NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

"Mr. Riley," 5-cent cigar.

Fine Missouri oak. Gilbert Bros.

Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's.

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

Wollman, scientific optician, 409 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.

Drink Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld, agt.

Leffert, jeweler, optician, 236 Broadway.

See Alexander & Co.'s window display of casts, 333 B'way.

W. F. Graff, undertaker and disinfector, 101 South Main street. 'Phone 509.

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

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 23.

Try our 20-cent meals. Ladies' and Gents' cafe, 541 Broadway. Open all hours.

Homemade mixed candy, 10 cents a pound. Purity Candy Kitchen, 238 Broadway.

Morgan & Klein, upholstering, furniture repairing, mattress making. 122 S. Main st.

The Woman's Relief corps will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Thorne of Avenue A will spend Christmas with the former's parents at Imogene, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Highsmith have returned from Waterloo, Ia., and will again reside in Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Eastland, 438 Glen avenue, was reported to the Board of Health yesterday as suffering from scarlet fever.

A want add in The Bee will bring results. The same attention given to a want add in Council Bluffs as at the Omaha office.

Sheridan coal, once tried always used. Smokeless, no soot, clinkers nor sulphur. Price $5, $5.50. Fenton & Foley, sole agents.

Henry Westcott, a printer, reported the theft of a gold watch from his vest, which he left hanging in a printing office where he is employed.

Assistant County Attorney C. F. Kimball returned yesterday from Wyoming, Ia., where he attended the funeral of Mrs. R. S. Williams, mother of Mrs. Kimball.

Miss Ella Wirt will return tomorrow from the Nebraska State university to spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wirt of Willow avenue.

Neils J. Madsen took out a building permit yesterday for the erection of a one-story frame cottage on Avenue G, between Ninth and Tenth streets, to cost $600.

Misses Nellie Haworth and Laura Weaver, who are attending school at Waterman hall, Sycamore, Ill., returned home last evening to spend the holidays.

Superintendent Rothert of the Iowa School for the Deaf is home from Des Moines, where he attended the quarterly meeting of the superintendents of state institutions.

W. M. Howells, 1022 Avenue A, was fined $5 and costs in police court yesterday morning. He was arrested late Wednesday night charged with going home in an intoxicated condition and abusing members of his family.

H. S. McBride and J. H. Richardson were arrested last evening while disposing of a wagonload of railroad brass to a junk dealer on South Main street. The police suspect that the brass was stolen and are holding the men for investigation.

Joe Kane and Charles Adams, the two young fellows charged with stealing shoes from the store of the Duncan Shoe company, were up before Justice Ferrier yesterday and were each sentenced to fifteen days in the county jail. They finished another sentence for larceny yesterday.

Fred Beck, aged 65 years, died yesterday morning at his home, two miles east of the Iowa School for the Deaf. His death was due to an attack of pneumonia. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the German Lutheran church in Mills county, in the cemetery of which interment will be had.

The case against Dug McClelland, charged with the larceny of $300 belonging to I. Sivers, the Broadway feed store man, was continued in police court yesterday until next Monday, as an important witness for the prosecution is out of the city. McClelland was released on bail in the sum of $600, furnished by his father.

James Thompson, a farmer living east of the city, imbibed too freely last evening and on his way home drove at a breakneck pace through the streets. He finally lost his balance and fell out of the buggy and was taken to the police station. When placed in the steel cell he tried to butt the door down with his head and was knocked senseless.

Sheriff Cousins received a letter yesterday from Bert Davis, the Minnesota deputy sheriff, who succeeded in getting Thomas R. Sentner away from here, in which he says: "I landed in Minnesota yesterday right side up with care. They gave me a hot chase, but I gave them the slip. I also guarded against them at Sioux City. I caught a night train in the suburbs of the city and planted myself in a sleeper." The letter is dated from Winnebago, Minn.

