CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

FIGHT FOR FARMERS' TRADE

Business Men Petition Great Western to Spare South Avenue.

WANT TRACKS FAR FROM ROADWAY

Chief Thoroughfare of Rural Traffic Believed to Be in Danger, and Citizens' Committee Works Hard to Save It.

Petitions are being circulated among the retail business firms, jobbers and manufacturers of this city, requesting the Great Western Railroad company to place its tracks when paralleling South avenue so as not to endanger that thoroughfare for public travel. The petition reads:

To the Officials of the Fort Dodge & Council Bluffs Division of the Chicago Great Western Railway—Gentlemen: Believing that in building your road into the city of Council Bluffs you are coming here for business and that business must come principally from the business men of the city, who are the heaviest patrons of a railroad, and from the public generally, and believing that you are desirous of retaining the good will and friendship of the people of this city, and that you are willing to concede to the people any reasonable requests, and believing that as the proposed route of your road along and in such close proximity to South avenue, which is the principal avenue of travel leading into the city patronized by farmers, from whom a great part of our trade is derived, will be detrimental to the interests of the business men of this city, by reason of the diversion of trade from this city and to other contiguous towns in the near vicinity, we respectfully petition that you divert the line of your road as far as possible from the present roadway along South avenue, or make such other changes as will be satisfactory to yourselves and the business men and merchants of this city. If desirous, the petitioners will be glad to meet your representatives at any time you may suggest to talk the matter over with you.

The circulation of this petition is in the hands of the citizens' committee of the Third ward and has already been signed by a large number of the representative retail and wholesale business firms of the city. Nearly all of the large wholesale implement firms on South Main street have signed the petition, as well as all of the banks in the city.

The city council at its star chamber session Thursday afternoon decided to keep the tracks of the Great Western at least seventy-five feet from the highway on South avenue, if it could legally do so. This will be one of the provisions to be inserted in the vacation ordinance when it comes up for action by the aldermen.

It has been suggested, and the plan is favored by Mayor Jennings, that the Great Western be required to erect a tight board fence between the highway on this avenue and its tracks. Representatives of the railroad, however, object to such a proposition on the grounds that a high fence would be dangerous and would make the crossings at Tostevin street and Woodbury avenue death traps. They contend that the engineers would be unable to discern any danger at these crossing until the train was right at the point and that it would prevent persons driving teams from seeing approaching trains in time to avoid them.

It has been suggested, and it meets with general favor, that the railroad be asked to construct its tracks at least 150 feet from the South avenue highway.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Bethers Admits Stealing Wire.

Nate Bethers was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with the theft of a quantity of copper trolley wire from the motor company. The wire was cut from the line leading from Avenue A to the Driving park, which is only used on special occasions. The wire, cut into short lengths, was recovered at the home of Bethers' brother, at Sixth avenue and Twenty-sixth street. The brother was absent from home and the police exonerate him from all blame. When arrested by Detective Weir, Bethers admitted stealing the wire and implicated two other young fellows, giving their names.

The two are well known to the police, but could not be found in their haunts yesterday. It is thought that when they learned of Nate Bethers' arrest they went to Omaha.

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

Loses Foot Under Cars.

Nels Julius, 12 years old, had his left foot crushed by a Milwaukee freight train Saturday evening at Weston. He was on his way to deliver milk to a neighbor and to shorten the distance started across the tracks and climbed between two cars of a freight train standing there. Before he could get clear the train started, throwing him to the ground. The wheels of one car passed over his foot before he succeeded in dragging himself clear. Dr. Macrae, jr., of this city was summoned, and, assisted by Drs. Swanson of Weston and Wyland of Underwood, amputated the injured foot.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Jones in Jail Again.

A. E. Jones' troubles keep multiplying. He was released on his own bond Friday from the city jail on promising to keep away from his wife, who had caused his arrest for beating her and who brought suit for divorce while he was behind the bars. Last evening he was taken into custody again on an information filed by Mrs. Jones, who, it is said, feared her husband would leave the city to avoid punishment for assaulting her. He was unable to furnish bail last night.

