NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.
"Mr. Riley," 5-cent cigar.
Why not smoke the Why cigar?
Leffert, 236 Bdy., tests eyes free.
Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's.
Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's hotel.
Dr. Stephenson, 101 Pearl St. Tel. 239.
Schmidt's photos, new and latest styles.
You get the best dinners at the Vienna.
Riley, best photographer, 402 Broadway.
Cab. photos $1.50 doz. Williams, 541 Bdy.
J. C. & W. Woodward, architects, 523 Bdy.
W. E. Lewis sells monuments. 301 B'way.
Lemp's beer, Soenke Boysen, sole agent.
Best beer, Budweiser. L. Rosenfeld, Agt.
Scientific optician at Woolman's, 409 B'way.
Born, to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Cable, yesterday, a daughter.
Campaign pictures and buttons. C. E. Alexander & Co., 233 Broadway.
Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.
W. C. Estep, undertaker, 23 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 33.
The regular meeting of Excelsior Masonic lodge No. 250 will be held this evening.
W. F. Graff, undertaker and licensed embalmer, 101 South Main street. 'Phone 506.
Attorney H. J. Chambers of this city has secured a patent on a hinge coupling for vehicles.
Howard W. Tilton and family left yesterday for a two weeks' outing at Oconomowoc, Wis.
Lily camp No. 1, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet this evening to make arrangements for the picnic.
A meeting of the colored voters of the city has been called for tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock at 123 East Pierce street.
Justice Ferrier performed the marriage ceremony yesterday for Frank Holsheiber and Katherine Hagen, both of Omaha.
New and second-hand furniture, stoves, carpets and house furnishings bought and sold. J. Stein & Co., 721 West Broadway.
T. W. Armstrong and Naoma Wright, both of Weston, Ia., were married in this city yesterday, Justice Ovide Vien officiating.
Mrs. B. D. Brown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. O. M. Brown of South Seventh street, returned to her home in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday.
Regular meeting of Concordia lodge No. 52, Knights of Pythias, at Hughes' hall this evening. Work in the third rank. Every member requested to be present.
The will of the late John D. Frohardt of Keg Creek township was admitted to probate yesterday. The estate consists of about $13,000 worth of personal property.
Dr. Don Macrae, jr., left yesterday for Denver, Colo., to attend the first annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Philippines. Dr. Macrae is president of the Iowa society.
The officers of Palm Grove and members of the degree team will meet tomorrow afternoon at Woodman of the World hall at 2 o'clock for drill and to have their photographs taken.
Ed Johnson, who created a disturbance in a South Main street restaurant last Saturday, was assessed $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning. The trouble occurred over payment for a meal.
The motor company has commenced work on connecting the line of the suburban company on Avenue C with its main line on Avenue A at Twenty-eighth street. The connecting track is laid directly east of the company's car barns.
Mrs. Elise Altmansperger, wife of C. A. Altmansperger, 427 Park avenue, died yesterday afternoon from apoplexy, aged 39 years. Her husband and three daughters and one son survive her. Notice of the funeral will be given later.
James Ferling and Edward Lee, the two "bad men from Bitter Creek," arrested Sunday morning for carrying concealed weapons, were each fined $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning. They will board the fine out, as the city rock pile is not yet doing business.
B. S. Josselyn, formerly of this city, writes to friends here from Louisville, Ky., that he has been made general manager of the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge and Railroad company, which recently acquired all the properties heretofore owned and operated by the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge company.
The Backman Comedy company presented "Maine and Georgia" last night to a well pleased audience. Like the performance of the previous evening, the theater-goers were highly elated with the entertainment and the specialties were very good. Tonight the company will present "The Senator's Daughter."
S. S. Stake died yesterday morning at his home, 105 South Seventh street, from paralysis, aged 71 years. His wife and five children survive him. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 9:30 o'clock this morning, conducted by Rev. G. W. Snyder of the English Lutheran church, after which the body will be shipped to Jefferson, Ia., for interment.
Harry C. Brown, district court bailiff, will leave this morning for Glenwood with a team of local ball players to take part in the base ball tournament which opens there today and lasts over Friday. The team will play the Glenwood nine this afternoon. The first game in the tournament will be between the Malvern and Tabor teams. Seymour and Franklin of Atlantic will be the battery for Council Bluffs.
Mrs. Matilda Nelson, wife of M. P. Nelson, 722 Fourth street, died yesterday morning, aged 51 years. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Danish Lutheran church, corner of Ninth street and Avenue A. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery. Mrs. Nelson had been a resident of Council Bluffs for thirty-three years and leaves besides her husband two sons and five daughters to mourn her loss.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Davis sells paint.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 541 Broadway.

