NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Moore's food kills worms and fattens.

C. E. Alexander & Co., picture frames.

Iowa Furniture & Carpet Co., 407 B'way.

J. C. Bixby, heating, plumbing. Tel. 193.

C. B. Jacquemin & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway, 'phone 157.

J. B. Rockafellow, a prominent attorney of Atlantic, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

Dr. Mary H. Jones left for Chicago last night in response to a telegram from a former patient.

P. H. Hayes is seriously ill with the grip and has been compelled to go to St. Bernard's hospital.

There will be a special meeting of Excelsior lodge, No. 259, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, this evening.

I. G. Carter filed for record in the county recorder's office yesterday a plat of Carter's third addition to the town of Hancock.

Members of the degree team are requested to be present at the regular meeting tonight of Fidelity council, No. 156, Royal Arcanum.

Every member is requested to be present tonight at the meeting of Bluffs company, No. 27, Uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, in Concordia hall.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Johannah Paulson will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Danish Lutheran church, Rev. Madison officiating.

The case of Will Chesney, charged with malicious mischief by Mrs. Carrie King, has been continued in Justice Ferrier's court until tomorrow afternoon.

At the regular meeting tonight of the Veteran Firemen's association the annual election of officers will be held. The meeting will be held at No. 3 hose house.

Two new cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. They were: Gundrum, child, 105 South Main street, and Henry Stromberg, 619 Mill street.

Herman T. Schultz and Christina Wieland, both from Omaha, secured a marriage license here last night about 9 o'clock and were married by Justice Ovide Vien.

C. E. Bell of the firm of Bell & Kent, architects, formerly of Council Bluffs, now located in Helena, Mont., was in the city yesterday on his way from a visit in Ohio.

A. P. Langmede, the proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel, while working around the hotel yesterday afternoon making some repairs, received a severe fracture of the left leg.

J. L. Blanchard of Avoca, who was announced as being out for the republican nomination for state senator, has decided to become a candidate for representative instead.

An interesting time is promised at the meeting of Council Bluffs lodge, No. 270, Ancient Order United Workmen, this evening. There will be five initiations and screen work will be used.

It was reported on the streets yesterday that the banking firm of Officer & Pusey had recovered the $5,000 lost by Charles Officer in Omaha a few days ago. Inquiry at the bank showed that the report was unfounded.

The fire department was called out shortly before midnight Wednesday to the Christian home, where a smouldering fire in one of the cottages belonging to the girls' department did about $200 worth of damage. The house was insured for $1,500.

The police were notified yesterday morning that several hundred feet of copper wire had been stolen during the previous night from the East Omaha Street Railway company. It is thought that the wire was brought to this side of the river.

Anna Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Weiss, 3205 Third avenue, died yesterday morning of lung fever, aged 4 years and 8 months. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father Thomas Burk of St. Peter's church.

Chairman H. E. Teachout, F. T. Morris, J. H. Mathis, J. M. Chaffee and John Fisher, comprising the Board of Supervisors, and J. S. McQuiston, auditor of Polk county, were in the city yesterday inspecting the county court house for the purpose of securing ideas as to the construction of a new court house in Des Moines. From here they went to Omaha and from there will go to Lincoln, Denver and Salt Lake City. They have already visited Memphis, Tenn., and Terre Haute, Ind., on their tour of inspection. They were entertained at dinner here by the county officials.

Superintendent Hayden leaves this morning for Atlantic to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Southwestern Iowa Teachers' association. Other members of the committee are Superintendent Wilcox of the Atlantic schools and County Superintendent Deater of Page county. The committee will make arrangements for the program for the meeting of the association to be held this fall at Creston. Superintendent E. Benjamin Andrews of the Chicago schools has already been engaged and other talent for the program will be planned for by the committee at this meeting.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Davis sells drugs.

Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

Reuben S. Palmer of Bedford, Taylor county, filed a petition in the United States district court yesterday asking to be declared a bankrupt. He placed his secured liabilities at $2,619.82 and his unsecured debts at $2,585.31. He also says he is liable for $78.06 on promissory notes endorsed by him for other parties. His assets consist of a family horse valued at $25, household goods of the value of $75 and $10 worth of books and pictures, all of which he claims as exempt.