Davis sells glass.

Silent About Postoffice.

Congressman Smith arrived here from Washington yesterday to argue the motion for a new trial in the famous Doyle-Burns mining suit today before Judge Green in the district court. Regarding the Council Bluffs postmastership, Congressman Smith said he had nothing to make public, as the petitions in favor of the two candidates, I. M. Treynor and A. S. Hazelton, had only reached him just before leaving Washington, and he had not yet had time to investigate them.

Davis sells glass.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Stockert sells carpets and rugs.
Metz beer at Neumayer's hotel.
Wollman, scientific optician, 409 B'way.
Artists' materials. C. E. Alexander & Co., 233 Broadway. Telephone 266.
Missouri oak body wood, $5.50 cord. William Welch, 23 N. Main street. Tel. 128.
Superintendent Clifford of the city schools is convalescent from his severe attack of rheumatism and hopes to be able to resume his duties today.
The monthly session of the board of trustees of the public library will be this afternoon.
Mrs. C. E. Evans has gone to Fairbury, Neb., where her husband has charge of the lighting plant.
There will be a special communication of Excelsior Masonic lodge this evening for work in the second degree.
Owing to an accident which disabled the organ, no services were held yesterday in St. Paul's Episcopal church.
Two more cases of smallpox in the Moon family, 1013 Avenue M, have been reported to the health officers. Fifteen members of this family are now down with the disease.
Rev. Henry Clark, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Creston, Ia., occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday.
Miss Adelaide Swanson, who is studying music in Kansas City, is home on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Swanson of Park avenue.
Miss Lillian Jackson of East Broadway returned last evening from Thurman, Ia., where she attended the funeral of Mrs. Holloway and her daughter Emma, who were buried on the same day.
Edna Spry, 1801 West Broadway, was reported to the health officers yesterday as having smallpox. The house was already under quarantine, other members of the family being down with the disease.
Harry Sparks, colored, is being held at the city jail pending investigation. He has been coming over from Omaha several times recently and the police suspect his intentions. Sparks admitted having served time in the penitentiary.
Judge Thornell, who had to adjourn court here last week and return to his home at Sidney on account of illness, is reported to have had a relapse, and it is believed he will not be able to reconvene court Tuesday, as planned.
R. S. Rawlings, who went to Rome, N. Y., for treatment for cancer, has now gone to Cambridge, Mass., where a specialist in this disease has given him some hopes of recovery. At the sanitarium in Rome the physicians told Rawlings his case was beyond cure.
C. J. Annis has resigned as chief clerk at the Grand hotel and will leave tomorrow for a visit in Dubuque. From there he will go to Charleston, to take in the exposition, and after seeing the sights there will take a trip to Florida. His future plans are unsettled.
The case against O. C. Gilmore, charged with the larceny of feed from F. Petersen's barn, has been continued indefinitely in police court and he has been released on his own bond. Petersen declined to file an information, as the evidence against Gilmore was purely circumstantial.
David Belasco's farce comedy success, "Naughty Anthony," will be the attraction at the Dohany theater tomorrow night. Much of this play's success is due to the fine cast engaged in presenting it. Local theatergoers are promised a treat in Marie Doro, claimed to be the prettiest and daintiest comedienne on the stage, and who will be seen as Cora, the hosiery model. The title role is in the hands of clever Will Phillips, a handsome young light comedian, whose biggest hit up to the time he played "Anthony" was in the London production of "The Whirl of the Town." Another great favorite in the cast is Patti Rosa, a clever singer, who has been seen here before. Miss Doro's and Miss Rosa's songs are features of the performance and the great stocking scene is also a big feature.