The case against James Hall, the negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Mary Burns, the old colored woman, with intent to murder her, was continued in police court yesterday until Saturday, as Mrs. Burns' condition is such that she was unable to appear in court. At one time yesterday morning it was thought the injuries to her head, owing to her advanced age, might prove fatal, but she was much improved last night. She is still being cared for at police headquarters.

Our theatergoers are to be favored tonight at the Dohany by a visit of one of the biggest attractions it is said that is being sent out of New York this season, "The Royal Box." It is a play dealing with stage life and dramas of this character and of any note are comparatively few in number. The curtain rises on the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet." The Romeo addresses Juliet, but thinks of the occupants of the royal box—the countess, whom he loves, and the prince, of whom he is jealous. Ultimately he casts aside the role of Romeo and in his own person denounces the royal profligate, bringing the curtain down in confusion. Mr. Andrew Robson, who plays the part of the actor, has already appeared in 200 different roles. He was with Mr. Coghlan and succeeded that famous actor in the great part. A company of all-round excellence has been chosen to support him and it is claimed the piece will be given all that careful attention to detail which has characterized it from the time Mr. Coghlan first presented it.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Mary Jane Moss and husband to Henry Moss, nw¼ nw¼ 9-77-44, w. d.	$ 1,000
County treasurer to George W. Lipe, lots 5 and 6, block 11, Mullen's subdiv, tax d.	7
Mary A. Hentschke and husband to Christ F. Schroeder, w½ nw¼ se¼ 9-74-43, w. d.	1,250
D. F. Perry and wife et al to Frank W. Perry, nw¼ se¼ and part ne¼ se¼ 14-75-42, w. d.	1
Total four transfers	$ 2,858

It seems impossible, but it is a fact, though, that you can buy a good toy drum with rawhide heads for 17 cents. In fact, every drum in this store will be sold at half price Saturday.

WHITELAW & GARDINER,
Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

For $3.50

You can buy as good a shoe as usually sells for $5.00—
Try

Hamilton's
SHOE STORE.

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

Save Your Money by investing With the SAVINGS, LOAN AND BUILDING ASS'N, 133 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

Directors Discuss the Matter and Will Try to Decide on Plans.

SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF CONSTRUCTION

Land Will Permit the Levy of a Tax Sufficient to Erect a Building and Business Sense Seems to Endorse It.

The special committee, consisting of Trustees Troutman, Casady and Baird, appointed at the last meeting of the library board to devise ways and means for securing a library building, will meet this afternoon at the office of Member Casady, when a plan will be determined on.

Under the law, the recent census having demonstrated that Council Bluffs has a population of 25,000 and upwards, the library trustees are authorized to levy a 3-mill tax for the purpose of securing a library building. At the present assessed valuation of the city this would realize in the neighborhood of $10,000. From one of the members of the committee is was learned yesterday that the committee was in favor of the board exercising its full limit and levying next year the 3 mills. The amount thus realized, it is claimed, would be hardly more than sufficient to purchase an adequate site for the building. For the erection of the building itself bonds could be issued and a tax levied annually sufficient to create a sinking fund to pay the interest and ultimately wipe out the bonds. After the first year it would not be necessary to make the levy more than 1 or 2 mills, if this plan was adopted.

General sentiment is in favor of a library building and now that the law permits the securing of one it is generally conceded it should be taken advantage of. Speaking of the matter yesterday, Trustee Baird said: "A city of the size of Council Bluffs should long ago have had a public library building, but under the law the board of trustees was unable to do anything in the matter. Now that it is demonstrated that we have a population of 25,000, we are in a position to get one and I believe the board will avail itself of the opportunity. There are many reasons why we should have a library building. Under the law from this out we cannot levy more than 1 mill annually for the maintenance of the library and the greater of what would be realized from such a levy would be absorbed by the rent we are paying for the quarters occupied by the library. There would be practically nothing left with which to purchase books.

"With a library building of our own the question of rent would not enter. If the building was erected on the proceeds of bonds the law permits us to levy not exceeding 3 mills annually to create a sinking fund to pay these bonds and we would have the proceeds from the 1-mill levy to maintain the library with. After deducting the necessary running expenses, such as salaries, etc., we would have a nice little surplus each year to put into new books."