Fight on Balduff.

The hearing of the case in which Caterer W. S. Balduff is charged with selling liquor contrary to law at the Lake Manawa cafe was continued in Justice Vien's court yesterday until Wednesday.

It developed yesterday that in addition to the warrant for Balduff's arrest on the information filed by B. C. Dodd of the Omaha Waiters' union, Justice Vien issued a search warrant on an affidavit filed by one Frank Norman. Constable Alberti of Justice Vien's court failed to seize any drinkables at the cafe, however, as he discovered that some one had gotten in ahead of him. A Lewis township justice had already issued a search warrant and the liquor was in possession and charge of a man named James Connell. Both search warrant proceedings were dismissed yesterday morning.

W. B. Fisher, former president of the Trades and Labor assembly of this city and a prominent union man, is authority for the statement that the action of the Waiters' union of Omaha is not endorsed by the labor unions of Council Bluffs.

HAMILTON'S
$3.50 Shoes
SAVE YOU $1.50
And give you all that it is possible to put in a shoe.

FARM LOANS
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, Jr., 128 Main St., Council Bluffs.

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

UNDER MISSOURI'S WAVES

Mrs. Matt Thomas Hides Her Troubles Beneath the Turbid Tide.

WAS DESERTED, DESTITUTE AND SICK

Sad Story of Poverty and Suffering Ended by a Plunge Into the River—Her Child Goes With Her.

A note scribbled in pencil attached to a bundle of clothing found yesterday morning near the river bank close to the Union Pacific bridge causes suspicion that a Mrs. Thomas, who came to this city a few days ago from Moorhead, Ia., in search of her husband, had taken her life and that of her 3-year-old daughter by throwing herself into the Missouri.

The bundle of clothing was found by S. W. Holmes of 35 Founteenth avenue, on the bank of the river near the Union Pacific dump at the east end of the bridge and was immediately turned over by him to the police. Attached to the bundle was an old black pocket book in which was the note written in pencil, a slip of paper that bore the name of Mrs. Sarah Coffer or Coffey, Canton, Mo., and an envelope addressed to Mrs. Kate Thomas and bearing the postmark of Pisgah, Ia., and dated June 7, 1900. The penciled note read as follows:

I am tired of living. I am left destitute and homeless and whisky was the cause. I have neither home, friends nor money and am not able to work, so I thought I might as well end my misery. I cannot take care of my child in my condition and I won't beg, and am not able to work. I have no relatives, and my husband deserted me and my child at Moorhead, Ia., on the 5th of June. I am discouraged and have nothing to live for. MRS. MATT THOMAS.

The bundle of clothing contained a coarse cotton wrapper, a woman's blue sunbonnet with a pink lining, a child's sunbonnet, small skirt and other small garments, all very much the worse for wear.

Story She Told the Police.

One day toward the latter part of last week a woman who gave her name as Mrs. Thomas and said she had come here from Missouri Valley called at the police station and made inquiries about her husband, whom she said was a painter by trade. She was accompanied by a little girl about 3 years old. She told Officer White that her husband had deserted her and her child and that she believed he was either in this city or South Omaha. She said she was destitute and that the last of her money had been spent in buying her ticket to this city.