Do you want a high grade wheel? If you have no money, get one in The Bee bicycle contests. You choose any make.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Levi Gunn to Charles R. Gunn, s 18 acres of the Gunn homestead, in 19-75-43, w. d.	$ 1
Same to Sarah L. Gunn, 11 acres in 19-75-43, w. d.	1
Same to Walter G. Gunn, all of Gunn homestead n of s 29 acres, in 19-75-43, w. d.	1
W. R. Butler, referee, to Robert H. Corse, e½ sw¼ 21-75-40, Ry. d.	2,400
H. E. Gould to Benjamin Harding, e½ ne¼ 24-79-44, q. c. d.	50
Enos Corbaly and wife to same, w front ½ sw¼ 18-76-43, q. c. d.	500
John W. Rounds and wife to Lydia Doolittle, lots 4 and 5, block 9, Carson, w. d.	1,000
County Treasurer to W. Hallou, lot 15, block 26, Manawa park, tax d.	1
John T. Stewart and wife to Mrs. Maggie Holmes, lots 22 to 30, including block 27, Brown's sub, to Council Bluffs, w. d.	200
Nine transfers, aggregating	$4,154

When you ride a wheel why not ride the best? Bee bicycle contests March 1st. You choose any make.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Henry Johnston, Mason City	27
Neva Faulkner, Council Bluffs	21
Edward B. Harrington, Council Bluffs	30
Lenora E. Fry, Council Bluffs	22

Mrs. Albin Huster has taken great care in selecting a first-class trimmer for this season and she has found such in Miss Charlotte Dale of Chicago. Miss Dale has been with the leading millinery houses in Chicago and is considered an expert in designing and as a trimmer.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES BOUGHT
For Cash or Loaned On.
E. H. SHEAFE & CO.,
5 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

HOLDS IN FAVOR OF THE CITY

Judge Towner Hands Down Decision in the Shea Case.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS IS LEGAL

End of Litigation Not Yet Reached, as the Plaintiff Contemplates Taking an Appeal.

The opinion of Judge Towner in the suit brought by Attorney J. J. Shea against the city of Council Bluffs, attacking the validity of the outstanding indebtedness, has been handed down. Although the opinion has not reached here yet, it is known that it is favorable to the city and against Shea. This much information was contained in a letter from Judge Towner received here yesterday by Harl & McCabe, the attorneys who represented the city at the hearing before Judge Towner in June of last year. A letter from the clerk of the county court of Wayne county received by Freeman Reed, clerk of the district court, states that the opinion was sent from Corydon Wednesday by express, which indicates that it will arrive here some time this morning.

In his letter to Harl & McCabe Judge Towner says the finding is for the city generally, which is construed to mean on every point involved in the suit. He also instructs the attorneys to prepare the decree in conformity with the opinion.

Considerable complaint has been made from time to time at the long delay in handing down the decision, and referring to this in his letter, Judge Towner explains that the delay was unavoidable for several reasons. In the first place, the case was one of vast importance and involved so many questions and authorities that an earlier ruling was almost impossible, considering he had at the same time a number of cases in his own district to dispose of. The case involved, he said, almost every question relating to municipal authority on issuance of bonds, as each set of bonds, the validity of which was attacked by Shea, was issued under a different law.

The ruling of Judge Towner in this case is expected to be a most elaborate and exhaustive one. The result of the suit is being watched with the utmost interest by nearly every large city in the state, as the questions involved also affect them to a more or less extent.

Unfortunately for the city, Judge Towner's ruling will not at once relieve it from the present financial embarrassment caused by this and other litigation, as Attorney Shea says he intends to appeal from it. As soon as word was received that the suit had been decided against him, Shea said he would take it up on appeal, and as no bond is required, there is no obstacle in his way. In talking with Harl & McCabe, he agreed to have the case advanced in the supreme court so that it may be submitted at the May term. His refusing, however, to abide by Judge Towner's ruling will prevent the city from taking steps for several months to refund the outstanding general warrants.

In the suit brought by Shea he attacked the validity of the city's outstanding indebtedness, alleging that the constitutional limit had been exceeded. In a substituted petition filed a few days before the case was submitted to Judge Towner, he placed the city indebtedness at $597,209.81, and alleged that ever since March 1, 1894, the city has been indebted, in round numbers, $400,000 in excess of the constitutional limit. He attacked the validity of the regular bonded debt, the intersection improvement bonds, the special assessment bonds and the general fund and water fund warrants.