Trustee Troutman said he was of the same opinion as Mr. Baird, and further ventured the opinion that if a site for the building was once secured, he believed some of the public-spirited citizens might be induced to contribute of their wealth so that the building could be erected without having to issue bonds. He thought it possible that assistance in this direction might be obtained from other sources. "Even if this should not prove to be the case, Council Bluffs certainly ought to have a public library building to which it could point with pride and as long as I am a member of the library board I shall do all in my power to get it one," he said.

Mayor Jennings says he is in favor of the city owning a library building, but suggests that the library trustees move slowly in the matter. That is to say, he believes, that with the taxes at their present height, they should be content to levy not more than 1 mill annually and wait until the proceeds of such tax are sufficient to purchase a site instead of levying a 3-mill tax the first year. In his opinion this additional burden would be hard upon the taxpayers.

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

A good reliable carving set at Cole & Cole's, $1.50. Nothing would make a better present, unless it would be a Buck Steel Range or Favorite Base Burner. We have a special bargain in a pearl-handle carving set at $9.50. 1,000 salesmen's sample knives on sale. Cole & Cole, 41 Main st., Council Bluffs.

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

REFORM AGAINST POOL TABLES.

Police Notify Roomkeepers That Minors Must Be Excluded.

Having seized one lone slot machine on the ground that it was being used by Saloonkeeper Mergen as a gambling device and not as a legitimate trade increaser, the police have now turned their attention to the saloons where pool tables are run as a side issue. The edict has gone forth that henceforth minors are not to be permitted to play billiards or pool in saloons. The proprietors of two downtown saloons where youths have been wont to congregate at night and play were first notified of the new order and they naturally protested unless it was to apply to every saloon in the city. They were informed that the order was general and that any saloon man who permitted young men under the legal age to play pool or billiards in his place would be promptly arrested. Under the city ordinance governing the matter, a fine of from $10 to $100 can be imposed for violation of its provisions. In addition to the fine the judge of the superior court may revoke the license.

The order issued by Chief Albro applies not only to pool rooms run in connection with saloons, but to pool rooms conducted solely for the playing of billiards and kindred games.

H. A. McAllister, who claims ownership of the slot machine seized in Mergen's Main street saloon, has retained the services of an attorney and intends to make a fight to prevent the court ordering it destroyed. McAllister, as a retainer for the attorney's services, gave him an order on the police for the contents of the machine. The machine was opened yesterday by Chief Albro and found to contain $4.90 in nickels, which were turned over to the lawyer. The final disposition of the machine is to be determined by Judge Aylesworth in police court tomorrow morning.

McAllister's attorney has threatened that if the police make an example of this particular machine he will take the necessary steps to drive every slot machine in the city out of business in short order.

No headache the morning after taking that famous whisky bought in bond and sold only at The Hoffman.

Annual masquerade given by the Woodmen of the World at their hall Friday evening, December 21.

Boys' tools at Cole & Cole's. Good tools in sets, $2.50 to $5.00. The ordinary tool chests are worthless trash.

Fairland is well represented by the dolls at the Boston Store. All the beauties are in the stock, China dolls, bisque dolls, Esquimaux dolls, Hawaiian dolls, Philippine dolls, negro dolls and dolls of all kinds and at all prices.

WHITELAW & GARDINER,
Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

HEARING PLEAS FOR PREFERENCE.

Judge Thornell Listens to the Officer & Pusey Bank Matters.

Judge Thornell, for the greater part of yesterday, was still engaged in the hearing of claims for preference in the matter of the Officer & Pusey bank receivership and having the same entered of record. It was not until late in the afternoon session that arguments were commenced in the case of the claim of County Treasurer Arnd. Following this the general argument in the cases of school treasurers and township clerks will be taken up, after which will be the arguments on the general claims. It is expected that all of the arguments will be submitted by tonight.

There are several preferred claims yet to be filed and these will be taken up next week by Judge Thornell, either here or at his home in Sidney. A number of new preferred claims were filed for record yesterday.