The police made inquiries and learned that a man answering the description of the woman's husband had applied for work a few days before to John Larson, a painter on Bryant street. Larson was not in need of any more men and so told the man supposed to have been Thomas. Mrs. Thomas appeared to be much depressed and discouraged and to add to her troubles was in a delicate condition. She asked the police for financial assistance and was referred by them to the supervisor of the poor.

Chief Albro on reading the note expressed his opinion that the woman, driven to desperation by the desertion of her husband and her destitute condition, had decided to end all her troubles in this world by drowning herself and daughter in the Missouri.

COUNCIL IS GOING AFTER HARDEN.

Refusal of the Street Commissioner to Resign Starts New Row.

The city council last night postponed the approving of the contract with E. A. Wickham for the paving of the group of streets embraced in the third resolution until Friday night. The solicitor had the contracts and bonds ready, but the aldermen desired time to look them over.

The contract for the curbing of the streets so ordered improved was awarded to Nelson and Olsen, but the bond was not approved, owing to a technical defect.

The street commissioner muddle came up for a round, Alderman Huber asking for instructions what to do in the matter. He said there was work on the streets that ought to be carried out. Alderman Brown suggested that the street commissioner be instructed to do what work was necessary under the orders of the streets and alleys committee. This brought Huber to his feet with a protest. He said: "I will call that down. I have stopped giving orders to Harden and have stopped all work. I will not give him any more orders, now, henceforth or at any other time."

Alderman Boyer said that if Harden refused to resign as he had been requested to do there was but one course open to the council and that would be to file fresh charges and then "fire" him. It is plain enough," he said, "that we cannot use him." Alderman Lougee suggested that fresh charges be preferred against Harden at once and that no delay be had in holding the trial. The understanding is that charges will be filed before the meeting Friday night. In the meantime, despite Huber's protest, the street commissioner will act under the orders of the streets and alleys committee.

L. H. Grier, local agent of the Milwaukee railway, asked for permission to drive some piling under the Burlington's bridge at Thirteenth avenue which his company proposes using pending the replacing of its own bridge over Indian creek with a new structure in compliance with the orders of the council. Alderman Lougee insisted before the permission be granted that the resolution be so drawn so as to make the railway company liable for any damages that might arise during a flood from the piling obstructing the flow of the creek. He carried his point and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Alderman McDonald succeeded in securing the passage of his resolution calling upon the Waterworks company to lay a six-inch main on Sixth street between Twelfth and Thirteenth avenue and the placing of a hydrant at the corner of Thirteenth avenue. Some discussion was had as to the means of paying the rental of the hydrant, but the resolution finally carried.

The Rock Island Railway company secured the passage of an ordinance vacating the portion of South Ninth street between Twelfth and Thirteenth avenues. Colonel C. G. Saunders, local attorney for the railway company, explained that the company owned the abutting property on both sides of the block sought to be vacated. Aldermen Hammer and Huber opposed having the ordinance railroaded through at one session and objected to the city giving away its streets without some return. T. L. Smith, a property owner in that vicinity, also protested against the vacation of the street.

The resolution providing for the laying of a sewer on Sixteenth avenue between Sixth and Eighth streets and on Eighth street between Fourteenth and Sixteenth avenues was introduced and September 10 set as the date for its final hearing and determination.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the laying of brick sidewalks, also for bids for supplying the several city departments with coal, the latter to be with the city clerk by noon of September 3.

The contract with C. E. H. Campbell for the building of the new bridge over Indian creek at Fifth avenue was approved and the mayor authorized to sign same. The contract price of the bridge is $2,695, of which amount the motor company pays $800. Under terms of the contract the bridge is to be built by October 1 next.