The city, in its answer, denied that the constitutional limit of indebtedness had been exceeded, or even reached; and further, that the special assessment bonds assailed by Shea were not obligations of the city in the contemplation of the constitutional inhibition and that the warrants issued were issued in payment of ordinary, current and necessary expenses of maintaining the city government and were therefore not within the constitutional inhibition. The city also in its answer alleged that there was a defect of parties defendant to the action, in that the bonds, warrants and other obligations of the city assailed and sought to be annulled by Shea had been sold and negotiated and were then held by divers and different persons, who were consequently interested in the result of the suit. In was further alleged by the city that Shea had not sufficient interest in the suit to maintain the action against the city.

The news of the ruling of Judge Towner in favor of the city was received with much gratification everywhere throughout the city, but no more so than at the city hall.

Bee bicycle contests. You choose any make.

POLICE HAVE THEIR OWN THEORY.

Contend that Carpenter Lost His Money at the Gaming Table.

The police discredit the story of M. J. Carpenter, the Chicago traveling man, that he was slugged and robbed in the manner described by him. They say that they are of the opinion that whatever money he lost he did so bucking the tiger in one of the gambling rooms. Chief Bixby says that from inquiries made he learned that a person supposed to be Carpenter lost about $100 in a certain gambling house on Broadway, but unfortunately for the theory propounded by the police the description does not fit Carpenter. The latter was perfectly sober when he returned to the hotel after being robbed and there appeared to be no reason why his story should be discredited.

That the town is full of thugs and crooks attracted here by the gambling rooms is a fact well known to everyone and one that the police cannot deny. Further the police say that Carpenter was not the right name of the traveling man who lost the money, but here again they are at fault as the party who claimed he was slugged and robbed is well known to several of the local cigar dealers, although this was first trip to Council Bluffs, and they are prepared to vouch for his name being Carpenter, the one under which he registered at the hotel.

Think! If only thirty people start in on the first Bee wheel contest the average number of subscribers they have to get will only be ten. Of course more will start, and if you are one of them why should you not get a wheel? You choose any make.

Look Over a Bridge.

Chief Engineer Berry and Superintendent Baxter of the Union Pacific railway, Superintendent Dimmock of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company and City Engineer Etnyre met together yesterday afternoon and examined the bridge at Fifth avenue over Indian Creek with a view to coming to some agreement as to raising it in compliance with the orders of the city council. The bridge is used by the railway and motor companies, and they will have to stand part of the expense of raising it. It is possible that a new structure will replace the present bridge. The examination yesterday was mainly for the purpose of coming to some decision on this point.

Bee bicycle contests begin at Fremont March 18. You choose any make.

THE BEE WHEEL CONTESTS

The More that Enter the Contests, the Easier the Wheels Will Be Won.

Every boy and girl will want to ride a wheel this spring and The Bee is going to give you a chance to get one in a very simple way. What is more, it is going to let you pick out any make wheel you want, for it knows you all want a certain make, "which is the only make on earth."

Now let us tell you how. The Bee is going to give the wheels away. We want a lot of new subscribers to The Bee in Council Bluffs. As soon as the first 300 orders have been handed into our office, the first contest closes and we will award the wheel to the one bringing the most orders out of this 300. Then Contest No. 1 closes and Contest No. 2 opens on the next 300 orders.

Just see how easy this is. Say only thirty not have to get very many orders, you see, girls and boys start out on March 1 to get subscribers. They only have to average ten apiece to make the total, so the winner will You want to start in early and hand in your orders as soon as possibre.

Now about the orders. Each order must be for an actual new Council Bluffs subscriber. Each subscriber must take The Bee for at least three weeks and pay for it in order to be counted. It is better, but not necessary, to pay in advance, only no order will be counted until the subscription is paid for. If the subscription is paid for in advance it will count one on your score for each three weeks for which it is prepaid. For example: If a subscriber pays in advance for six weeks, it counts two; if he pays for twelve weeks, it will count four; if he pays for one year, it will count seventeen. On orders which are not paid in advance it will count only one on your score no matter how long he continues to take it.

There, that is plain, isn't it? Now see what you can do. The first contest begins March 1. Sincerely yours,

OMAHA DAILY BEE,
Council Bluffs Department.

N. B.—Call at The Bee office, 10 Pearl street, to register and get sample copies. No one connected with The Bee will be allowed to enter this contest.

Bluff City laundry. 'Phone 314. A superior process on linen.

ESTIMATES FOR CITY EXPENSES.

Special Committee of the Council Suggests a Lot of Figures.