The claims for preference so far submitted to the court are as follows:

William Arnd, county treasurer	$ 1,969.00
Warren Hough, trustee, Crescent school township	1,533.91
T. A. Kirkwood, clerk Crescent township	152.08
Mindy Thiemann	345.00
Ellen Boyd and Belle Barnett	4,500.00
Morris Hough, administrator estate of Eddie Hough	528.34
Morris Hough, administrator estate of J. R. Hough	1,032.22
Mary A. Haynes, guardian of H. C. Dye	3,497.51
Mrs. N. A. Fuller, guardian	1,200.00
J. J. Hughes, administrator	1,302.70
Garner township, C. L. Prouty, clerk	593.05
Estate of Dan Etcher	917.62
Harry E. and J. A. Hathaway	524.33
J. J. Stewart, executor Cochran estate	2,139.98
A. T. Flickinger, trustee	696.34
H. B. Knowles, guardian of Lamont Orr	2,121.00
Baughn heirs	61.57
Woman's Christian association	3,361.46
L. B. Cousins, sheriff	1,046.50
Mrs. A. C. Fredericksen, administrator	157.00
James Shaw	98.30
J. H. Sigafoos	142.46
Mary McCoy	9.75
Ella O. Pinney	1,148.61
Ohio Knox, trustee	74.76
J. Stillwell, guardian	347.17
J. B. Patterson, agent N. P. Bowsher company	2,135.63
Total	$31,689.69

John Linder filed a petition of intervention yesterday in the Officer & Pusey receivership matter, in which he asked that the receivers be ordered to offset $2,500 of the $10,000 which the bank owes him against certain notes on which he is surety. The notes are twelve in number and, without interest, aggregate $2,502.72. Claims against the Officer & Pusey bank aggregating upwards of $10,000 were filed with the clerk of the district court yesterday.

Sappho smiles with you at The Hoffman, where that famous whisky bought in bond is retailed.

For Saturday every drum, sled and basket in this store will be sold at just half price.

WHITELAW & GARDINER,
Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Verdict for Defendants.

The suit in which W. H. Ware of this city sought to recover $500 attorney fees from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harden of Neola, Ia., was concluded in the superior court yesterday afternoon and the jury returned a verdict for the defendants. The fees were claimed in connection with a habeas corpus case, but the defendants claimed that the plaintiff had been brought into the case by their attorney, Riley Clark of Neola, with whom they had contracted for conducting the case, and that it was to Clark that he should look for his fee. The plaintiff set up the plea that when he entered the suit he was not aware of Mr. Clark having been retained by the defendants.

The most useful present for a man is a nice muffler like those beautiful hand-embroidered ones that are for sale at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs.

Start the new century right with a new ledger. Special ruled forms in stock. Morehouse & Co.

Held for Assault.

John Hansen and John Johnson, his hired man, charged with assaulting Jacob Hansen during a dispute over a pig which had strayed into the wrong pen, had their preliminary hearing before Justice Ferrier yesterday and were each bound over to the district grand jury. They both gave bail, which was fixed at $600 each. An elm club, broken in the middle, which the prosecuting witness claimed had been smashed over his head by the defendants, was an important although silent witness at the hearing.

There are a lot of choice wooden warships at the Boston Store that are to be closed out by Christmas at half their marked price.

WHITELAW & GARDINER,
Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Davis sells paint.

Another Case of Smallpox.

The sick child in the family of Grant Schoup at 2409 Avenue A was pronounced yesterday by Dr. Treynor to be suffering from smallpox. The quarantine on the Schoup residence would have been lifted next Sunday but it will now have to be continued for a further period of forty days. The supplies for the family are now being furnished by the city.

The Schoup child makes the seventh case of smallpox in this city.

Commonwealth 10-cent cigar.

Special prices on cameras at Cole & Cole's for Christmas, and 1,000 salesmen's sample knives on sale. They are being sold at about the regular price to dealers. Mail orders solicited. Cole & Cole, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Grover's Soft Shoes

for tender feet.

