

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass. Gas fixtures, globe globes at Bixby's. Magazines bound, Mouchehouse & Co. Budweiser beer, L. Rosenfeld, agent. Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's agent. Schmidt's photos, new and latest styles. New patterns in dresses, moulines, C. E. Alexander & Co., 323 Broadway.

TWENTY YEARS FOR GREGORY

Convicted Under the Habitual Criminal Act Gets Him Long Sentence.

PLEA FOR MERCY A FULL CONFESSION

Admission of Former Convictions and Ignorance of the Law Offered as Extenuating Circumstances in the Case.

J. A. Gregory, the oft-time convicted horse-thief and desperado, was sentenced by Judge Smith in the district court yesterday morning to twenty years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. Within half an hour after learning his fate, Gregory, in charge of Sheriff Cousins and Deputy Sheriff Ed Canning, was on his way to the penitentiary to commence serving his sentence.

Gregory, in addition to being convicted of the ordinary crime of horse-stealing, was also found guilty of being an habitual criminal. His conviction under the habitual criminal act is the first since the enactment of this law.

Gregory's trial and conviction had attracted widespread interest and attention and at 9:20 o'clock, the time announced by Judge Smith for passing sentence, the district court room was packed solid with an expectant throng. Scattered among the crowd, and the full force of deputy sheriffs and bailiffs to prevent any possible attempt on the part of Gregory's friends to effect his escape.

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Money Raised by Popular Subscription for the Home the Order Proposes to Build.

MITCHELL S. D., May 17.—(Special Telegram)—The Odd Fellows and Rebekah grand lodges adjourned this morning after the installation of officers. During the discussion of the home fund for the building of the Odd Fellows' home, a popular collection was started by one of the brothers and 100 silver dollars were cast into the middle of the floor as an addition to the money already raised.

The state encampment held its annual session this afternoon and elected the following officers: Patriarch, C. F. Demouth, Des Moines; high priest, W. J. Matthee, Boscawen; grand lodge, W. J. Matthee, Boscawen; C. H. Blaw, Del Rio; grand representative, D. S. Waldo, Canton. Reports of officers showed the state encampment to be in flourishing condition. A new local camp was organized by the grand encampment last night with thirty new members.

SOUTH DAKOTA TOWN BURNING

Oil Sheds and Tank Abolish and One of Seven Grain Elevators on Fire.

WEBSTER S. D., May 17.—A dangerous conflagration is raging here, with a high east wind to fan the flames. The Standard Oil sheds and tank on the east and in line with the seven grain elevators are burning and the latter seem doomed. The grain in them is being run out on the ground to save it. Extensive lumber yards are in danger.

The firemen have begun tearing down the elevators in order to stay the flames. The fire continued to spread and the Strong elevator burst into flames. The fire threatens the entire town. Neighboring towns have been wired for help. The Milwaukee company's station is to be abandoned.

Prosperity at Lead.

LEAD, S. D., May 17.—(Special)—There is a general building boom on this city. Contracts have been let and work has commenced on seven new stone and brick blocks in the burned district which will cost not less than \$100,000 to rebuild. The Homestate company is now employing about 2,000 men at the mines, mills, new grain elevators and brick plants in and about the city. The pay roll of the company now amounts to about \$200,000 per month. There is a steady demand for laborers and skilled workmen of all kinds and it is evident that the season of rebuilding has not really started in. It is believed that before the close of the year all of the burned buildings will be replaced, which will be about forty in number.

A number of the business men of the city have organized a company for the purpose of erecting a \$100,000 hotel on Lehigh street. There has been a freedom from labor strikes for the reason that high wages are being paid for all kinds of work.

Result of Republican Primaries.

HURON, S. D., May 17.—(Special)—The republican primaries resulted in the nomination of the following candidates: E. H. Vance, senator; A. W. Whitman and J. P. Davis, representatives; A. W. Burt, state attorney; J. C. Klemm, register of deeds; George E. Mahaffy, treasurer; F. A. Munson, auditor; Asher F. Fay, clerk of courts; George Kerr, sheriff; L. C. Kemp, probate judge; S. P. Corley, superintendent of mining. The following delegates were chosen to the state convention at Sioux Falls: F. H. Kent, C. N. Melville, R. C. Gibbs, C. N. Cooper, C. E. Cort, John Wood, E. M. Thomas, John Longstaff, L. C. Birney, Bruce M. Rankin, F. M. Hoff, Dr. J. H. Smith, John Eyer, Robert Allison, Sam Buckley, J. L. Hammond, John Simmons, L. Brown, Ross Motzmann, Tevi Tatum, George Hebron, Dr. Milburn, George Walcott, J. J. Wilson, J. H. Farrington, John Blackly and A. S. Jones.

Injured in Dynamite Explosion.

GURNESEY, Wyo., May 17.—(Special)—Carl Bergquist, a laborer, was seriously injured yesterday by a premature explosion of dynamite at a grading camp a few miles east of Guernsey. Bergquist had put in a charge of powder to enlarge the hole so as to admit of a larger charge of dynamite. The rocks were still warm, and when the sticks of dynamite were inserted an explosion followed before Bergquist could get out of the way. His face, arms and breast were filled with small pieces of rock, and he was blown a distance of forty feet. Bergquist has been removed to the Burlington hospital at Grand Island.

Another Body Recovered.

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 17.—(Special)—A Laramie paper prints the report that another body has been recovered from the debris of the O'Neill wreck. Like the others it was so badly burned that identification was impossible. No papers were found on the body that would disclose the identity of the victim of the open scuffle.

New Bridge in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 17.—(Special)—The State Board of Charities and Reform decided yesterday to build a bridge across the Big Horn river at Thermopylae. Bids will be opened on June 1. The structure will be 225 feet long, 14 feet wide and will cost between \$7,000 and \$9,000.

Pay for Census Enumerators.

ABERDEEN, S. D., May 17.—(Special)—The pay of census enumerators in South Dakota has been fixed for the year. The law expressly prohibits their doing any other work as a side issue while engaged in their official duties.

South Dakota News.

A band has been organized at Desmet, with H. J. Carroll as leader. Dudley Taylor, Aurora county, will have a new Methodist church. D. L. Anderson has purchased the hotel at Elrod and is having it repaired preparatory to reopening it as a hotel.

Woodmen of Beadle county will hold their second annual picnic at Ashland Grove, S. D., on June 25.

The teachers' institute for Deuel county will be held at Clear Lake from June 25 to 29.

Farmers in various parts of the state report that the wheat is further advanced now than it has been for many years in this season.

The eleventh annual institute for the teachers of Kingsbury county will be held at Desmet, S. D., on June 25.

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