The special committee consisting of Aldermen Sayles, Atkins and Brough met last night and drew up an appropriation ordinance which will be submitted at the meeting of the city council next Monday night. The estimates made for the expenses of the various city departments for the next fiscal year commencing April 1 vary but slightly from those of last year.

Last year the appropriations were based upon an anticipated receipt of $45,000 from taxes and $33,000 from saloon licenses and other miscellaneous receipts. The actual receipts were, from taxes, $43,178, and from licenses and "so forth," $34,685. For the next year, owing to a probable decrease in the receipts, the estimates were based on a total of $70,000 income, being $40,000 from taxes and $30,000 from licenses and other receipts. Last year an appropriation of $11,500 had to be made to pay the expenses of lighting the city. This year that will be provided for under the new law by a special levy of 3 mills so that the amount will not have to be paid out of the general fund as heretofore. The committee decided on suggesting the following appropriations: Salaries, $11,250; police department, $17,000; fire department, $17,300; fire and police telegraph, $1,580; engineer's department, $2,200; streets and alleys, $8,000; printing and supplies, $2,000; city pound, $800; election expenses, $1,100; to meet deficit in water fund, $5,000; city building fund to provide for necessary repairs, $500. This will leave $3,170 under a $70,000 basis for the contingent fund.

There is $1,822 left over the amount appropriated for the contingent fund last year.

The appropriation for the fire department is increased $300 to allow for the purchase of new horses. In the fire and police telegraph estimate $280 is added this year to permit of the purchase of new apparatus. The appropriation for the engineer's department is increased $300, as if much paving is done this year there will be need of another assistant. Last year there was no appropriation for election expenses nor for repairs to city buildings. The appropriation for salaries in detail is as follows: Mayor, $800; auditor, $1,000; treasurer, $1,000; attorney, $1,500; clerk, $1,080; deputy clerk, $900; finance clerk, $900; physician, $250; eight aldermen, at $250 each, $2,000; custodian city hall, $720; judge of superior court, $1,000.

A dance and cake walk will be given at W. O. W. hall on Saturday, March 18.

Doings in the Courts.

Original notices of three damage suits against Mr. and Mrs. James Storrier, who had their niece, Mrs. Hettie Cole, arrested on the charge of stealing $1,200, were filed in the district court yesterday. In one suit Mrs. Sarah Wills, the mother of Mrs. Cole, sues James Storrier for $5,000 damages for assault. In the second suit Mrs. Wills asks for the same amount of damages, but makes both Storrier and his wife defendants. The third suit is brought by Mrs. Cole against James Storrier and his wife for $10,000 damages for false arrest. The damages asked for in the three suits amount to $20,000 and the petitions, it is said, will be filed in court today for the March term.

The decision of Judge Green in the case of A. C. Graham against George Gorham was received here yesterday. The question involved was a dispute as to a boundary fence between the properties of the plaintiff and defendant and the court found for the defendant, with costs against Graham.

Mrs. Martha E. McKeown commenced suit against George Allen for $2,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received September 18 last by a team belonging to the defendant running into her buggy while driving on the Crescent road. Mrs. McKeown claims she was thrown out of the buggy and all the ribs on her left side broken and the muscles of her shoulder torn loose. She also asks for $15 for damages to the buggy.

The petition of Charles Smith, in which he asks damages in the amount of $6,000 from Justice of the Peace Lars Jensen of Boomer township for alleged false arrest and imprisonment, was filed yesterday.

Vincent W. Knapp commenced suit against George Morrison for $5,000 damages. The suit arises out of a lawsuit in connection with the ownership of certain accreted lands in Crescent township. Knapp alleges that Morrison broke into his house, damaged his belongings and turned his furniture out into the road.

Judge Thornell handed down his decision in the case of George Parker against the estate of the late Joel Eaton, finding for the defendant. In this suit the plaintiff sued for $2,500 for commission on an attempted sale of bonds of the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric Light company, owned by Joel Eaton and George F. Wright.

In the case of D. S. Frank against the directors of school district No. 2, in Keg Creek township, Judge Thornell handed down his decision, refusing the injunction sought for. Frank asked for an injunction restraining the directors from condemning an acre of his property for school purposes.

The trial of John Wyatt was completed yesterday afternoon and the case given to the jury shortly before 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Up to a late hour last night the jury had failed to reach a verdict. The trial of Wyatt completes the criminal business for this term and the petit jury was discharged.