SARGENT,
Look for the Bear.

IOWA'S COLLEGE SHOWING

Is Proud Possessor of Forty-Six Institutions for Higher Education.

STATE NORMAL HAS BEST ATTENDANCE

Iowa College at Grinnell and the State University Are the Pioneers—Drake Has Largest Faculty with a Total of Seventy.

DES MOINES, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Iowa now has forty-six colleges, according to the last directory of educational affairs, just issued by the superintendent of public instruction. Iowa college, at Grinnell, and the State university were both established in 1847 and others of the older institutions are Amity college, at College Springs, 1852; Central university, Pella, 1853; Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant; Lenox at Hopkinton and Western college at Toledo, 1856; Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Epworth seminary, Epworth and Upper Iowa university, Fayette, 1857, and the Iowa State college at Ames, 1858. The State Normal school at Cedar Falls has the largest attendance, having 2,014 pupils last year. Highland Park college, Des Moines, had 2,000 students. Drake university, Des Moines, had 1,593. The State university, Iowa City, enrolled 1,438. The largest faculty is at Drake university, with a total of seventy. There are forty-six in the faculty at the State university, but the university has fifty-six other teachers. The State Normal school stands head and shoulders above the other colleges of the state when it comes to "students actually engaged in college work." The Normal has 1,757 students in college work, the State college at Ames 935 and the State university, 733. Cornell college has 362, Grinnell 290 and Drake 182. Highland Park college refused to report upon this matter. As to the number of graduates last year the State university had 260; the State Normal school, 205; Highland Park college, 152; Drake university, 150; State college, 75; Grinnell, 72; Western Normal college, 91, and Cornell, 60.

Supreme Court Decisions.

An important case decided by the Iowa supreme court today was that known as the Marco Chiesa case from Polk county, involving the character of the mulct tax law for saloons. Chiesa was under injunction not to sell liquor under the old law. He was fined for contempt. He contended that when the code was adopted and the mulct tax law materially changed the legislature thereby made a new law and injunctions under the old law were no longer in force. Judge Prouty of the district court accepted this view of the case, but today the supreme court decided otherwise and holds that injunctions under the old law are still in force.

Another case was from Audubon county in which an itinerant doctor escaped the penalty of violation of the medical practice act by contending that discriminations in the act were unconstitutional. He held that the requirement that a physician, to get a certificate without examination, "must have practiced medicine for at least three years in one locality" was discriminating against the itinerant doctors. Judge Macy held to this view and released the doctor, but the supreme court, on an appeal from the state, decided that the law is fair and not discriminative.

In a case from Madison county a convicted person sought to escape on the technical objection that more than one person was in the grand jury room when a witness was being examined. The witness was a girl who was very nervous and her father was permitted to be in the room while she gave her testimony. The court holds that this was not a violation of law.

The following are the cases decided today:

Clearfield Bank against Elmer A. Olin et al, appellants; Taylor county; question of fraud in sale of land; modified and affirmed.

Charlotte H. VanGinkle, appellant, against G. VanGinkle, Polk county; action on promissory note; affirmed.

Jennie Brooks, appellant, against Thomas Seevers; Mahaska county; malicious prosecution; affirmed.

State against A. L. Wood, appellant; Madison county; indictment for perjury; affirmed.

C. H. Ainley against American Mutual Fire Insurance Company, appellant; Polk county; action on note; modified and affirmed.

State against David R. Wright, appellant; Appanoose county; conviction for manslaughter; reversed.

State, appellant, against William M. Bair; Audubon county; involving practice by an itinerant physician; reversed.

A. M. Byers & Co., appellant, against Hickman Grain Company; Taylor county; action on note; affirmed.

State against Orris Wolf et al, appellants; Poweshiek county; conviction for criminal assault; reversed.

State against Prouty, judge of court in Polk county, certiorari proceedings in case of Marco Chiesa; liquor case; annulled.

Cigarette Tax Test.

