

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass. "Mr. Riley," 6-cent cigar. Fine Missouri coat. Gilbert Bros. Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's. Fine A. B. C. Beer, Neumann's hotel. Willman, scientific optician, 69 B'd'y. Schmidt's photos, new and latest styles. W. J. Hostetter, dentist, Baldwin block. Moore's stock food kills worms, fattens. See Schmidt for elegant holiday photos. W. W. Loomis is in Chicago on business. Drink Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld, art. Leffer, jeweler, optician. 236 Broadway. C. E. Alexander & Co., 233 Broadway, art dealers. Open evenings.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

Board Likely to Take Advantage of the Statute's Provision.

SERIOUS PROBLEM OF MAINTENANCE

Charge for Rental of Present Quarters is Equal to Nearly the Entire Income of the Library Board.

The first steps toward securing a permanent building for the public library have been taken by the trustees. Members E. A. Troutman, T. E. Casady and W. S. Baird of the board of trustees have been appointed a special committee to devise ways and means and to make a report at the meeting of the board in January. Since the recent census demonstrated that Council Bluffs has a population exceeding 25,000 the trustees are empowered under section 732 of the code to levy 3 mills for the purpose of securing a library building. The section referred to provides that in addition to 1 mill that the trustees can levy for ordinary expenses connected with the maintenance of the library it can levy not to exceed 3 mills annually for the purchase of real estate and the erection of a building thereon for a public library or for the payment of interest or any indebtedness incurred for that purpose, or for the creation of a sinking fund for the extinguishment of such indebtedness.

Several of the trustees are in favor of a 3-mill levy on the present assessed valuation of the city would realize something over \$10,000, which it is estimated would be more than ample to purchase a suitable lot on which to build a library. A 2-mill levy on the present assessed valuation of the city would realize something over \$10,000, which it is estimated would be more than ample to purchase a suitable lot on which to build a library. A 2-mill levy on the present assessed valuation of the city would realize something over \$10,000, which it is estimated would be more than ample to purchase a suitable lot on which to build a library.

At present the greater portion of the revenue derived from the levy for library purposes is absorbed by rent paid for the quarters in the Merriam block and little is left for the purchase of books. Before the census showed that Council Bluffs had a population exceeding 25,000 the trustees were enabled to levy 2 mills for the maintenance of the library, but from this they will only be authorized to levy 1 mill for such purposes and without a library building they will find it a difficult task to make their levy a revenue derived from a 1-mill levy.

Howell's Anti-Kaw! cures coughs, colds, SALES OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT

New Company Buys Old, but Date is Not Fixed. "The sale of our electric lighting plant to the Bluff City Electric Light and Gas company has been practically completed. It is a question of the date of delivery has not yet been determined on." This statement was made by Manager Nichols of the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric company yesterday. The price paid for the plant by the new company of \$250,000 has been paid by the Council Bluffs Gas and Electric company. The date of the transfer of the property is optional with the Bluff City company, but with the transfer of the plant to the new company all the poles, wires, light towers and lamps, will go with it, said Mr. Nichols. Asked if the old company would operate the plan for the new company until such time as it got ready to do business, A. F. Nichols said: "With the transfer of the plant to the new company, our company will relinquish all interest in it, as the sale is an absolute one."

In answer to a question whether the old company intended to continue on in the gas business after the sale of its electric lighting plant, Manager Nichols said that as far as he knew at present it would. Regarding the report that the Bluff City company intended selling its charter and franchise to the new company and that the latter would be reorganized and operate under the name of the Bluff City Gas and Electric company, when seen yesterday, corroborated Manager Nichols' statement as to the sale of the old company's electric lighting plant to them, but beyond this stated they had nothing to make public at this time. Their plans, they said, were not in such shape yet as to permit them to make any public statement beyond that they would be ready to take care of their contract with the city for the public lighting when the proper time arrived.

Mr. Greenhilds volunteered the statement that his company would install new machinery throughout in the plant of the old company, that as the manufacturers were behind with their orders he could not venture any opinion as to how soon that could be accomplished. Davis sells paint. High School Cornerstone. The Board of Education yesterday decided on Thursday to erect the corner stone for the laying of the cornerstone of the new high school building. The exercises will be in charge of the Masons of this city. H. W. Rothert, past grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of Iowa, will lay the stone, assisted by the members of Bluff City Masonic lodge. The program will be in charge of President S. F. Henry of the Board of Education.