Today is the last day for filing petitions for the March term of district court.

Railway Survey Causes Surmise.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 16.—(Special.)—Considerable interest is felt in railway circles regarding the new line of road which is being surveyed in South Dakota. The general opinion prevails that the work is being done by the Illinois Central, which has been doing a good deal of building in the west this year. Now it is said the Central proposes to invade the South Dakota territory, which heretofore has been in the possession of the Milwaukee and the Northwestern. Both of these roads are taking active interest in the survey now being made in the vicinity of Vermillion, S. D. It is said the new survey will run to Wheeler and thence across the river and on up the Black Hills country. Illinois Central agents have been purchasing rights of way in South Dakota, but everything is being done with a good deal of secrecy.

Citizens' Ticket Nominated.

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Both republican and democratic nominees for mayor of the city were turned down tonight at a big mass-meeting of citizens as unworthy of filling the office, and a third party, or law and order league, was formed. C. H. Merrick was nominated for mayor. Mr. Merrick has always been a republican. He is a prominent real estate man. Ward committees were appointed to carry on the movement. The meeting was called for the purpose of repudiating the present wide open policy of the democratic city administration. It is conceded by all that with a third ticket in the field the re-election of Mayor Phillips is a certainty.

Temperance Party Wins.

MASON CITY, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Both parties joined in a common caucus last night for nomination of city officers. The saloon question was the issue, and the results in all wards was in favor of the temperance adherents. This is the largest city in the state where prohibition sentiment is so strong. The following is the ticket: Mayor, George W. Brett; solicitor, G. F. McDermott; treasurer, C. H. McNider; assessor, S. B. Duffield.

Railroad Contract Let.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 16.—(Special.)—The bids for the grading and bridging of the new Belmond extension of the Iowa Central from Belmond to Algona were opened yesterday by President R. J. Kimball, vice president and Treasurer George R. Morse and General Manager L. M. Martin of the Central. There were nine bids filed for consideration and that of Balch & Peppard of Minneapolis was selected. The work will begin as soon as the weather is favorable.

Stamping Machine by Electricity.

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—A new stamping machine has been added to the equipment of the Fort Dodge postoffice. The machine is made necessary by the increased volume of business. It will be run by electricity and has a capacity of 30,000 letters an hour.

Office Seeks the Man.

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats of this city are having great difficulty in selecting a candidate for a mayor. C. F. Duncombe, who was nominated by the convention, declined to accept, and as yet no candidate has been secured.

TROOPS SENT TO MINING TOWN

Strikers Threaten to Burn the Place and May Do So Before the Soldiers Arrive.

DENVER, March 16.—The rioting at Henson, near Lake City, broke out late last night and the sheriff of Hinsdale county wired the governor for troops. The sheriff had just returned from Henson and said the situation was extremely critical and that the strikers were in control of the place and had threatened to burn everything in the camp. A red glare in the sky a few minutes after the sheriff left the camp indicated that the threat was being carried out.

The message to Governor Thomas asked for at least 150 men, and the governor decided to grant the request at once. Company B, First regiment of infantry, and Troops B and C of the cavalry, under Captains Smith and Hill, were summoned and left this morning. Colonel MacArey commands the troops. A stop was made at Pueblo for thirty men of B company, Second infantry, at that place, and it is likely the run to Lake City will be made by 7 o'clock tonight, if not before. The snows on Marshall pass may delay the train a little, but the men will be in readiness to leave for Henson by conveyances during the early night and be prepared to take charge of the situation at daylight tomorrow. As the railroad winds through a narrow canyon for most of the distance, the troops will depend upon the Lake City people to prevent ambushing, for at some places it would be possible for a few men to hold the entire attacking force at bay, especially as the snow and ice in the gorge are so bad that detours of the sides of hills are impossible.

A special to the Times from Lake City says the Italian strikers did not attempt to burn the mining camp Henson, as was feared last night. Quiet prevails today. The troops enroute from Denver and Pueblo are expected to reach Lake City tomorrow morning.

WOMEN'S FIGHT A MYSTERY

St. Louis Police Can Find No Trace of the Vitriol Thrower Who Injured Mrs. McVean.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—An element of mystery still surrounds the case of the West End widow, Mrs. McVean, whose face and body were badly burned Tuesday night by acids thrown by some unknown person. The police are unable to find any trace of the assailant. From what can be learned from Miss Magraw, sister of Mrs. McVean, it is thought a man attired as a woman committed the deed.