The bill of $45.36 for two carloads of stone ordered for the city rock pile was ordered paid. Alderman Huber stated that the stone would be used to repair the approaches to the bridge over Indian creek on North First street and this statement was taken to indicate the deathknell of the hoboes' rock pile.

MANAWA CONDUCTOR IS HELD UP.

Masked Highwaymen Rob George Muma of $50 and a Watch.

Two highwaymen held up one of the large open motor cars southbound for Lake Manawa last night shortly after 10 o'clock at the Wabash railway crossing and robbed George Muma, the conductor, of $50 and a gold watch. The men were armed with revolvers and wore masks. After securing the money from the conductor they jumped from the car and made their escape in the darkness. The entire holdup only occupied a few seconds and consequently neither the conductor nor motorman was able to give a description of the highwaymen.

The holdup occurred at the Wabash railway crossing at Nineteenth avenue, a dark and lonely spot. Car 79, one of the large open cars, was going south to Lake Manawa, the only occupants besides the conductor and motorman being Fred Empkie of this city and a colored woman. As the car slowed up for the crossing, two men with masks over their faces and each holding two revolvers jumped aboard. One covered the motorman, Thomas McCaffrey, while the other covered the conductor, George Muma, ordering him to hand over whatever cash he had in his pockets. Muma handed out a lot of small silver, but this did not seem to satisfy the bandit, who putting one revolver back in his pocket, used the disengaged hand to search the pockets of the conductor. He took his watch and all the money he could find, but overlooked a $20 gold piece. The bandit who kept the motorman covered made no attempt to relieve him of his valuables, only ordering him to keep his hands off the lever and not to move the car until he got orders from them to go ahead.

As soon as the highwayman who was covering Conductor Muma concluded he had gotten all there was to be got he whistled to his companion and the two jumped from the car, ran down the Wabash track and were soon lost to sight in the darkness.

The car proceeded on its way then to the lake, from whence word was telephoned to the police. Captain Denny and Officer Claar at once jumped into a buggy and drove to the scene of the holdup, while the entire night force was detailed to search for the bandits.

From the vague description that the conductor and motorman were able to give of the bandits it seems that they were both of medium size and build and were roughly dressed.

Commonwealth 10-cent cigar.

Matters in Insanity.

F. A. Koos, a well known farmer living four miles north of the city on the Crescent road, filed an information before the Insanity commissioners yesterday, charging a man named William with being deranged. The man recently applied for work on the Koos farm and was given a job. A few days ago he showed evident signs of being of unsound mind. Koos was unable to give any further particulars concerning the man, beyond that he was called William.

The commissioners yesterday issued an order discharging Lottie Fadden from St. Bernard's hospital, where she has been since December, 1898. At the time of her arrest Lottie Fadden was turned over to the authorities in Omaha, it being claimed by the board here that her legal residence was in Nebraska. The Douglas county commissioners, however, repudiated her and she was sent back to this side of the river. The local board of commissioners committed her to St. Bernard's until such time as the State Board of Control should decide what should be done in her case. Nothing has been done by the state board, and as the woman is of sound mind again she was ordered discharged. She will remain for the present at the hospital, where she has been given employment.

Mrs. Sarah Millard of this city, who was committed to the state insane asylum on November 29 last, was ordered paroled in custody of her mother, Mrs. S. Beverly of East Pierce street. Mrs. Millard's condition is much improved.

Public Library Affairs.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of the public library yesterday afternoon little outside of ordinary routine business was transacted.

A new rule was made providing that in the future popular books which are much in demand cannot be retained by any one person for a longer period than seven days. If not returned at the expiration of a week a fine of 2 cents per day over that time will be assessed. Heretofore all books could be retained for fifteen days. Another rule was made providing for the loaning to patrons of the library duplicate copies of popular books at 5 cents a week. As soon as the receipts from this source have paid for the duplicate copy it will be placed on the free list. The usual monthly reports of the librarian and several committees were filed and approved.