The address will be delivered by Hon. C. M. Harrod, and that with the ceremony of laying the cornerstone, will constitute the exercises of the occasion. L. M. Treyner will act as grand marshal and the High school cadets will form an escort for those taking part in the ceremony. The pupils of the high school will be invited to be present and take part in the exercises, but the school board has decided not to extend an invitation to the children of the ward schools, fearing that the weather would prove too cold for many of the younger pupils. Member Swaine's request that his name be left off the cornerstone will be complied with and the space will be left blank. The names of the other members of the Board of Education, the contractor and the architects are now being engraved on the stone, also the date of the laying.

President Henry of the school board wishes it understood that the public generally is invited to attend the cornerstone laying exercises. Of all the holiday presents there is nothing more appropriate than the piece of furniture for the home. See the stock carried by Petersen & Schoening, Merriam block, before you buy.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Reed, 541 Broadway, Commonwealth 16-cent cigar. SENTER'S DEFENSE IS STARTED. Effort to Prove an Alibi for the Accused Begins.

The feature yesterday in the trial of Thomas R. Senter in the district court was the testimony in support of an alibi given by Thomas H. Wagner of Memphis, Mo., one of the attorneys for the defendant. Wagner testified that on October 11 and 14, 1898, when Senter is charged with being in this city, he was in his (Wagner's) office bank checks and other papers in connection with several cash and carry orders he shipped on the latter date. In support of his testimony Wagner produced certain bank checks and other papers in connection with the shipment of the cattle. Attorney Wagner was on the stand the greater part of the afternoon session. George Trease, a young lad who worked on Senter's farm at Memphis, testified to Senter being at home every night during the month of October in 1898.

The closing arguments of witnesses to testify in support of the alibi, among the number being C. A. Dewey, agent of the Keokuk & Western railway at Memphis; F. Carter, general freight agent of the same road; Keokuk; Miller; Cowan, cashier of the Citizens' Bank at Memphis; and G. H. Laster, cashier of the Scotland County National bank of the same town. Evidence for the state was closed yesterday morning, although it is understood that several witnesses called later in rebuttal of the testimony offered for the defense.

As Judge Green has to go to Red Oak to hold court today he held a night session last evening, the time of which was occupied in the reading of a report of certain witnesses who were unable to be present. The trial will be resumed Thursday morning. While Senter is out on bail he has not been released, and he is obliged to stand in the jurisdiction of the court. This is due to the fact that Sheriff Cousins has issued a warrant for his arrest on a charge of defrauding J. A. Van Slyke of Blue Earth, Minn., in a sum of \$100,000. The fact that he is being tried on here at the events of Senter being acquitted here he will be promptly arrested on this warrant and held for the Minnesota authorities. Sheriff Cousins received word yesterday from A. J. Jackson, chief of the First National bank of Morrison, Ill., stating that the authorities there had sent to the governor of Illinois at Springfield for requisition papers for Senter, Jackson was recently in Council Bluffs and that Senter was the man who lunched him on a fraudulent land deal out of a large sum of money ten years ago. Sheriff Campbell of Howard county, this state, has also written to Sheriff Cousins in regard to Senter, stating that a man named Reed at Cresco, Ia., who was victimized in a similar manner to Lougee & Lougee, has identified Senter in his photograph. Sheriff Campbell in his letter asks for information concerning the chances of convicting Senter here and intimates that he will probably have a warrant for him.

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PROFIT IN CATTLE FEEDING

Iowa Farmers' Institute Debates This Most Interesting Question.

WHAT TO DO WITH A BIG CORN CROP

Its Value When Turned Into Beef is Set Forth and Several Breeds of Stock Are Discussed by the Speakers.

DES MOINES, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The second day of the Farmers' Institute held in the state capitol brought forth an interesting series of farm papers and discussions. The most interesting of these was one by John Cowan of South Anama, member of the State Board of Control, on the subject of fattening cattle for the market and how to make a profit and avoid a loss. Mr. Cowan illustrated his address by a series of maps and giving quotations of prices for cattle and for meats, and telling why there was such a difference. The big corn crop of Iowa is the largest and most valuable in all its history, he said, and it is in cattle feeding. It is now as much of a science as any other business, and it must be pursued as carefully as any business to make a success of it.

