

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stocker sets carpets and rugs. Metz base at Neumayer's hotel. Mrs. Green, office 23 Sapp block. Weisbach burners, Dixie & Son. Elegant Xmas photos at Schmidt's. Whilman, scientific optician, 39 Broadway. Dr. Steinhilber, Baldwin block. Elevator. F. C. Lewis is home from Fremont, Neb., for the holidays. Pure, carefully handsome boxes, Woodward's Opera Bontons. Lily camp No. 1, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet tonight. Musical cak body waltz \$5.00 cord. Wm. Welch, 23 N. Main st., Tel. 128. Mrs. C. H. Buehler of North Seventh street is reported critically ill. Theodore P. Myers, an attorney of Audubon, was in this city yesterday. Another shipment of elegant pictures just in. Alexander Cox, 233 Broadway. T. A. Williams of Visiting, Neb., was in this city yesterday visiting his old friend, N. C. Phillips. To keep your hubby home nights get him a portable billiard and pool table at Peterson & Schmitt's. When you eat candy why don't you eat Woodward's Frappe Chocolates, with floating cream centers. The Ministerial association will meet the last Monday in December, instead of the first Monday in January. Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy entertained at a 5 o'clock dinner Monday evening in honor of their guests, Miss Maudie Pierce of Des Moines. The first gift you can make is to furnish, see the extensive list carried by Peterson & Schmitt, Merriam block. The funeral of Mrs. Ruth Brober Paul will be held at the residence at 214 South Fourth street at 2 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. G. Gibson. Mrs. C. H. Buehler of Fremont, Neb., and Mrs. M. E. Overaker of this city were married at the home of Mrs. J. E. Lanning, 127 Seventh avenue, yesterday, by Rev. T. F. Thickett. Marcus Slick, a Pottawattamie county farmer, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the federal court in this city. He schedules liabilities of \$1,544 and assets valued at \$1,295. A. P. Cooper, who lived on a farm south of this city for many years, died at Vanaville, Cal., December 19. Mr. Cooper and family removed from this county to California a year ago. The regular meeting of the school board last evening was announced to be a quorum. The bitter cold seemed to be too much for several members, and none was present but President Hoss and Members Cooper and Sargent. Reuben Russell, who has been a sufferer from epilepsy since his childhood, was taken into custody yesterday and taken before the Board of Commissioners on Insanity. After examining the case the commissioners decided to send him to St. Bernard's hospital temporarily for observation. Wesley Utterback drove up to the police station last evening and announced to the night desk sergeant that he had a drunken man in his back. He said the fellow crawled into the back of his car and when he offered him into the station, where he gave the name of Chris Barber and went behind the big door. Charles Jones, the young man under arrest for stealing an overcoat from Frank Green, is to be given his freedom on the charge on payment of the costs no farther. Given in news column. He is busy in having the coat thrown into jail for his absent-mindedness in going away with the coat. It is not known whether he would have happened if he had not lost a \$5 suit of clothes in a similar manner not long since and was a little touchy on the subject. N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250. Finances of the City Parity. City Clerk Phillips in his capacity as secretary of the park board yesterday issued the following statement of the financial affairs of the board: RECEIPTS. Cash on hand November 1, 1900... \$579.01 Gilbert Brook, rent, November... 16.42 County treasurer, December... 96.57 County treasurer, January... 96.57 County treasurer, February... 96.57 County treasurer, March... 96.57 County treasurer, April... 96.57 County treasurer, May... 96.57 County treasurer, June... 96.57 County treasurer, July... 96.57 County treasurer, August... 96.57 County treasurer, September... 96.57 County treasurer, October... 96.57 County treasurer, November... 96.57 Miscellaneous... 1.00 Overdraft... 65.52 Total... \$1,531.26 DISBURSEMENTS. Fairmount park... \$2,471.56 Bayless park... 474.12 Cochran park... 135.20 Lakewood park... 135.20 Salary commissioners... 967.50 Miscellaneous expenditures... 79.03 Total... \$3,869.16 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES. November, 1900... \$207.57 December, 1900... 138.29 January, 1901... 138.29 February, 1901... 138.29 March, 1901... 138.29 April, 1901... 138.29 May, 1901... 138.29 June, 1901... 138.29 July, 1901... 138.29 August, 1901... 138.29 September, 1901... 138.29 October, 1901... 138.29 Total... \$1,368.16

WILLIAMS GUILTY, FINELY NOT.

In the criminal division of the district court, presided over by Judge Macy, the case of the State against Roy Williams and Tom Finerty of Neola was submitted to the jury about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. During the evening a verdict was returned holding Williams to be guilty and acquitting Finerty.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Bee has decided to give to the most popular working girl or woman in Council Bluffs, who earns her own living, a Christmas gift of a box at the Bohney theater on Christmas night, at which time the attraction will be "For Love's Sake," one of the best melodramas that has appeared here in many years. The two Iowa girls, Mabel and Ethel Strickland, have prominent parts in the play. The contest is to be decided by the readers of the Bee, who can vote for their choice upon the attached coupon. The contest closes Tuesday, December 24, at 5 p. m. The successful one in this contest can invite three of her friends to occupy the box with her. A coupon will be printed each day. Cut them out, vote your choice and deposit your ballots at the Bee office. The vote will be published daily. Subscriptions paid to advance one vote for each cent.

