NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

H. M. Leffert, optician, 236 B'way.

Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's.

Magazines bound, Moorehouse & Co.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld, agent.

Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's hotel.

Schmidt's photos, new and latest styles.

Try Keystone Printing House. 'Phone 378.

You get the best dinners at the Vienna.

W. E. Lewis sells monuments. 301 B'way.

Scientific optician at Woolman's, 409 B'way.

Hale S. Hutchins left last evening on a trip to Spokane, Wash.

The vacation prize will go to the Council Bluffs girl who hustles votes.

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

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 33.

Dr. S. K. Shriver will leave today for a visit to his old home in Cambridge, O.

Mrs. Henry DeLong will leave tomorrow for Wellsville, O., to spend the summer.

For pictures, frames and artists' materials, go to Alexander & Co., 333 B-way.

W. F. Graff, undertaker and licensed embalmer, 101 South Main street. 'Phone 506.

Miss Ethyl Church of Lincoln is visiting Miss Madeline Thernhardt of 312 Avenue G.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bloomer left last evening to spend the summer in the Black Hills.

Miss Sigafoos left Wednesday evening for a trip of several months among the great lakes.

The regular meeting of Fidelity council No. 176, Royal Arcanum, will be held this evening.

There will be a special meeting this evening of Myrtle lodge No. 12, Degree of Honor, in the Merriam block.

The regular meeting of Companion court, Wacondah No. 996, Independent Order of Foresters, will be held this evening.

All votes in the Council Bluffs vacation contest will be counted daily and the result will become more interesting from day to day.

Callie E. Skinner took out a building permit yesterday for the erection of a one-story frame cottage in Streetsville to cost $1,600.

The police are still looking for a clew to the two highwaymen who held up and robbed Johansen Bros.' saloon Tuesday night.

Justice Vien performed the marriage ceremony yesterday afternoon for John Armstrong and Flora Jackson, both colored, of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Messmore and family have returned from Boone, Ia., where they were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Grace Browne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Flickinger left last evening for a two weeks' sojourn at Battle Creek, Mich., for the benefit of Mrs. Flickinger's health.

The official board of the First Christian church has decided to extend a call to Rev. W. B. Crewdson of Corning, Ia., to succeed Rev. S. M. Perkins.

Fitz M. Sackett of Albia, Neb., and Henrietta N. Bowerman of Sioux City, Ia., were married in this city yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Justice Ferrier.

Miss Zoe Hill returned yesterday from Lasell, Mass., where she has been attending school for the last six months, to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Childs of Seventh avenue left Wednesday for an extended visit to the Pacific coast. They will visit friends in Denver, Salt Lake and Portland and from the latter place will proceed southward through California.

A. J. Allison of St. Cloud, Minn., who was among the visitors to Lake Manawa on Wednesday, lost a pocketbook containing credits to the amount of $8,000. It was picked up by J. H. Taber of 1728 Second avenue, who turned it over to the police.

The new books recently purchased by the trustees for the public library have arrived and Mrs. Dailey, the librarian, and assistants are busily numbering them and placing them on the shelves. The list includes many of the recent popular works of fiction.

"Doc" G. W. Long, the reformer arrested Tuesday night for being drunk and using obscene language on the streets, succeeded in securing a continuance of his case in police court yesterday for two weeks, as he has business of a pressing nature out of the city.

Charles Jensen of Panama, Ia., came to the Bluffs to celebrate the Fourth. Early yesterday morning he was found asleep on the sidewalk and in police court Judge Aylesworth assessed him $5 and costs for the accommodation. He paid the fine and thought he had got off easy at that.

Ben Tinnell, who is charged with slugging a companion with brass knuckles during the progress of a dance in a resort on Twenty-sixth avenue and Eleventh street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of disturbing the peace. He will have a hearing this morning before Judge Aylesworth.

A steam pipe burst at the Grand hotel yesterday morning and some excitable individual seeing the steam escape thought the hotel was about to burn down and sent in a fire alarm, which was responded to by every company in town. The firemen had one line of hose laid before they discovered it was only a steam pipe that was wrong.

James Richardson of 1630 Avenue D, charged with beating his wife Wednesday evening, had his case continued in police court yesterday until tomorrow. Mrs. Richardson was too badly battered up to appear in court yesterday. Richardson in default of bail, which was placed at $125, is languishing behind the bars at the city jail.