Weir Doesn't Get It.

Tom Wade and George Wood, arrested Sunday by Detective Weir on suspicion of being wanted in Omaha for rolling a man to the tune of $45, were released from custody yesterday morning, there being no evidence against them. A peculiar feature of the case was the fact that Wade asked the attorney he had retained to defend him to give $5 to Detective Weir. The detective's brother officers are wondering what service he rendered the alleged "con" men that they should want to present him with $5. The attorney who had received $20 from Wade as a retainer declined, however, to part with any of it for the benefit of the officer.

Evans Held to Grand Jury.

John Evans, arrested July 8 on the charge of murderously assaulting Joseph Clark during a dispute over a boundary fence between their respective farms in Gainer township, had a preliminary hearing before Justice Ferrier yesterday and was bound over to the grand jury, his bond being fixed in the sum of $400, which he furnished. Clark, who displayed a much bruised head, testified that Evans had struck him with a hammer. So serious were Clark's injuries that for several days after the assault it was a question whether he would survive them. Both parties are prominent and well-to-do farmers of Garner township.

Till Tappers Taken.

Ed Dyke, a young man hailing from Hillsdale, Ia., was arrested yesterday morning as he alighted from a Burlington train on the charge of tapping the till in the ticket office at the depot at Hillsdale some time during Sunday afternoon. Maddie Grell, a youth who was with Dyke, was also placed under arrest.

During the absence of W. H. Currier, the Burlington agent at Hillsdale, the till was tapped and $14 stolen. This money with the exception of a few cents was found on Dyke when arrested. The boys were taken back to Hillsdale yesterday morning.

Fight at Meadow Lawn.

Fred Francis was arrested yesterday for creating a disturbance last Saturday night at the dance at the Meadow Lawn resort in the southwest part of the city. A number of toughs started a free-for-all fight during which brass knuckles were freely used. Francis received a somewhat severe stab in the left breast from a knife handled by one of the fighters. The police were called to the scene, but the gang of toughs made its escape before their arrival. Nearly every Saturday night since the resort was opened there has been trouble of some kind or another, demanding the attention of the police.

Mary Thompson Sighted.

Mary Thompson bobbed up again yesterday and gave the police another fruitless chase. She was seen by a son of J. C. Berger, who was ploughing oat stubble about half a mile south of the Union Pacific bridge, near the river. Young Berger unhitched one of his team of mules and gave chase, but Mary, as soon a she noticed he was after her, ran and hid herself in the undergrowth. The police were notified and Officers White and Slack drove to the river and made a search for the young woman. They succeeded in finding her footprints, but that was all.

Tough Saloon Closed.

The saloon at the corner of Twenty-first and Broadway, conducted by Cornelius Johansen, was closed yesterday by the police. The saloon has been the resort for some time past of tough characters and a number of fights have taken place there recently. Residents in the neighborhood have made frequent complaints to the authorities about the manner in which the saloon was conducted and as Johansen was running without a proper permit from the city Chief Albro decided to close him up.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

William G. Norman to Jennie A. Kennedy, lot 9, block 1, Bushnell's add, w d	$ 500
James D. Wilson and wife to Leonard Everett, lots 3 and 4, in Martin's subdiv, w d	500
C. Q. Smith and wife to P. Gunnoude, lots 5 and 6, block 5, Williams' 1st add to Council Bluffs, w d	1,100
Total, three transfers	$2,100

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
T. W. Armstrong, Weston, Ia	24
Noama Wright, Weston, Ia	16
Frank Holsheiber, Omaha	47
Katherine Hagen, Omaha	48

Blew Down Smokestack.

A bit of breeze which sprang up about 2 o'clock this morning blew down the 150-foot steel smokestack at the motor power house. It smashed through one end of the car sheds, doing some considerable damage.