STOLEN RINGS ARE RESTORED

Mysteriously Returned to Miss Maude Soule on Her Birthday Anniversary.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Maude Soule of this city received by mail today on her birthday anniversary, two diamond rings. The identical rings thus mysteriously restored were stolen from her eighteen months ago. The thief left untouched in the case from which the rings were taken, a gold watch and a ring with a large and more perfect diamond setting than those stolen. The rings stolen were valued at $600. Detectives were put on the case, but obtained no clew. Whether the reappearance upon her anniversary was merely a coincidence, or by intention of the sender, can only be surmised, as Miss Soule is so pleased over the return of the jewels that no further effort will be made to trace the mystery.

Good Sleighing at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Snow began falling in this locality at 3 o'clock this afternoon and indications are that it will continue during the night. Sleighing has never been better.

Mullen Grows Musical.

MULLEN, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mullen has organized a band of fifteen pieces and an orchestra of ten pieces. J. W. Hevitt has charge of the band and James Knudera the orchestra.

Colonel Ray Goes to Manila.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 9.—Lieutenant Colonel Ray, who was recently transferred from the Eighth infantry to the Seventh, has received orders to proceed at once to San Francisco, from where he will sail on February 15 for Manila, to take command of his regiment, which is now in the island of Samar.

WEATHER MAN PUTS ON STEAM

Promises Clouds Over Parts of the State, with Temperature Creeping Upward.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Forecast:

For Nebraska, North and South Dakota—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; southeast winds.

For Iowa, Illinois and Missouri—Fair Monday and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature; diminishing northwest winds.

For Wyoming—Cloudy Monday and Tuesday; rising temperature in southeast portion Monday; southeast winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 9.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.
Maximum temperature	14	14	23	—4
Minimum temperature	—2	—	—6	—23
Mean temperature	6	7	8	—13
Precipitation	T	.00	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1901:

Normal temperature	23
Deficiency for the day	17
Total excess since March 1	856
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	24.86 inches
Deficiency since March 1	6.36 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1901	.09 inch
Deficiency for cor. period 1900	4.57 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Station.	Temperature.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, snowing	12	14	T
Valentine, clear	8	16	.00
North Platte, clear	12	20	T
Cheyenne, cloudy	26	28	.01
Salt Lake City, part cloudy	52	54	.00
Rapid City, clear	4	10	T
Huron, clear	8	16	T
Williston, cloudy	2	4	.00
Chicago, snowing	16	18	.01
St. Louis, clear	16	18	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	20	30	T
Davenport, snowing	14	16	T
Kansas City, clear	12	14	T
Havre, cloudy	—	4	.00
Helena, cloudy	20	22	T
Bismarck, clear	4	12	.00
Galveston, clear	48	48	.00

— indicates zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

CHANGES IN THE GAME LAWS

Convention of Iowa Sportsmen This Week to Make Recommendations

VACCINATION GETS INTO THE COURTS

Test of the Rules Adopted in One City of Iowa—Payment of Road Taxes in Cash Probable—War Claims May Soon Be Disposed Of.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A state conference of the fish and game wardens of the state and the rod and gun clubs has been called by State Game Warden George Lincoln, to be held in this city Thursday. Information is to the effect that representatives and officials of a large number of the clubs and associations of sportsmen will be present at the meeting. The business will be to consider what can be done to improve the state laws regarding fish and game, and to make suggestions to the legislature of amendments or new laws.

Among other things contemplated is some general change in the time of opening and closing the game seasons. One proposal is to have the game and fish season open two weeks earlier than at present, or on June 1, and the closing date December 1, instead of November 1. There is a desire for a change in the quail season also, making the open season from October 1 to December 1, instead of November 1 to January 1. It is also desired to have a change in the laws so that all snipe may be regarded as game birds, which is not the case at present. Several bills are before the legislature relating to the game matters, but none have as yet been passed. A bill to prohibit seining in the Big Sioux river has been favorably recommended in the house, the present laws placing the Big Sioux with the other boundary rivers of the state.

Try to Enforce Vaccination.

J. J. Courtney of Perry has applied for a writ of habeas corpus to one of the judges in this county, to secure his release from jail in Dallas county, whither he has been sent for violation of an ordinance of the city of Perry against appearing in public unvaccinated. There have been twenty cases of smallpox in Perry, and the city authorities have resorted to every possible means to prevent spread of the epidemic. They adopted an ordinance compelling vaccination.