Jim Manning, a veteran of the civil war, living near Weston, came to the city Wednesday to celebrate Independence day. He met too many old friends and celebrated so freely that he fell asleep on the sidewalk. Judge Aylesworth assessed him $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning, but remitted the fine and ordered him released when the old man said he had to go to the court house "to make his mark" to his pension voucher and that no one else could do it for him.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250.

Notice to Star Collectors.

Our new books, containing a larger list of stores than ever, will soon be out. After July 1 we will strictly enforce the provisions of our books and only redeem full books of stars. Detached pages or books in which pages are inserted will not be redeemed, so do not mutilate your books. Our premium stores have been imposed upon by persons continually running in with small orders and we are now compelled to strictly enforce the full book rules.

PREMIUM STAR COMPANY.

Save your coupons and vote for the most popular Council Bluffs working girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Roscoe C. McKean, Omaha	25
Olive C. Van Gilder, Omaha	28
George Watts, Goehner, Neb.	53
Dora A. McCord, Friend, Neb.	42
F. M. Sackett, Albion, Neb.	51
Henrietta N. Bowerman, Sioux City	44
John Armstrong, Omaha	47
Flora Jackson, Omaha	34

When you deposit your vacation coupons pin them together. It will make the counting quicker and easier.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Helen L. McMillan to John A. Kirkland, se¼ sw¼ 23; nw¼ ne¼ and ne¼ nw¼ 26-77-44, w d	$2,500
George W. Hewitt and wife to Maggie A. Holmes, lots 1 and 2, block 38, Brown's subdiv, w d	37
Two transfers, total	$2,537

Davis sells paints.

FARM LOANS
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, Jr., 126 Main St., Council Bluffs.

MONEY TO LOAN On City Property
Savings Loan and Building Associat'n
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

WHO OWNS THE BRIDGE LINE

Several Conflicting Stories Set Afloat by Men in Authority.

FLATLY CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS

Manager Reed, Stockholders Wattles and Hannan and Attorney Wright All Give Different Versions of the Deal.

Manager W. S. Reed of the Omaha, Council Bluffs & Suburban Railway company is authority for the statement that his company has bought out the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company.

Gurdon W. Wattles, president of the Union National bank of Omaha, who recently secured what was said to be a controlling interest in the Suburban company, emphatically denies that any such deal has been consummated. Mr. Wattles' assertion is confirmed by George F. Wright, general counsel for and chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of the bridge line.

Charles R. Hannan, cashier of the First National bank of this city and a heavy stockholder and one of the promotors of the Suburban line, says "there is a hen on, but the egg is not ready to hatch," and that there is a settlement pending so that the old motor company will not be so aggressive against the Suburban company hereafter.

Rumors that the two rival motor companies were patching up their differences have been in circulation for several days and it was generally believed that since the advent of Mr. Wattles into the Suburban line that company had renewed its proposition to buy out the old company, but that the Suburban company has bought out the bridge company is emphatically denied by them. That some deal is pending looking toward the consolidation of the two motor companies and possibly the Omaha street railway is unquestioned, but in view of the conflicting statements made by the officers of the two corporations the general opinion is that while a consolidation of the two local companies may be looked for in the near future the deal has not yet been consummated.

Reed is Very Explicit.

W. S. Reed, secretary and general manager of the Suburban company, insists that his company has bought out the bridge line and that a reorganization of the two when consolidated will take place. The time has not yet come, he said yesterday, to make anything further public. He said: "The authoritative statement can be made that the Suburban company has bought the bridge line and it is useless for anyone to deny that it has not. If we had not made this deal we would not be working to connect our line to Manawa with the tracks of the old company on Main street at Ninth avenue."

Colonel W. J. Davenport, local freight and passenger agent of the Burlington system, said that the Suburban company had made application for crossings at Ninth avenue yesterday morning, that the company intended to run its line on Sixth street to Ninth avenue and then on Ninth avenue to Main street.

G. W. Wattles was in the city yesterday afternoon and held a long conference with Stone & Tinley, local attorneys for the Suburban company, in their office. When asked if there was any foundation for the statement of Manager Reed that the Suburban company had bought out the old company, he said there was absolutely none.

Wattles Denies the Statement.