Hot Weather at Encampment.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The encampment of the Forty-ninth regiment, Iowa National Guard, is drawing to a close and Camp Kellogg soon will be a thing of the past. The week so far has been a trying one to the boys, for the weather has been terribly hot, ranging from 74, the coolest of the week, to 97, which was reached on two or three afternoons. Saturday evening a rain storm came, which cooled off the air for a time. Sunday, however, was almost as hot as ever. The air was fresher and clearer, but the sun shone down without a cloud in the sky.

Adjutant General Byers arrived at the camp Saturday and will remain until the close, he being joined on Sunday by his wife and daughter. He has been kept very busy of late attending the encampments. Last week he was at Red Oak and next week he will attend the encampment of the Fiftieth at Ottumwa. He announces himself as highly pleased with Camp Kellogg.

Governor L. M. Shaw will be here Tuesday and, with his staff, will review the regiment. He has been up in Wisconsin making some speeches and it is not known yet just when he will arrive.

Sunday was the big day at the camp. The Northwestern ran a special train from Clinton by way of Tipton, and hundreds came from those cities and intermediate points. Large numbers came from all the other cities represented in the regiment, coming in on the regular trains. Large numbers of Cedar Rapids people also were at the camp Sunday, 3,000 or 4,000 people being present at divine services in the morning.

A romantic feature of the encampment was the marriage at the camp on Saturday of Miss Nettie Armstrong of Clinton and Otto Kreucher of the same city, a member of the signal corps. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Mason of the regiment.

Asks Damages for Alleged Assault.

LEMARS, Ia., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—H. B. Van Vleck, a wealthy land owner in the western part of this county, has served original notice on Charles McCaustland, Milo Mills and Jack Gleason, neighboring farmers, claiming damages to the amount of $25,000 for an alleged murderous attack made on him by McCaustland, aided and abetted by the others. The trouble originated out of the differences existing between McCaustland and his wife. The latter was a wealthy widow when she married him a few years ago. Differences arose and a dispute over the property, some of which the woman sold to Van Vleck, is supposed to be the cause of the assault. Van Vleck came to the McCaustland place to take possession of the property and it is claimed Charles McCaustland and Gleason assaulted and nearly killed him. They were tried before a justice and acquitted on the ground that McCaustland had an interest in the property and a right to protect it. The prosecuting witnesses are not satisfied with the decision and will probably carry the case to the grand jury. Mrs. McCaustland brought suit against her husband for forgery, but the case was dismissed. She is now petitioning for a divorce. The cases will come up for trial at the September term of the district court.

Iowa Concerns Are Sued.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 13.—In the United States district court for the Southern district of Iowa at Keokuk the Atlantic Trust company has filed suits against the White Breast Fuel company and the Iowa & Illinois Fuel company, of which I. W. Fowler of this city is receiver, to enforce payment of large deficiency judgments and seeking to make the stockholders of each company liable on the ground that the capital stock of the companies was not fully paid by the subscribers of the stock. The total judgments are $193,944 against the White Breast Fuel company and $341,833 against the Iowa & Illinois Fuel company. Writs of execution were issued and no property found.

It is charged the officers declared and paid large dividends from 1888 to 1893, which were illegally paid because the corporations were insolvent and their capital stock not paid up. The court is asked to wind up the affairs of both companies and apply all assets to payments of the complainants' judgments.

TO BE CUMMINS OR DOLLIVER

Senatorial Race in Iowa is Now Between These Two.

SHAW WILL MAKE APPOINTMENT THIS WEEK

Special Session of Federal Court to Be Convened at Des Moines Will Consider Examination of Federal Officials' Accounts.