The attorneys for the American Tobacco company have perfected their plans for testing the Iowa tax law relating to dealers in cigarettes. The cigarette dealers who were selling for the company in Des Moines were assessed $75 each for the current quarter as soon as the Tennessee decision was announced. The assessors claimed that as they had been selling since the first of September in violation of law they had a right to make the assessment and make the dealers all pay, even if they did stop selling as soon as the tobacco company gave notice that it would not longer be responsible for the tax. Now the company will have one of the dealers pay the tax under protest and ask the county to remit the taxes. This will be refused and the case will go to the court immediately on application for an order to remit. Inasmuch as the assessors have in some instances made the assessment of taxes since the law went into effect three years ago and the American Tobacco company was under contract with all dealers in Iowa to stand all expenses brought on by entanglement with the laws, the case will be pushed hard.

Judge McClain Takes Oath.

Emlin McClain, the newly-elected judge of the supreme court, took the oath of office today and is sitting with the court, although not yet a member.

B. Murphy, editor of the Vinton Eagle, is in the city arranging to take charge of the state printing the first of the year. He will not establish a new office, but make a working arrangement with one of the offices already established.

The Roodewig-Schmidt Candy company of Davenport has become incorporated with $100,000 authorized capital stock.

Dormitory to Be Rebuilt.

President Beardshear of the Iowa State college and a committee of the trustees, consisting of Messrs. McElroy, Hungerford, Boardman, Dixon and Jones, waited upon the executive council today and formally applied for an appropriation of $20,000 for aid for the college in replacing the burned building at Ames. The executive council decided not to act hastily, but all members of the council, Governor Shaw, Secretary Dobson, Treasurer Herriott and Auditor Merriam, together with State Superintendent Barrett, went in a body to Ames to view the ruins of the burned college building and meet with the trustees. As a result of this meeting the council authorized the trustees to spend $3,500 repairing the standing portion of the dormitory and to submit an estimate of the cost of other buildings absolutely necessary to enable the college to get through next year. The trustees had asked for $20,000.

Business Failures.

Several business failures are reported recently from Iowa towns, Greenbaum & Sons, clothing merchants, Marshalltown, were compelled to close their doors by eastern creditors, their liabilities aggregating about $19,000, with $7,000 assets. At Oelwein, two grocery houses, one managed by a Mr. Anthony and another by Mr. Spoo, have been closed by the Iowa Grocery company of Independence, and the bakery firm of Kavanagh & Goodrich has failed.

The work of the tax "ferrets" in Hardin count, is said to be enriching the county treasury materially. The adjustments now run from $300 to $1,000 a day. The largest amount recovered from any one man in taxes on property heretofore hid from the assessors was $908.

The colleges of Iowa are holding their home oratorical contests. The representative of Simpson college will be Grace Erickson, who won on an oration on "Self-Adjustment." Iowa college, Grinnell, will be represented by J. C. Gleysteen, who prepared an oration on Oliver Cromwell.

Army Post Site Accepted.

Congressman Hull reports from Washington that the report of the army commission on the location of the army post at Des Moines has been received and considered by the War department and that the report is favorable to the site offered by Des Moines people. It will be a cavalry post. Preparations are being made here to close the matter up immediately.

Announcement is made here that prominent politicians will urge Judge T. M. Fee of Centerville for appointment to the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the retirement of Judge Deemer, in case the latter decides upon going to the head of the law department of the state university.

The Grant club, the big republican club of Des Moines, had a banquet tonight, which was turned into a sort of general jollification meeting over the political work of the past year. The speaker of the evening was Judge William R. Payne of Chicago, who spoke on "the Republican Party, its Past, Present and Future."

Martin Fosnes, long a postoffice inspector in this part of the country, arrived in the city this morning and is visiting his wife, Dr. Edith G. Fosnes. He has recovered entirely from his serious attack of fever in Cuba, where he is director of posts, and expects to return immediately to Havana to resume his work.

Captain J. D. Baker of Company B, Fifty-first Iowa, has resigned his commission and will go to Oklahoma to live the first of the year. His home is at Villisca.

