

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockert sells lace curtains. Fire A B bear. Neumayer's hotel. Victor Heaters. Bixby & Sons, agents. Wollman, scientific optician, 408 B way. Schmidt's fine photos guaranteed to please. W. F. Craft, undertaker and decorator, 101 South Main street. Phone 504.

WIFE CONFESSES TO ARSON

Dr. C. H. Hunt Admits His Need of Ready Money.

BUT HE DENIES THE WOMAN'S STORY

He is Sixty-Seven Years Old, While She is Only Twenty-Seven, and She Says She's As a Child in His Hands.

Dr. C. H. Hunt, a dentist, and wife are under arrest, charged with setting fire to their home at 318 Williams street Saturday night. Hunt was taken into custody at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and lodged in the city jail. His wife, Mrs. Matilda Hunt, was placed under arrest several hours later, after she had made a confession in the presence of Chief of Police Albro, Chief Templeton of the fire department and Detective Weir. For lack of suitable accommodations at the city jail she was placed in the county bastille.

Shortly before midnight Saturday the fire department was called to the cottage at 318 Williams street, the alarm having been turned in by one of the neighbors, who saw smoke from the walls and from the roof of the house. The department, on reaching the premises, found the doors locked and an entrance had to be forced. The flames, which were principally confined to the furniture and one corner of the house, were quickly extinguished. As soon as the smoke cleared away Chief Templeton discovered ample evidence to lead him to suspect that the blaze was of incendiary origin and he at once commenced an investigation.

Mattress Soaked with Oil.

In the front room the first thing that attracted his attention was a mattress on the floor, which was found to be soaked with kerosene. Near the mattress and under the several articles of furniture were heaps of excelsior and oil-soaked bundles of paper. Oil-soaked excelsior and papers were found in other parts of the house and in several places the plastering had been torn from the walls and the floorboards. The paper so laid that when it caught fire the flames would easily communicate to the woodwork of the house by running up between the plastering and the weatherboards.

While the fire department was working at the fire Dr. Hunt and his wife arrived on the scene and appeared to be very much perturbed over the loss of their furniture. They said they had been at the doctor's office over Atkins' drug store on Broadway when they heard the fire alarm bell. When told of the suspicious circumstances attending the blaze Dr. Hunt expressed much surprise and said he could not understand what motive anyone would have for attempting to burn his home, as he had not, he believed, a single enemy in the city. As soon as he discovered the indications of a deliberate attempt to set fire to the house Chief Templeton notified the police by telephone and Detective Weir was detailed on the case.

Says Valuables Area Burned.

Detective Weir requested Dr. Hunt to accompany him to the station, while his wife and 9-year-old son were taken care of by the sister by one of the neighbors. At the station Dr. Hunt was questioned as to the movements of himself and family that night, the insurance he carried on his furniture and as to what articles of his he had in the house. He stated that with his son he left home shortly before 9 o'clock and went to the office, where he had some work to do. His wife, he said, followed him in about half an hour. He said he had \$300 insurance in a Des Moines company on his furniture and household effects. He mentioned in particular an emerald necklace, a pair of pearls and a long list of wearing apparel. The valuable dresses, he said, were contained in a wardrobe which had been burned.

Goods Found at Office.

After the examination of the doctor had lasted about an hour Detective Weir suggested that he accompany him to his office over the drug store. This Dr. Hunt appeared very reluctant to do, but the officer insisted. Here Detective Weir found two trunks full of wearing apparel and several boxes containing chinaware and cooking utensils. When asked how they happened to be in his office instead of at his home Dr. Hunt gave an evasive reply. Detective Weir then told him he was under arrest and took him to the city jail, where he was booked on a charge of arson.

After breakfast yesterday morning Mrs. Hunt was taken to Chief Albro's private office, where she was questioned before Chief Templeton and Detective Weir. It was but a few moments before the woman broke down and consented to tell all. She said she had been married to her husband for 12 years and that she had been married to set fire to the house for the last three weeks with a view to collecting the insurance on the furniture.

First Attempt Fails.

He made an attempt Friday night, but it failed, only a hole in the carpet and one of the mattresses being burned. He made better preparations Saturday night and, acting under his instructions, she started the blaze after he had left the house with his son. As soon as she had started the fire she left the house and joined her husband at his office. Mrs. Hunt is only 27 years of age, while the doctor is 67 years old. They have been married ten years and in her story to the chief of police she said she

CUMMINS GAINS DELEGATES

Most Significant Action of the Week in Dallas County.