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THEATER BOX, NIGHT THEATER, CHRISTMAS NIGHT, 1901.

LEWIS CUTLER FUNERAL DIRECTOR

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MEET BOARD OF CONTROL

Heads of Iowa State Institutions Held Quarterly Conference.

AGRICULTURAL BOOKS ARE EXAMINED

Supreme Court in Session, but Files No Decisions—Appeal from Verdict for Breach of Promise.

(DES MOINES, Dec. 17.—Special.)—The quarterly conference of the heads of Iowa state institutions with the State Board of Control was commenced today and will be completed tomorrow. Nearly all the superintendents and principals of state institutions were present. The first paper read was one by Mrs. Welch, wife of Superintendent Welch of the Minnesota insane hospital at Fergus Falls, on the subject of helpful occupations for insane women. She called attention to the fact that most of the occupations which are given to a woman in insane hospitals are those to which she has been accustomed, and quite frequently she is set to work at that which has had something to do with causing her insanity. She advocated the employment at each and every hospital of some competent instructor in fancy work who should devote her entire time to teaching the inmates how to make various articles, many of which can be sold. Dr. Hill of the insane hospital at Independence said that a great deal of such work is done there. Dr. Applegate of the hospital at Mount Pleasant spoke of the physical culture course for the industrial work now being done there. An instructor in physical exercise is regularly employed at that institution. The work has not progressed far enough for results, as yet, but undoubtedly there has been great improvement due to the giving to the patients of regular physical training. This is a comparatively new thing in the west, but it has been tried in eastern hospitals. Members of the state board expressed a desire to have the work adopted generally in the state hospitals, as it is probable that work in physical culture or employment at fancy work will be generally adopted at all four of the Iowa State hospitals.

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HORTICULTURISTS IN SESSION

Women of Red Oak Entertain the Iowa Society After its Business Meeting.

RED OAK, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Southwestern Iowa Horticultural society held its first session at Ryerson's opera house this forenoon. Owing to severe cold weather the attendance was light and the program was cut short. In the afternoon the society adjourned to accept the invitation of the women of the Village Improvement society, a department of the Monday club, to meet with them at their hall, where an unusually interesting program was carried out. Hon. Wesley Green, secretary of the Iowa Horticultural society, led in discussion of the topic, "Interesting People in Getting the Most Enjoyment Out of Their Home Grounds." Mr. Green discussed the sentiment as well as the practical side of the matter for home decoration. He was followed by A. F. Colman of Corning, Hon. Silas Wilson of Atlantic, W. M. Bomberger of Harlan, J. M. Bechtel of Burlington and R. D. McGeheon, who made short talks along the same line. Mrs. B. Clark, for the club, read an exhaustive paper outlining the scope and work of the Village Improvement society. An excellent program of music enlivened the proceedings and at the close the women of the club served refreshments. A splendid program is prepared for Wednesday, which will be of great practical value to farmers and fruit growers. Papers have been prepared by experts in the several departments of horticulture. An interesting session is being held tonight.

DEMANDS RECOUNT OF BALLOT

Bruce Contests Emmert's Right to Senatorial Chair for Cass-Shelby District.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator J. M. Emmert of Atlantic, who upon the face of the returns was elected to the upper branch of the state legislature at the late election by a plurality of one in the Cass-Shelby district over Hon. James E. Bruce of Anita, the republican candidate, today received official notice from Bruce that his seat in the senate would be contested at the opening of that body. Mr. Bruce sets forth in his petition to the senate that in several precincts in both Cass and Shelby counties many votes were counted for Emmert contrary to the Iowa election laws and contrary to the ruling of the supreme court on points at issue. Mr. Bruce also says that many votes cast for him were not counted which by right under the law he was entitled to have counted, and he asks that the vote be all recounted before a committee of the senate named for that purpose. The election was one of the closest ever known. Mr. Bruce carrying Cass county by twenty-nine and Mr. Emmert carrying Shelby county by many votes. The result will be watched with great interest. Judge Willard of this city will no doubt appear for Mr. Emmert, while Hon. T. B. Swan, also of Atlantic, will protect the interests of Mr. Bruce.

THIELE MURDER TRIAL OPENS

Jury is Secured and Attorneys Commence Arguments in Wife-Slaying Case.

RED OAK, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—All of Monday and Tuesday until after 11 o'clock was spent in getting a jury in the S. G. Thiele murder case, which came up Monday morning before Judge Wheeler of the district court. County Attorney F. P. Greenlee is being assisted in the prosecution by Attorney R. W. Beeson and Thiele is represented by C. E. and P. W. Richards. In making the opening statement to the jury the county attorney stated that he expected to prove that Thiele had murdered his wife, Ida M. Thiele,