DES MOINES, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Shaw has gone so far toward settling the senatorial matter that it is said today on good authority that it will either be Hon. A. B. Cumins of Des Moines or Congressman Dolliver of Fort Dodge. The question will be settled Friday or Saturday, so far as the same can be settled by Governor Shaw and that official can, as is well known, appoint a senator who shall serve until the next meeting of the legislature. It being settled that the governor will make an appointment instead of calling the legislature together in special session, the next question is, Who will be named? In the speculation thus far many men have been mentioned. Conger, Kasson, Lacey, Hepburn, Secretary Wilson, Hull, Perkins and others have been regarded as in the race, but each and every one has been eliminated and no new names will be considered. If Governor Shaw can reconcile the Cummins men even partially he will appoint Dolliver. Whether he will appoint Dolliver knowing that the Cummins men will continue the fight and attempt to secure Cummins' election by the legislature is a question that not even the governor is prepared to answer at this time. Governor Shaw wants to satisfy the Tenth district, but if he shall find it to be his duty to appoint Cummins, then he wants to be justified in following that course. Governor Shaw believes that Cummins, if appointed, would be elected by the legislature and he is of further belief that Dolliver would be elected under like circumstances provided the Cummins men would not continue the fight for Cummins.

Judge Smith McPherson of the federal court will arrive in Des Moines tomorrow and will convene a special session of court. This was the final word received today by George Christian, United States marshal. The principal business of the session will be the examination of the accounts of federal officials.

It is probable that Judge McPherson will announce his appointment tomorrow for the clerk of the United States district court. Rumors have been rife recently as to the judge's ultimate action, but as Judge McPherson stated the last time he was in Des Moines none of these originated with him and have been mainly guess work on the part of the public. His announcement of the new clerk will complete his present appointments.

Democrats Will Name Crozier.

On Wednesday the democrats of the Seventh district will meet in the city and go through the biennial performance of nominating a candidate to run against Hon. J. A. T. Hull for congress. It is given out by the leaders that George W. Crozier of Knoxville is slated for the nomination.

Des Moines had a rainfall of 1.66 inches during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. today. A windstorm also extended over this section, several miles wide, running from the region of Adel down to near Albia. The storm was spasmodic in intensity. In places it leveled cornfields to the ground and in others bent the stalk so that it will be difficult to gather, but no great damage will result from this bending over. The rains of Saturday and Sunday were general over the state. Director Sage of the crop service says he does not feel at all alarmed over the condition of crops after Sunday and Saturday's storms. He says they were of more or less local severity, but the wind feature did not cover the whole state. He believes this state will have 250,000,000 bushels of corn absolutely safe.

Paul Miller, aged 60, an expert mechanic employed by the Rock Island road for thirty years and at present working in the shops at Valley Junction, committed suicide this afternoon. He placed the muzzle of a pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was in good health and prosperous and it is believed heat affected his mind.

Lay Blame on Christian Science.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Two or three weeks ago William Small, a boy of 13 or 14, while playing with some companions, had a handful of sawdust thrown in his face, nearly all of which struck him in the eye. Some of the hard substance lodged in the eye, and it soon became terribly inflamed and the boy suffered the greatest pain. He was receiving treatment from a Christian Science healer, who lived in that vicinity and in whom the mother had the most implicit confidence. But the eye continued to get worse. Finally a body of citizens called upon the Christian Science healer and invited her to leave the town as speedily as possible or be prosecuted, took the boy in charge, brought him to this city and consulted an eye specialist. It was found that it would be necessary to remove the eye, which was done. The boy is now all right and the other eye will be saved.

Push Iowa Road Building.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The connecting link of the Illinois Central between Chicago and Minneapolis and St. Paul is to be completed now within two or three weeks. The Albert Lea & Southern has been completed ready for the tracklaying and Chris Johnson, assistant roadmaster of the Central in northern Iowa, has arrived at Lyle and advertised for 150 men with the intention of pushing the work as rapidly as possible. The completion of the sixteen miles between Lyle and Albert Lea will give the Central a through line from Chicago to the Twin cities.

Evidence Against Peyton.