"Is there a deal pending with that end in view?" was asked, and Mr. Wattles said there was not. "The only deal that has been pending and which has now been consummated was one for obtaining power from the old company to run our cars until such time as our power house is completed," he said. "I do not want to be understood as saying that we would not buy out the old company, if it was willing to sell, but I do say that no such deal is pending at present, at least as far as I know, and I can state positively and authoritively that no such deal has been consummated. This is all I have to say and in fact it is more than I really care to say, as I am adverse to newspaper notoriety, too much of which I have already received since I became connected with the Suburban company."

When asked if an offer had been made to purchase his interest in the Suburban company, Mr. Wattles said that there had, but declined to say by whom. He said that since the city had given his company the permission to go upon the main streets he would not think of selling out. Had the city refused this, he said, then he might have been willing to sell out. The approval by the city council last Monday night of the company's selection of the main streets on which it intended to lay its tracks had ended any possible thought on his part of selling out his interest in the new company.

Cashier Hannan of the First National bank, when asked what he had to make public about the reported purchase by the Suburban company of the bridge line, said he had nothing to say, as he believed the "others had better fight it out amongst themselves." He admitted that a deal was pending, but declined to furnish any information.

What Attorney Wright Says.

This is Attorney George F. Wright's statement: "The Suburban company has not bought out the bridge company. This statement I make with authority. Our directors held a meeting Tuesday afternoon, at which Mr. Wattles was present. He stated to the board that his company expected several thousand visitors at Lake Manawa on the Fourth and he wanted to make an arrangement to secure power from the bridge line to run their cars. After some discussion the directors decided to grant the request and Mr. Wattles was told to send Manager Reed to make the necessary arrangements with Manager Dimmock. The question of consolidating the three companies—the Omaha Street railway, the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company and the Omaha, Council Bluffs & Suburban railway—had been under discussion at a meeting of the board last week and the matter was again brought up at this meeting. Mr. Wattles said that the deal to buy out the bridge line had been practically closed, but that the stockholders had backed out and had at the last moment refused to sell their holdings at the price agreed upon. Mr. Guy Barton stated that such was not the fact. He said that last February Dr. Slush, one of the promoters of the Suburban company and one of its financial backers, asked for a price on the stock of the Omaha Street Railway company and subsequently asked for a price on the stock of the bridge line, as his new company would buy out both. Later he notified the directors of the bridge line that his company had decided that it did not want the Omaha Street railway, but would buy out the bridge line. Stockholders who had holdings in both the Omaha Street railway and the bridge line refused to sell unless the Suburban company bought out both lines. They said Slush could not have one without the other and the negotiations were accordingly declared off. Mr. Barton informed Mr. Wattles that the stock of the bridge company was still on the market at the price named to Slush last February, which was 60 cents on the dollar. Mr. Wattles told the board that he would take the matter under consideration and see if he could make the necessary arrangements to buy the stock. That is all there is of the reported purchase of the old company by the Suburban and that is as far as the negotiations have reached. There is no sale yet and I believe I am right in saying that Mr. Wattles should know more about the matter than does Mr. Reed. That is all I have to say."

What Another Man Says.

A gentleman closely connected with the Suburban company, but who for personal reasons did not desire his name mentioned, stated last night that it was not the intention of the Suburban company to buy out the bridge company. It had no need to, he said. In the first place, the new company has secured the right to lay its tracks on all the principal streets in the city and under the government charter of the bridge across the Missouri to the old company any company has the right to build its lines across it on payment of a reasonable toll. In the event of a disagreement as to the reasonable toll the matter would be arbitrated by the secretary of war. This same gentleman said that he knew that no deal had been consummated whereby the new company had bought the old. Any such deal, as he understood, he said, would have to be made through Mr. Wattles, who was the money power behind the throne of the Suburban company.

"Mr. Riley" 5-cent cigar.

Water Bills.

Pay now and save 5 per cent. Office open Monday and Tuesday evenings.

AFTER THE FOURTH IS OVER.

Mayor Jennings' Efforts for Safety Prevent Many Accidents.

Mayor Jennings' orders governing the discharge of firecrackers within the city limits were generally obeyed and after midnight Wednesday the exploding of crackers practically ceased. Despite the immense crowds that visited the city Wednesday there was but little or no disturbance and very few arrests even for intoxication were made. The mayor's solicitude for the people precluded him from taking a holiday that day. He stayed at home and looked after the welfare and comfort of the people. Realizing that the motor company would have some trouble in handling the immense crowds at Sixteenth avenue he ordered the entire day force of police to stay on duty at night and detailed officers for every point where the people congested. The service rendered by the police, Mayor Jennings feels, averted accidents.