Another anonymous letter addressed to Mrs. McVean has been received and is now in the hands of her attorney, ex-Judge Thomas B. Harvey.

Alger in Montreal.

MONTREAL, March 16.—General Russell A. Alger arrived here today. He is the guest of Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

DOES COFFEE AGREE WITH YOU?
If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it, but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package today from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 15c and 25c.

MERCHANTS WANT A RAILWAY

Commercial Exchange May Build a Line from Des Moines to Newton.

DOUBLE TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES

County Attorney Believes that Corporations in Iowa Are Subject to a Local as Well as State Taxation.

DES MOINES, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—At the meeting of the Commercial exchange this afternoon a resolution was passed to the effect that a meeting of the exchange as a body, together with the representative citizens of Des Moines, be called at a date in the near future to take final action on the proposed short line connecting Des Moines with Newton. The exchange has had this matter under consideration for some time, but owing to the fact that any step in that direction might jeopardize the best interests of the auditorium the question was deferred until the meeting today.

The original resolution called for a vote of the directory on the question of organizing a company to be under the control of the exchange, but this was tabled and the following substituted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Commercial exchange that a short line connecting Des Moines with the Iowa Central at Newton be built and that a mass meeting of the members of the exchange and the representative citizens be called at a date in the near future to take final action on the question."

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Iowa State Hardware Jobbers' association adjourned this afternoon, after a two days' session. The members are still exceedingly reticent regarding the nature of the discussions which were conducted in their meetings. Some of the members admitted that the jobbing industry was in great danger of absolute demoralization through the action of the trusts and combinations, but an admission could not be secured to the effect that any definite steps had been taken in the matter as looking toward the alleviation of this condition.

Local Tax on Insurance Companies.

A discovery has been made at the county auditor's office which means much grief for the insurance companies and other corporations making Des Moines their home. Deputy Parker became convinced that section 1,323 of the code, wherein insurance companies were exempt from a local tax was unconstitutional. He investigated and became more convinced when reading this article in the constitution: "The property of all corporations for pecuniary profit shall be subject to taxation the same as an individual." The matter was turned over to County Attorney Cheshire, and this afternoon he handed down an opinion fully sustaining the position. All assessors have been instructed to assess the insurance companies with headquarters in this city. This means that upward of $1,000,000 will be subject to taxation and that close upon $40,000 will be received by the county in taxes each year.

In the past the insurance companies have paid to the state a tax upon the gross earnings of the corporation. In the instance of a local tax these corporations will pay upon the capital stock and the surplus. This is considered quite a blow at the companies, for it may mean a double taxation. It is not known who the insurance companies will attack, the county or the state, but they will resist the payment of one of these taxes, for a double taxation will seriously affect them. The insurance companies and the counties of all Iowa are interested.

LIVING WITH THREE WIVES

Methodist Episcopal Conference at Manayunk Scores Congressman Roberts of Utah.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—At today's meeting of the Methodist Episcopal conference, in session at Mount Zion church, Manayunk, a resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. String of Manayunk condemning the polygamous practices of Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts of Utah and asking for his expulsion from the halls of congress. The resolution was referred to a committee for modification.

Before this action was taken Rev. Dr. T. C. Iliff, the presiding elder of the Utah district, and one of the committee of three appointed by the Evangelical Ministerial union of that state to prepare a formal protest to be presented to the Fifty-sixth congress against Roberts' admission, stated that the committee had secured satisfactory evidence that Roberts was at present living in polygamy with three wives.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

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Blotches, blackheads, red, rough, and oily skin, red, rough hands with shapeless nails, dry, thin, and falling hair, and simple baby rashes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, greatest of skin purifying and beautifying soaps, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery, because the only preventive of inflammation and clogging of the Pores, the cause of most minor affections of the skin, scalp, and hair.

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With a Small Commission.
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House of 6 rooms, modern, $2,750.
House of 8 rooms, modern, $6,000.
House of 10 rooms, modern, $7,000.
House of 4 rooms and barn. One-half acre lot, $2,000.
The locations for above property are some of the best in the city.
House of 5 rooms and two good lots, near transfer depot, $1,250; easy terms.
Stock farm, 480 acres, eight miles from Council Bluffs—fair price.
House of two rooms and lot in Galesburg addition; fine well; $150 cash.
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