The much talked of auditorium for Des Moines is now practically assured of erection. A committee meeting was held at the Commercial Exchange this afternoon. Plans were made and energy shown which mean that the funds will be raised. The business men have realized that well directed energy is all that is needed. The people of the state have learned that the auditorium erected before Des Moines secures any more state conventions, the republicans having adopted resolutions to that effect. This afternoon Carroll Wright and John A. Read, president of the exchange, were ap- pointed as a committee to draft subscrip- tion blanks which shall provide that the auditorium company will be authorized to transact business when \$20,000 in stock and donations are secured. An assistant com- mittee was named Monday, at an ex- change meeting, to keep the territory well assigned and the work begun. It is expected it will take two weeks to raise the first \$20,000 and then the leaders are confident \$20,000 more will be raised by the sale of public county and other popular methods. Over \$20,000 in stock was subscribed before the Polk county court house fight before the auditorium question. Miss Elizabeth Jones was re-elected state secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association at a meeting of the association executive committee this afternoon. Re- ports on the state work were especially en- couraging, also in Cedar Rapids, where the association has come through a hard struggle with success, and in Ottumwa and in Des Moines. Physical instruction is a new and successful feature of the work. DOPED WITH DRUGGED WHISKY. Man Who Was with Huntington Also Gets a Dose. CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Huntington poisoning case was given a new twist yesterday when it became known that another person, a farmer named John Huf- fington, was with Huntington in the fore part of the evening on which he was drugged, and was also taken sick presumably from the same cause. Mr. Huffington resides on a farm with a Mr. Webb, six or eight miles northeast of Creston, came to town about noon yester- day, and it was learned from him that he had been with Mr. Huntington on the fatal evening. He stated that after being absent town for some time, he, in company with Huntington, went to a saloon and took a drink of whisky. From this point he claims to remember nothing, having been taken suddenly sick. He was later taken in charge by Mr. Webb, who placed him in his wagon and took him home. The constant jar of the wagon over the rough frozen roads, kept Huff aroused, and he vomited continually the entire distance, which prob- ably accounts for his being able to be so coherent. He was very sick up to midnight that night, after which he steadily improved and was able to be in town yesterday. He could shed no further light upon the case, how- ever, as to who the guilty party or parties are or how the drug was administered, as he has been conjectured. There has but little change taken place in the condition of Mr. Huntington. He is still very weak and there are but little hopes of his recovery. Yesterday afternoon he appeared to rally some and talked a little coherently, but nothing could be learned from him. One Year for Perjury. ALBIA, Ia., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Because he perjured himself in giving evidence in the Monroe district court, Martin Lane will have to serve one year in the Fort Madison penitentiary, sentenced having been so passed upon him. The offense was committed in the trial of a man named Napier for at- tempting murder. Lane swore Napier was one place and evidence showed the contrary. A brother Napier is now serving time in the penitentiary for perjury in the same case. DIVORCE FOR MRS. TOM HALL Writer and Rough Rider Given Ad- verse Decision in Suit Brought by His Wife. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—A special to the State Journal from Newark, O., says: Jen- nie Dunbar Hall of this city was granted a divorce this afternoon from Thomas W. Hall and given the custody of their children. The defendant Napier is now serving time in the penitentiary for perjury in the same case. Prices given with Diamond "C" soap. Ask your grocer, or send your name on a postal card to Cudahy, South Omaha, and you will receive, free, a catalogue of several hundred useful and ornamental articles. Prices include books, music, toys, games, etc., and are adapted for old and young.

Carpets, Rugs, Portieres, Lace Curtains Etc. Treynor & Gorham, Odd Fellows Temple, Council Bluffs.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. S \$1.00, H \$1.50, O \$2.00, E \$2.50, S \$3.00, S \$3.50.

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AMMONIA USED ON THE BEEF. Special Announcement. Major Black of Commissary Department Reveals Fresh Information on Meat Supply of Soldiers. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Major John D. Black, commissary of subsistence in the office of the commanding general, testified before the War Investigating commission that the general character of the commis- sary supplies was good. He said that the commissary had previously grounded on the same reef as the Massachusetts. A large force of stewards was put aboard to clean it up. Here it remained until the 24th, when it was watered and some more provisions placed aboard and it was sent to Area cto to supply General Garrison's command. Witness did not see the beef aboard the Manitoba and did not know anything about its quality, except a very small amount landed at Ponce for the sick. This seemed to be the majority was spotted and discolored.

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THREE PEOPLE HURT IN WRECK. Broken Rail Near Mattos, N. D. Ditches Northern Pacific Passenger Train. HATTON, N. D., Jan. 7.—Train No. 33 on the Northern Pacific struck a broken rail today, throwing three passenger cars from the track, one catching fire and burning. Conductor Walter McClane, Ole Buster of Moorhead, and M. Johnson of Northwood and Mrs. P. M. Penuliar of Maryville were seriously hurt and two others were slightly injured. The track was badly blocked.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST. Partly Cloudy Weather; Warmer; South to Southwest Winds for Sunday Hereabout. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Forecast for Sunday: For Nebraska and Iowa—Partly cloudy weather; warmer; south to southwest winds; for North and South Dakota—Threatening weather; norchwest winds. For Missouri—Fair; warmer; southerly winds. For Kansas—Partly cloudy weather; warmer in eastern portion; southerly winds. For Wyoming and Colorado—Threatening weather; variable winds.