The Fourth passed without any serious accidents outside of the drowning of Fred Mayne. Warren Dailey, a former member of Company L, Fifty-first Iowa volunteers, while out with the Dodge Light guards celebrating was accidentally shot in the thigh with a blank cartridge from a Springfield rifle, tearing a big hole in the flesh. Nels Jensen received a broken collar bone as a result of his buggy tipping over into a ditch on the way home from Manawa. C. J. Neunas received painful burns about the hands and face while tearing down a burning awning in front of his store. Dr. V. L. Treynor had one hand somewhat severely burned by the premature discharge of a giant cracker. The little son of City Clerk Phillips got too close to an exploding bunch of crackers and had his face burned somewhat, but not seriously. The 10-year-old son of George Miller, 443 South First street, had his face filled with gunpowder by reason of too close connection with a big cracker. A small stock of crackers at 202 Broadway went up in smoke, but the firemen from the hose house opposite got their work in before the flames spread to the building.

Commonwealth 10-cent cigar.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Reed, 541 B'way.

MAYOR FAVORS A COMPROMISE.

Thinks the Park Board Ought to Give in to the Motor Company.

The answer of the Board of Park Commissioners to the injunction suit brought by the motor company restraining it from grading the dirt now obstructing the entrance to Fairmount park was not filed yesterday, but Attorney Hazelton stated it would be this morning. Mayor Jennings and other city officials say they believe a compromise could be effected with little difficulty if the park commissioners would only concede a little to the motor company. The large number of people who visited the resort Wednesday were greatly inconvenienced by having to climb through the cut into the park, many of them being heavily laden with lunch baskets and other impedimenta.

Mayor Jennings stated yesterday that he felt it was due to the people that a settlement of the controversy between the park board and the motor company be reached without delay. The motor company has certain rights which the board is bound to respect and the difficulty, he believed, could be compromised with very little trouble.

Howell's Anti-"Kawf" cures coughs, colds.

Water Bills.

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Fred Mayne's Funeral.

The funeral of Fred Mayne, who was drowned at Lake Manawa Wednesday evening, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 802 Seventh avenue. Rev. W. S. Barnes of the First Presbyterian church will conduct the services and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Fred Mayne was a young man of sterling qualities and his untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances and Mrs. Mayne, his mother, who was recently bereaved by the death of her husband, has the sympathy of the entire community. The young man contributed largely to the support of the home. Manager Reed of the Suburban company has offered to donate the entire receipts of the resort for any day that might be selected for the benefit of the family.

Wallace Shepard was not in the boat at the time it capsized. Dwight Odell and Norman McAllister were in the party, and escaped with nothing worse than a wetting.

You can deposit your votes for the most popular working girl in the vacation contest at the Council Bluffs office.

Suburbans Beaten.

The Suburban ball team went to Glenwood on the Fourth, where it met a team from that town. Two games were played, resulting in a victory for the home team in both games. The score in the forenoon was 13 to 7 and in the afternoon 10 to 3. Next Sunday the Suburbans expect to play the Missouri Valley team, but as yet the place has not been decided upon. It is expected the game will be played on the home grounds.

Water Bills.

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Vote early and often.

LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Judge Bishop Finds Flaws in Building and Loan Measure.

WORD RECEIVED FROM MINISTER CONGER

Letter from Pekin to His Sister-in-Law at Des Moines States that Times Are Growing More Exciting Every Day.

DES MOINES, July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Bishop, in Polk county district court, held Thursday that the building and loan law passed by the twenty-eighth general assembly is unconstitutional and void in the features affecting existing contracts. This applies to the interest, which was legalized so far as it was above 8 per cent by the twenty-seventh general assembly. Judge Bishop holds that the legislature cannot play fast and loose with the corporations of this character, whose contracts were made mutually. He believes that the law cannot in any way affect existing contracts in building and loan business and that the companies can recover to the face of the contracts. The case was that of the Iowa Central Building and Loan association against Wilson, all Des Moines parties. It directly raised the question of constitutionality.