Barber Poison Case May Be Dropped.

Developments indicate that Mrs. Myrtle Wright of Sterling, Colo., charged with complicity in the poisoning of George Barber to obtain his life insurance of $7,800, will not be tried. While the chemical analysis of Barber's stomach is said to have disclosed traces of strychnine, the coroner has written that the doctor's report is not sufficiently convincing to demand an inquest. The coroner asked the insurance company for further instructions. His letter is taken to mean that the company would have to pay the cost of prosecuting the case. This the company is disinclined to do.

Prohibition by a New Method.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Today Judge Z. A. Church of Denison took under advisement the case of Eugene Lutz against the Sioux City Brewing company, in which Lutz asks an injunction to restrain the big Sioux City brewery from making beer. The brewery management had Lutz, who is a lawyer, arrested on the charge of blackmail, and Lutz retaliated by bringing the injunction proceedings, claiming the brewery has been violating the law for some time. Because of the feeling in the case neither of the Sioux City judges cared to hear the case and Judge Church consented to preside. Some time ago Judge Gaynor refused to grant a temporary injunction. The hearing, which closed today, was on the question of a permanent injunction.

Find Money in a Poor Man's Barn.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Two youngsters claim to have found $140 in a barn on the place recently vacated by an elderly man named Aspelmeyer, who is now being cared for at the county farm, and to have given the money to three men who were working at a place across the road. The men deny the charge that they kept the money and divided it among themselves, and Aspelmeyer says that if any was found there it must have been some that his wife had hidden years before. The police are investigating.

Smallpox at Lake Circle.

ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Smallpox has broken out in what is known at Lake Circle, four miles southwest of Onawa. Dr. Batten, who has been appointed health officer for Franklin township, says there are five cases in the family of Mr. Danks and one in the family of John Hamil. They are all children who have attended the Lake school and the school will be closed today and about ten families who have had children in attendance will be placed under a strict quarantine.

Gets the Best of Fort Madison.

FORT MADISON, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Fort Madison Waterworks company has taken a sweet revenge on the city for ordering in fire hydrants. For six months' use of the hydrants the company charged an aggregate rental of $4,528.90 and Judge McPherson of the federal court has just rendered a decision supporting the contentions of the waterworks company and compelling the city to raise money by taxation to meet its demands.

Davenport Turners Flourishing.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Davenport's flourishing organization of Turners has just concluded a campaign of hustling that has reduced the debt on its hall from $35,000 to $20,000 and given grounds for the hope that the entire debt may be wiped out within another year. The building is the second largest Turner hall in the United States.

High School Drill Hall.

F. E. Cox of the firm which drew plans for the new High school building says it was well understood by the Board of Education when the plans were drawn that the ceiling of the drill hall was only ten feet high. The hall was designed solely for drill purposes and there was no suggestion made then of using it for a gymnasium. The height of the basement story, in which the hall is located, was placed at ten feet for the express purpose of keeping the cost of the building within, as far as possible, the sum appropriated.

In regard to remedying the defect Mr. Cox said he was opposed to the plan suggested of reducing the height of the auditorium in order to raise that of the drill hall. Such a plan, he said, would necessitate placing four or five steps into the auditorium from the main hallway. The steps would either have to project into the auditorium or else into the hall. The room could not be spared in the hall for the steps and if they projected into the auditorium they would lessen the seating capacity, which was no greater than needed.

He said he was in favor of raising the walls of the entire building the extra three or four feet, as this would not only improve the general appearance of the structure, but would leave the auditorium as originally planned. He realized that this plan would be the most expensive of the two, but under the circumstances believed that it would be the most economical in the long run.

The architects are much pleased with the way the building is progressing and stated that the pressed brickwork could not be excelled. They paid Contractor Hughes a high compliment and said that the quality of the material being placed in the building could not be excelled.

The Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight, when the matter of the drill room will come up for action. The board expects to award the contract for furnishing the new High school with heating and ventilating plants.

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