GREAT MAJORITY YET TO BE CALLED

Too Early in the Campaign to Forecast Control of the State Convention—Many Iowa Church Gatherings.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, May 19.—(Special.)—The result of the political conventions of the last week affords little clue to the wishes of the people of the state with regard to the republican nominations. The most significant action is in Dallas county, the former home of Minister Conger, where the caucus in the leading towns have been carried for Cummins, but his opponents are savage in denunciation of the methods used, claiming that snap judgment was taken; that the caucus were called without sufficient notice and that improper influences were used upon the republican voters. However this may be, it is now certain that Dallas county will not be for Minister Conger for governor, but will send a delegation favorable to Cummins. This is generally regarded as ending the possibility of making any break in the Seventh congressional district, which will be sold for Cummins for governor. With Polk, Woodbury, Story, Boone and Sac instructed for Cummins and the delegations from Marshall, O'Brien and Dallas conceded to him, Cummins has 215 votes, a starter in the convention. Butler county has instructed for Harriman and Union and Adams are uninstructed, but opposed to Cummins. During the present week there will be conventions held in twelve counties of the state. Those that are reasonably certain to be for Cummins are Carroll, Potosi, Kosciusko, Dickinson, Humboldt and Ida counties. Guthrie county will instruct for Herrington on Thursday. Bremer, Grundy and Adams will select delegations favorable to either Trevis or Harriman. Taylor county will select a delegation opposed to Cummins. Sioux City is likely to be for Cummins, but without instructions. Thus Mr. Cummins' list of delegates is likely to be run up to over 300 before the close of the week. It is conceded, however, that the counties which are holding conventions now are those in which the candidates feel themselves best able to control easily. There will be over 1,000 delegates in the state convention, and the great majority of county conventions have yet to be called.

General Superintendent Tarkington of the motor company expected to leave with his family yesterday and in consequence had that member seriously crushed between the bumpers. He was taken in the police patrol wagon to the Women's Christian association hospital. The attending physicians thought it possible that amputation would not be necessary. Jack Fitzgerald, a machinist in the employ of the Northwestern railway at the roundhouse, overslept himself yesterday morning and finding himself late in getting to work sprinted down the track. His foot caught in a rail and he was thrown violently to the ground. His face struck a rail, and besides receiving a number of painful bruises and abrasions he was knocked senseless for a time. The police patrol was called and he was removed to the Tremont house, where he remains.

Wrecked Engine Back on Rails.

The Illinois Central wrecking crew, after working the entire night, succeeded in getting the switch engine that jumped the track Saturday afternoon on Eighteenth street near First avenue and crushed out the life of Albert Rachwitz back on the rails at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The wrecking crew was held at the scene until 9 o'clock this morning at Cutler's undertaking rooms.

Church Meetings in Iowa.

Several notable church meetings are to be held in Iowa this spring, and at least three of them are to be held this week. The forty-ninth annual convention of the diocese of Iowa of the Episcopal church is to be held in Des Moines commencing Tuesday morning, and in connection therewith the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Board of Missions for that denomination. Bishop Morrison of Davenport will be here and on Tuesday afternoon will deliver the annual Episcopal address. A matter which is to come up which will attract to this meeting a larger number of the clerical and lay delegates than usual is that of the adoption of a new constitution for the diocese and new canon law. All persons who have been examined for the position of clerk or carrier within the last year and failed to pass may be re-examined upon filing new applications in due time.

For Clerk and Carrier.

The United States Civil Service commission announces that on June 19 an examination will be held in this city for the positions of clerk and carrier in the post office service. All persons who have been examined for the position of clerk or carrier within the last year and failed to pass may be re-examined upon filing new applications in due time.

Crash at Base Ball Game.

DES MOINES, May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—By the breaking down of the seats at the new Sunday ball park, a dozen persons were more or less injured, but not seriously, except a small boy. The boy received a cut in his scalp, and a man, who had his foot pinched. This was the first time the grounds were used and there were about 200 persons on that part of the stand which fell. The game had not commenced and owing to the excitement, the crowd in the reserved seats caused that part of the stand to weaken. It was with difficulty that the manager induced the occupants of the grandstand to leave their seats and prevent a greater catastrophe.

The Great Scourge

of modern times is consumption. Many cures and discoveries in medicine are published, but Foley's Cure and Tar does truthfully claim to cure all cases in the early stages and always affords comfort and relief in the very worst cases. Take no substitute.

FAIR TODAY, COOLER TUESDAY

Nebraska's Winds Will Vary from Southeasterly to Northwesterly—Fair for Iowa.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Forecast of the weather:

For Nebraska—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair and cooler; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Iowa—Fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer in eastern portion Tuesday; northeasterly winds, becoming variable.

For North Dakota—Showers and cooler Monday; Tuesday fair; northwesterly winds.

For South Dakota—Showers Monday; cooler in western portion; Tuesday fair; cooler; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Kansas—Fair Monday and Tuesday; variable winds.

For Colorado—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair and cooler; southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Wyoming—Fair Monday and Tuesday; lower temperature Monday; westerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 19.—Forecast of the temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature. Rows for 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Temperature, Precipitation, Wind.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

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T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

MINOR MENTION.

Miss Pauline Card of Logan, Ia., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Mikesell of Washington avenue. Thomas Bowen returned yesterday morning from Missouri, where he has been looking after a railroad contract. Takes home a small cream, 25 cents, of Neapolitan, 25 cents. Will keep one hour without ice. A Metzger & Co. Twin Brothers encampment, 25 cents. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet tonight for work in the Golden Rule degree.

The city council will meet in adjourned regular session tonight and tomorrow night will hold a special session to hear protests against assessments.