Courtney defied the authority of the city, and was arrested and refused to pay his fine. He claims that the ordinance is unauthorized and illegal, and exceeded the power of the city council, acting as a local board of health, and he therefore asks to be released. The case will be heard in a few days.

In the meantime it is anticipated that because of the situation in regard to smallpox, as reported to the State Board of Health from many towns of Iowa, and by the state board reported to the postmaster general, an order will be issued for the vaccination of all postmasters, route agents, rural mail carriers and persons in any way connected with the handling of the mails, and for the fumigation of all mail sent out of Iowa, especially that sent to eastern cities.

The State Board of Health is working against great odds in trying to have the matter cleared up. The local boards are refusing to act, and in many cases have the local newspapers with them, so that it is impossible that the facts in regard to the danger from smallpox shall be got to the people who are endangered. The state board is also having prepared a bill for a law that will greatly strengthen it in its work of coping with an epidemic which is now spread all over Iowa and numbers thousands of victims every month. The law will be presented in the legislature in a few days, and it is expected that Dr. Emmert of Atlantic will present it in the senate.

Road Taxes in Cash.

The committees on roads of the senate and house are jointly working on a bill to be presented to the legislature to change the Iowa law, and instead of having road taxes "worked out," as at present, have them paid in cash. Two plans are being considered—one to make the county the unit and the other to make the township the unit, instead of handling the matter by sub-district. The chairmen of committees have invited letters from persons having to deal with the road question and are gathering statistics on the matter. The convention of rural mail agents has insisted on having some change made in the road laws that will insure better roads in Iowa, and the legislature is almost certain to make a radical change.

Iowa's War Claims.

A peculiar situation has developed as regards Iowa's war claims pending before the court of claims. The legislature has a bill authorizing employment of Captain Lothrop on a percentage basis to collect the claims and present the matter to the claims court in Washington. Captain Lothrop has already been employed by the state executive council to work on the case and the bill was to fix finally the terms of the employment. In the meantime notice has been received from the auditing department of the treasury that the whole matter had been turned over to the court of claims. But more recently an effort has been made to show that there is no occasion now for employment of anyone to press the claims and that the auditing department of the treasury stands ready to pay the claim as soon as the accounts have been verified. Under the circumstances, the legislative committees are holding the matter up for further investigation; but it is now believed to be certain that Iowa will secure a large amount of these claims.

Regimental Reunions.

The matter of regimental reunions during the Grand Army department encampment here May 20, 21 and 22, is attracting attention among the old soldiers throughout the state. The general committee of arrangements announces that it will lend all assistance possible, but states it remains for those interested to make the necessary arrangements in advance. Crocker's brigade, the Hornet's Nest brigade and other prominent brigade organizations are expected to arrange for the reunions. General Dodge, General Williamson and Governor Van Sant of Minnesota are expected to be present. The Auditorium will be used for the meeting of the department and the Young Men's Christian Association building for the Woman's Relief corps and the Independent Orders of Odd Fellows temple for exemplification of secret work of the Woman's Relief corps. Other organizations will be arranged for soon.

Salt Lake's Press Club.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 9.—Newspaper men of Salt Lake City organized the Salt Lake City Press club today, with an active membership of nearly sixty. William Inglehart of the Herald was elected president.

Belgian Steamer Aground.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—The Belgian steamer Belgianland, which cleared here yesterday for Liverpool, is aground in the Delaware river on Dan Baker shoal, about fifty miles below this city.