Mrs. Ida H. Conger, sister-in-law of Minister E. H. Conger in Pekin, received the following letter from him today, dated May 26:

"The times grow more exciting every day. The opposition to missionaries and all foreigners is worse than it has been for thirty years. Hence I am unusually busy. The Woodwards of Chicago are still with us. They are here to stay until the middle of June. We are still in the city (Pekin), but hope to move up to the hills within ten days. It will be quite warm there, but we shall miss the dirt of the city. I enclose pictures of our apartments, of myself at my desk and of the American legation, including, besides the minister, First Secretary Squires of New York, Second Secretary Bainbridge of Council Bluffs and Interpreter Chesshire, formerly of Iowa, but who has been connected with the legation for twenty years."

WOMAN BURNED BY GASOLINE

Child Handles Fluid Carelessly and Mrs. Romans is Probably Fatally Injured.

DENISON, Ia., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. J. B. Romans, wife of the prominent democratic politician, was very seriously burned by gasoline this afternoon. Her clothing was entirely burned off and from her knees to her eyebrows she is badly scorched. It is feared that the accident will be fatal.

The accident was caused by the careless handling of gasoline by a child. An open dish filled with gasoline caught fire in the child's hands. Mrs. Romans told her to throw it away and in her fright the child threw the burning fluid all over Mrs. Romans and in an instant she was a mass of flames. Mr. Romans, who is attending the convention at Kansas City, has been telegraphed.

HAND BLOWN OFF BY EXPLOSION.

Iowa Man is Seriously Injured by Handling Giant Cracker.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A fearful accident from the effects of an explosion of a cannon firecracker occurred last night at Vincent, where Will Krempein of Fort Dodge had his right hand blown into shreds. Krempein with some others was celebrating the Fourth in the approved manner and had lighted a giant cracker which failed to explode. After waiting what he supposed was a reasonable time he picked up the cracker for a further examination. He had it firmly in his grasp when the explosion occurred. His hand and wrist were litterly torn into shreds, the flesh being torn from the bone in strips and the bones themselves fractured above the wrist. Prompt attendance saved him from bleeding to death and the hand was amputated above the wrist.

RESIDENCE BLOCK IS DESTROYED.

Disastrous Conflagration Starts from Firecrackers in Iowa City.

IOWA CITY, Ia., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A disastrous conflagration fed by high winds destroyed nearly an entire block of fine residences here today. It started in Hon. T. E. Brockway's barn and destroyed Brockway's barn and residence, Tanner's barn and residence, Dr. Andrews' barn, Dr. Harriman's barn and Mrs. Lewis' barn. The fire department saved the residences of Dr. Murphy, Ira Alder, Dr. Andrews and the residence of McLean after saturating them with water. The firemen worked desperately in the face of a high wind and intense heat or the loss would have been terrible. The damage is fully covered by insurance. The loss amounts to $25,000. The blaze was started from a firecracker.

LET CONTRACT FOR THE BIG DITCH.

Chicago Concern Will Construct the Woodbury-Monona Canal.

ONAWA, Ia., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The county auditor awarded the contract for the big Woodbury-Monona county ditch in Monona county this afternoon to the Canal Construction company of Chicago at 7¼ cents per cubic yard. M. Vincent of Onawa had the next lowest bid, 7 76-100. Wickham & Co. of Council Bluffs bid was 10 9-10 cents. There were eighteen bids received, ranging from 7¼ to 19 cents, and the price is for the average of the whole work.

Race for Woman's Watch.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 5.—(Special.)—As Conductor Will O'Neil's train was pulling out of Estherville last evening a young fellow named Kelley grabbed a watch and purse from a woman sitting near him in the Northwestern coach and at once jumped from the train. Conductor O'Neil at once pulled the bellcord and as the train slowed up the train crew and a number of traveling men on board got out and gave chase and so well did they run that they succeeded in overtaking and capturing the highwayman. The young woman received her property with many thanks to her protectors and young Kelley was held to answer for his crime.

Escaped Convict Captured.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 5.—(Special.)—The authorities of Hardin county are rejoicing over the capture of a notorious criminal, Harry Adams, who escaped from the county jail two years ago while under arrest for running a poker joint. He ventured back to his old haunts at Iowa Falls this week and was at once recognized and arrested by Marshal Gifford. Deputy Sheriff Lem Harris took him to the county jail, well shackled on hands and feet to prevent him engaging in another foot race for liberty.

Decide Against Gasoline Light.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 5.—(Special.)—The case of the State of Iowa against The White Light company and W. H. Curtis, agent, has been given a hearing in Waterloo and a decision adverse to the use of gasoline as an illuminant handed down. The case is of widespread interest on account of its bearing on the gasoline lighting question, the present Iowa laws discriminating against and prohibiting its use.