Mrs. James Ray of Lincoln avenue is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Matilda Fowler of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. S. M. Robinson of Hilldale, Ia.

Judge Wheeler is expected to reconvene district court today. The first case on the assignment is the suit of H. L. Tinley, administrator, against the motor company.

Three young men, farmers of Mills county, were arrested by the police last evening for fast driving on South Main street. Only one of the party succeeded in securing bail.

The women of the Congregational church gave a delightful social Thursday evening at the church parlors. The evening was spent with music and games, after which refreshments were served.

The funeral of Julius Williams, who died Saturday, at his home in Lewis and Clark streets, will be held at 10 o'clock this morning at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapin and son of Salt Lake City are guests of Mrs. Chapin's mother, Mrs. Seeley, on Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are en route to New York City, where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mikesell were tendered a surprise party Friday evening at their new home at Twenty-fourth and Avenue C. The party was a most enjoyable one, and the evening was spent with games and music. A daily lunch was served.

The graduating exercises at the State School for the Deaf will be June 4. Diplomas will not be presented to the graduates until June 5, the last day of the term. The class this year will comprise fourteen students, seven young men and a like number of young women.

Patrick Ryan will have a hearing in police court this morning on a charge of drawing a revolver and threatening to kill Robert Blythe, a Northwestern brakeman. Ryan was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for breaking into David Bradley & Co.'s store, after he was released last evening from the county jail. It is expected that the parole for John Noonan, Carter's partner, sentenced to a like term, will be received here today.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Carpenters May Strike Today.

The wages controversy between the union carpenters and the contractors has not been settled and unless an agreement is reached this morning it is understood that the carpenters will lay down their tools and walk out. Several of the employing contractors when seen yesterday were not much perturbed, as they said they believed trouble would be averted and that there would be no general walkout. Several of the men employed by Contractor Campbell on the pile work at Lake Manawa say they will not go to work as the motor company has refused to receive the fare to and from the lake for them.

Davis sells glass.

Class of Five Confirmed.

Right Rev. A. L. Williams, coadjutor bishop of Nebraska, administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to a class of five candidates last evening in St. Paul's Episcopal church. In his sermon Bishop Williams spoke principally for the benefit of those whom he had confirmed, taking as his text, "Lord, what will Thou have me to do." He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet with the congregation, owing to his regard and long friendship for Bishop Morrison. He also paid a glowing tribute to the rector of St. Paul's, Rev. George Edward Walk.

DeLong will print it right.

Fire in Roundhouse. Fire broke out in the roundhouse of the Northwestern railway about midnight Saturday, the blaze starting from the oil which was stored in one corner. The interior was badly scorched and several engines were damaged. The fire was discovered by the watchman and the fire department was summoned, but employees of the company had the blaze well under control by the time it arrived. Agent Montgomery was unable to give yesterday any estimate of the damage, but he did not think it would be heavy.

Davis sells paint.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 641 Broadway.

Advertisement for SARGENT'S FISHING RESORT, GOOD SHOES, and FARM LOANS.

Advertisement for LEWIS OUTLER Funeral Director, 28 PEARL STREET, Phone 97.

Advertisement for Did You Get One, featuring tooth brushes and dental services.

Advertisement for Herman M. Leffert, Graduate Optician, 230 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Advertisement for DELI G. MORGAN'S Drug Store, 112 Broadway.

Advertisement for National Biscuit Company, 'Just for the Sake of Illustration'. Features a 'NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY' logo and text about the quality of their biscuits.

Advertisement for Union Pacific Railroad, 'Summer Tourists to the West'. Includes a map of the Union Pacific Railroad and text about the best service and equipment.

Advertisement for Dr. Searles & Searles, Omaha, Neb., offering a '\$5.00 A MONTH' specialist treatment for various ailments.

Advertisement for RE-NO-MAY POWDER, 'In pink box not only relieves, but positively cures all disorders of the feet'.

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Advertisement for RE-NO-MAY POWDER, 'In blue box removes all bodily odors. If properly used no dress shields are required'.

Advertisement for MEN, 'NO CURE, NO PAY'.

Advertisement for CALIFORNIA GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE, 'FIRST CLASS PULLMAN SLEEPERS... DAILY BETWEEN... OMAHA AND SAN FRANCISCO'.

Advertisement for GAS STOVES, '\$10 to \$14', 'Meter and all piping free. No charge for anything but the stove. The Council Bluffs Gas Co. Open Evenings. 26 Pearl Street'.

Advertisement for \$500 REWARD, 'We will pay the above reward for any case of Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation or Costiveness we cannot cure with Liver, the Up-To-Date LITTLE LIVER PILLS, when the directions are strictly complied with'.

Advertisement for The 'Comstock Process', 'is the most successful method for reducing and relieving pain in all kinds of dental operations that has yet been presented to the public'.

Advertisement for KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO 'Silver Gloss' STARCH, 'is unsurpassed for fine Linens, Muslins and delicate Laces'.

Advertisement for MONEY Refunded, 'We guarantee to refund your money if you do not get relief from our medicine'.

Advertisement for H. L. RAMACCIOTTI, D. V. S., CITY VETERINARIAN, OMAHA, NEB.