Washington, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The secretary of J. Hite, a prominent horse-buyer of Washington, admits that he has mysteriously disappeared from the view of his friends. He left his city a week ago last Friday and a letter was received from him the following Tuesday, requesting his secretary to advertise a horse and mule sale for last Saturday. The horse was advertised, but neither horse nor any stock arrived for it. Mrs. Hite left for Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday night and a man from the Buffalo horse market is expected here tomorrow to look after the firm's interests. Considerable excitement prevails as to the disappearance of Mr. Hite and writs of attachment on the missing man's property are being filed with the county clerk.

Cass County's Tax Trouble. WASHINGTON, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Judge Thornell has rendered a decision in the case brought against the county in the amount of the collection of back taxes. The suit against the auditor was decided in favor of the county. No decisions were rendered in the injunction suits against the treasurer and the Board of Supervisors. The plaintiffs have announced that they will be fought and an appeal taken if necessary. The point at issue was whether the auditor had the right to place on the books collections which had not been assessed. The county claimed an injunction suit was not the proper method of securing such collections, holding that the code provides another remedy, which point the court sustained.

Holdup at Dubuque. DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mervin Hill, night clerk at the Anderson hotel, was held up by a masked man and relieved of considerable cash. Hill was sitting in his chair back of the counter in the hotel, when suddenly a masked man appeared in the doorway leading to the cloakroom and ordered him to throw up his hands. At first he opened fight with the stranger, but when a revolver was put to his face and he was told to lie down he did so. The holdup man was armed with a revolver and appropriated everything else, including stamps, therein. The man escaped without being detected. He was smooth-faced, short, powerfully built and wore a short black coat.

Road Will Build into Des Moines. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 11.—Arthur Reynolds, president of the Des Moines & Northrup Iowa Railway company, today announced that the company would build a road into Des Moines next spring. On Monday an engineering party will begin locating the line between Boone and Des Moines. The road to make Des Moines a terminus of the road was reached at a meeting of the board of directors this afternoon. Part of the right-of-way between Boone and Britt has been secured. President Reynolds stated that the road would be extended beyond Britt, but that its ultimate destination had not been determined.

Deputy Sheriff Admits Responsibility. CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—In a public statement Deputy Sheriff J. E. Scofield admits that he alone is to blame for the escape of Murderer Hugh Dixon from the Union county jail. He says that when he got into the jail Friday morning he found the prisoner in the cell in the cage corridor he neglected to lock the cage door and all day Dixon had the freedom of the jail corridor, waiting until night to make his escape, which he cleverly accomplished when the sheriff went in to serve supper. No word has been received from Dixon. He will probably evade capture.

Female Man to Test Ordinance. CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Bob Martin is going to test the hot tamale ordinance. He was arrested Saturday night for selling on the street and pleaded no guilt. The case goes to the district court upon Martin's appeal. In order to protect restaurant keepers the council recently passed an ordinance requiring those who sell hot tamales to pay a license.

Beems Gets a Permanent Position. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Fred Beems, who has served time for various local offenses, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary by Judge Thornell this morning. He has been in jail for a considerable time awaiting trial or sentence. This term he pleaded guilty and received sentence this morning.

Fearful He Is Insane. GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—H. W. Wheeler, a prominent religious subject, was taken before the Insanity board on complaint of his relatives. The board decided that his mental derangement was not of sufficient marked character to warrant his being sent to the asylum at Independence. Wheeler is the author of the "Better Path" pamphlets that have been quite generally circulated.

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Preparations for taking the church census of the city are commencing. A committee has been formed with Rev. J. W. Wilson, pastor of the First Congregational church, as chairman and C. C. Gillespie, lay representative from the First Christian church, as secretary. The work of distributing the city and formulating a plan for taking the census has been delegated to the following subcommittee: J. M. Treyner, chairman; Peter Wica, F. E. Hoagland, Rev. Henry DeLong, C. K. Taylor, C. C. Gillespie, Rev. G. W. Snyder, Rev. J. H. Bauerfeldt and F. L. Evans.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 301 Pearl street: A. B. Oils, lot 1 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 2 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 3 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 4 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 5 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 6 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 7 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 8 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 9 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. A. B. Oils, lot 10 in subdiv. of lot 8. \$58. Total five transfers. \$510.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons: Name and Residence. Age. O. C. Park, Omaha. 25. Edwin P. Grubb, Council Bluffs. 28. Helen B. Spies, Council Bluffs. 18. Slick West, Underwood, Ia. 24. Rebecca Church, Underwood, Ia. 17. Hush! Don't You Hear the Baby Cry? The only safe medicine for your child in nursing babies is Carcaton Candy Cathartic. Make mother's milk mildly purgative. Druggists, 16c, 25c, 50c.

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