SIOUX CITY, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The letter found in Frank Peyton's pocket by the St. Louis police saying, "He died soon afterwards," and "stay away for awhile," signed "Kittle" is believed by Sioux City police to have been written by Kittie McGrill of Des Moines. They believe it to be one of the most important bits of evidence that has yet been found to connect the St. Louis prisoner with the murder of Contractor Robson last December aside from his confession. Kittie McGrill was for some years the keeper of a house of ill-fame in Sioux City.

Dubuque Companies Join Hands.

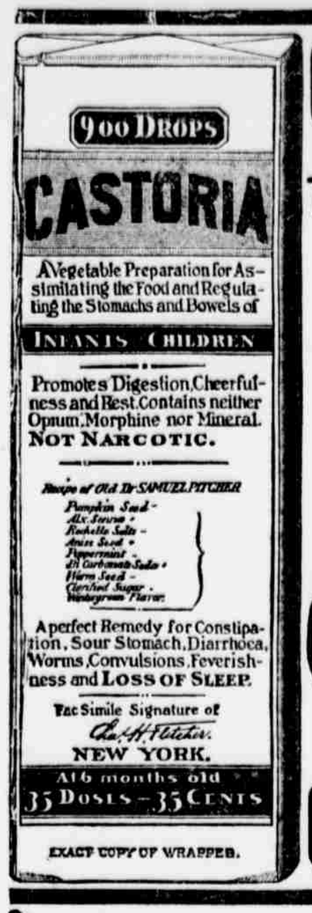
DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 13.—A deal was closed today for the consolidation of Dubuque's street railway and electric light companies. The new company will have a capital of $1,000,000 and will be chartered for fifty years. F. D. Stout will pe president of the reorganization company.

Notorious Cuban Bandit Killed.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 13.—Parejita, the well known bandit, was killed this morning at Parma Soriano, about twenty miles from Santiago. He was shot by a corporal of the rural guard under command of Colonel Vaillant. This outlaw, who was a Cuban mulatto, has been terrorizing the country for several years. He was a thoroughly desperate character and had committed numerous murders.

Majors Won't Be Shot Just Yet.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Aug. 13.—Abe Majors, who was tried at Brigham, Utah, and sentenced to be shot within the walls of the state prison on Friday morning for the murder of Captain Brown of Ogden, was today granted a stay of proceedings until the meeting of the supreme court in October.



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CAMPERS START THE FIRES

Much Valuable Timber Being Destroyed in the Mountains of Colorado.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., Aug. 13.—For a hundred miles in each direction from Glenwood, fires can be seen. So numerous are the fires in the forest reserves that the chief of the supervisors, W. T. S. May of Denver, has caused to be posted by the forest rangers notices that hereafter no persons will be allowed on the government reserve near the White river or the Battlement mesa without being provided with a stove of some kind for cooking purposes.

The rangers state emphatically that the numerous fires in the forest reserves have been caused by the careless handling of camp fires. T. S. Ryan, government timber agent for this portion of Colorado, has notified the department that he must have an abundance of men to save valuable timber districts which are under his control. He has already taken from Glenwood all available men for the purpose of protecting such timber districts as it is possible to preserve by human means.

If the dry weather continues the destruction of government timber as well as that on private land will be beyond the possibility of estimation, while the destruction of the water sheds will work severe hardship on those who depend for their water on mountain streams.

Wire and Nail Plant Changes Hands.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—The office and plant of the Merchants' Wire and Nail company changed owners today, passing from the possession of Clement M. Biddle of Philadelphia, who was its president, into the possession of the Van Camp Hardware and Iron company of Indianapolis, Ind., and the Blindley Hardware company of Pittsburg, Pa.

D. C. Bergundthal, secretary and treasurer of the Van Camp company, took charge of the office of the Merchants' company in the Laclede building. Mr. Bergundthal denies that the transfer is really an absorption by the trust, but admits that after next May the American Steel and Wire company will come into possession of the plant of the Merchants' company at Granite City, Ill.

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