The present case, which is looked upon as a test case, is one where Mr. Curtis placed a plant in the store room of N. Federspiel & Co. for the furnishing of a gaslight made from gas generated from gasoline. President John Rush of the Swem Gas Light company had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Mr. Curtis for violation of the state law on the use of gasoline. The matter was to have been tried last Friday, but was postponed and finally has been given a hearing in Judge Kuhn's court. The case was decided against Curtis and the White Light company and Curtis has given notice that he will appeal the case until he has a decision from the highest court. Mr. Rush says that he knows that the using of gasoline as adopted by the White Light company is illegal and proposes to prosecute every infraction of the laws, so that an interesting legal fight is assured until the statute governing the matter is interpreted by the supreme court.

Starch Plant Will Reopen.

SIOUX CITY, July 5.—(Special.)—A short time ago it was feared that the large plant of the Sioux City Starch company had shut down for good, but it looks now as if the plant would be reopened and that several important improvements and enlargements will be made and that the number of employes will be considerably increased.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS.

Dakota Crop Conditions.

HURON, S. D., July 5.—(Special.)—Forty-one counties in South Dakota send reports of crop conditions for the week ending Tuesday to the government weather bureau here, which may be summarized as follows. Since their receipt some copious rains have fallen in the Jim river and Sioux river valleys and also in sections northwest and in the central portions of the state which will result beneficially, corn and pasturage particularly being improved:

The high temperature, winds and absence of sufficient moisture were unfavorable to small grain, flax and grass and these crops were injured to some extent in most localities, especially in middle and northern counties.

Wheat, on the whole, continues thin stand, and the straw, though somewhat lengthened, especially in southeastern localities, is still considered short, and in most fields is uneven in length. The bulk of the crop is heading or blossoming and filling, and in most counties stands badly in need of rain.

Oats, on the whole, promise a poor crop. Barley is considerably better in southeastern and some other localities, but the prospect is only fair. Rye harvest is in progress in some middle-eastern and southern localities, with light to fair yield indicated.

The plowing up and reseeding of worthless grain fields to late or forage crops continues in many localities.

The prospect for flax, on the whole, is not encouraging, and unless more favorable weather occurs soon the crop will be light. Where not too badly damaged by drouth early flax is in blossom, but the bulk of the crop, especially in middle and northern counties, was sown late, and there is much in these sections which has made little or no advancement during the past week, and some in the driest districts that has not started to grow. The crop, as a whole, stands much in need of moisture.

Corn is backward in northern counties, and in some localities suffering; elsewhere it has prospered, especially in southeastern counties, where some fields are laid by.

Potatoes, on the whole, are less promising than they were last week, especially in middle and northern counties.

The prospect for hay has decreased, and in many middle and northern localities pasturage is getting dry.

While few apples are raised, the condition is uneven. Some counties report them promising well, while others poorly. They are dropping considerably in some localities.

On the whole, millet is less promising than it was last week, but would be much improved by good rains; much of the crop was sown late.

Dakota Relief Corps Officers.

HURON, S. D., July 5.—(Special.)—In general orders No. 1 Miss Emmer M. Cook, president of the Woman's Relief corps, department of South Dakota, establishes headquarters in this city and names the following officers: Department president, Emmer M. Cook, Huron; senior vice president, Emily Silsby, Mitchell; junior vice president, Sarah A. North, Watertown; secretary, Rose Blanche Spaulding, Huron; treasurer, Hattie M. Drake, Huron; chaplain, Waltz E. Mead, Clark; inspector, Louise De Jean, Plankinton; counselor, Alice M. A. Pickler, Faulkton; I. and I. officer, Inez M. Owen, Mitchell; patriotic instructor, Inez Bushnell, Blunt; executive board, Permilia Goodell, Huron; Mary J. Geddis, Huron; Emma A. Barr, Huron; Mary Rogers, Milbank; Emma Knapp, Alexandria; delegates and alternates to the national convention, delegate at large, Tillie H. Lawrence, Pierre; alternate at large, S. Nevada Hereford, Yankton; first delegate, Alberta Snow, Springfield; second delegate, Helen Bates, Flandreau; first alternate, Anna Nelson, Arlington; second alternate, Martha M. Drake, Plankinton.

Convention of Republican Clubs.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 5.—(Special.)—W. G. Porter, president, and A. B. Sessions, secretary of the State League of Republican Clubs, are in receipt of information which indicates that South Dakota will be well represented at the annual convention of the National League of Republican Clubs, to be held in St. Paul on the 17th inst. A full delegation will go from this state in addition to many other republicans who will journey to St. Paul at that time to hear Governor Roosevelt and other prominent republican speakers who have signified their intention of being present and addressing the convention of the national league. The president and secretary of the state league, whose headquarters are in Sioux Falls, will arrange for stopping places in St. Paul for all South Dakota republicans who wish to attend the national league meeting.

Ayres Feels Sure of Congress.

PIERRE, S. D., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas H. Ayres now claims that his nomination for congress on the populist ticket is assured. He has instructed delegations from fifteen counties with a vote of 205 and 281 pledged, but uninstructed delegates, giving him a total of 486 votes in a convention where 448 is necessary for a choice. Besides these practically a hundred other delegates are favorable to his candidacy in case their home men cannot win. This Mr. Ayres says assures him of the nomination.

Dakota Drouth is Broken.

ABERDEEN, S. D., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The long drouth, lasting since April, was broken by splendid rains last night and today. Nearly two inches of water fell. The storm is reported general all over the north part of the state. Great benefits will result, especially to fodder crops.

Rain Falls in South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D., July 5.—(Special Telegram.)—An inch and a quarter of general rain fell here last night and today, most of it in a drizzle which went into the ground, but one dash filled the water holes. This will help the hay crop and practically assures it in most sections.

Cured Bronchial Trouble.

Chas. E. Davis, 1071 W. Congress St., Chicago, says: "I suffered for years with bronchial trouble and tried many kinds of medicines without relief, until I began taking Foley's Honey and Tar, which cured me." For sale by Myer's-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha, and Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

Associated Press Case Postponed.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The case of the Inter Ocean Publishing company against the Associated Press of New York, which was scheduled to come up before Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court today on a motion to remand to the state courts, has been postponed indefinitely by an agreement of counsel.

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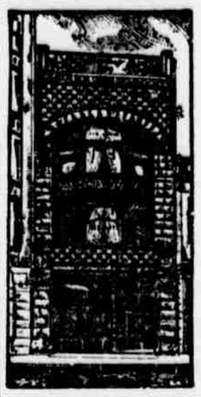

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FOURTH OF JULY FATALITIES

Firecrackers Head the List, with Toy Pistols Coming In a Close Second.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The Tribune says: As a result of the celebration of Independence day with firearms, toy cannon, giant crackers and other forms of explosions thirty persons were killed and 1,325 injured, according to reports received from 125 cities. The toy pistol and the toy cannon are shown to have done as deadly execution as sometimes has been done in war by those loaded with bullets and canister and aimed to kill. Skyrockets, anvil and powder explosions and the premature discharge of Fourth of July cannon help to complete the list of mishaps. In several instances persons were killed in runaway accidents due directly to fireworks. A fire loss of $123,325 was caused by the fireworks, in addition to the injury to human life.

In Chicago one boy was reported killed, against one death last year, but the accidents were less numerous. There were no costly fires in the city. Frankfort, Ky., alone suffered a fire loss of $50,000 due to firecrackers. Other cities also suffered heavily.

Out of this total of 1,325 persons hurt in an attempt to be patriotic 442 can attribute their injuries to firecrackers and dynamite torpedoes. The deadly cannon firecracker did most of this execution. Out of 152 injuries by firearms in sixty-seven cities the toy pistol caused 105. Gunpowder explosions, including the premature blowing up of many village anvils, caused the injury of 187 out of this list. Many of the injuries included in the list were reported as prospectively fatal.

DEFER PAYMENT OF SOLDIERS

Municipality of Havana Holds it to Be Matter for General Government.

HAVANA, July 5.—At the first meeting of the municipality of Havana, held yesterday, it was proposed that steps be taken to approach each municipality in the island regarding the payment of soldiers of the Cuban army.

A keen discussion ensued, the motion being well supported by many councillors. Senator Gener, however, made a strong resistance, on the ground of the poverty of the municipality and the irrevelency of the matter to the municipality, claiming that it was a question that should be decided by the central government, and he succeeded in having the motion quashed.

It is probable that within the next month three regiments of United States infantry—the First and Second and either the Fifth or the Eighth—will leave Cuba. This will leave only two regiments of infantry in the island.

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