BONUS OF MESERVE'S BOND

Former State Treasurer Now Accused of Making a Profit from Another Channel Than School Funds.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—It now appears that the late state treasurer, John B. Meserve, fusionist, was thrifty in directions aside from collection of interest on school funds on private account. In the matter of his official bond he is now accused of making of a bonus. In its last issue the Nebraska State Record, published at Lincoln, makes an exposure of the bond deal. The Record shows that the bond contained errors in preparation which may vitiate it should it be brought into court, the name of John B. Meserve being written in the body of the bond, while the name of J. B. Meserve is signed as principal. An error in the date of cancellation of revenue stamps is also noted. The Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland cancels one stamp thus: "F. & D. Co., 1-5-99." The other is cancelled: "J. B. M., Jan. 5, '98." Probably a slip of Mr. Meserve's pen, but a troublesome error. The Record makes this statement:

When Mr. Meserve secured this bond he gave out in a public interview that it cost him $1,500. The revenue stamps attached by the guarantee company, as required by the revenue law then in force, covered the payment of exactly $1,500 premium. No additional payment or promise to pay is indorsed on the bond and no additional stamps have been added.

However, Mr. Meserve went before the legislature of 1899 and asked to be reimbursed for his bond. The committee having in charge his claim called him into an official session before an official reporter to learn of the merits of his claim. They began by asking him if he had received any interest on the school funds in addition to his salary, and if he was willing to tell where the school money was deposited. He refused to tell, and intimated that it was none of their business. That ended his chance for reimbursement in that session.

In the session of 1901 Meserve came forward again with his claim, which was now $2,000. The bill was passed, and on April 4, 1901, he filed * * * He swore to the truthfulness of his claim and secured warrant B53193, on which, two days later, he drew the money.

There is nothing on the records to account for the extra $500. If the bond cost $2,000 then Mr. Meserve told an untruth about it in the first instance. And either he or the bond company evaded the revenue law which would have required the payment of the additional stamp duty on the additional premium. If, as seems apparent, Mr. Meserve wrongfully drew $500 from the state treasury, he should be required to pay it back.

VOTES FAVOR JOINT NORMAL

Teachers of Hitchcock County Favor the Plan of the State Superintendent.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Hitchcock County Teachers' association met at Stratton yesterday, the Trenton, Palisade, Culbertson, Stratton and many of the district schools were represented. An excellent program of papers, discussions, recitations and music was rendered. The principal discussion was by Banker C. C. Vennum of Stratton and County Superintendent O'Connell of Trenton. The question under discussion was as to the policy of a joint institute and normal for the teachers of Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow counties, as suggested by State Superintendent Fowler, and commended by the county superintendents. Mr. Vennum did not favor the idea, contending that only a small per cent of the teachers could afford to attend, and that it would be robbing them to put the county institute fund into a joint normal for the four counties. Superintendent O'Connell demonstrated that the cost would not be much greater to the average teacher than to attend the institute in his or her own county, also that it was a question for the teachers as to the adoption of the joint normal. He called on the teachers to vote on the plan, and all votes with the exception of one, were in favor of the join normal. Superintendent O'Connell will consult the county teachers who were not present, before making any definite plans. The normal, if held, will be at McCook or Culbertson. The probability is it will be held at Culbertson.

SUES RICHARDSON COUNTY

Mrs. Mace E. Atwood Wants Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for Loss of a Leg.

HUMBOLDT, Neb. Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mace E. Atwood, living near this city, has by her attorneys, Frank Reavis of Falls City, and Kelliger & Ferneau of Auburn, instituted suit against Richardson county for damages in the sum of $25,000 on account of injuries received in a runaway accident, while returning home from this city with her husband Dave Atwood, on the evening of January 3. The plaintiff was so severely injured that one of her limbs had to be amputated. The petition states that "the county permitted the telephone company to illegally erect and maintain poles a distance of twelve feet out in the public highway and that the injuries were caused by coming in contact with one of these poles, and that by reason of such injuries she suffered great pain and mental anguish and has been lastingly and permanently injured, and her capacity to perform usual duties has been destroyed. By reason thereof she has been damaged in the sum of $25,000 and asks for judgment in that amount, also for $300 medical and surgical expenses incurred, and for costs of action."

Beatrice Policeman Disappears.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—W. A. Sterne, day policeman and a member of Company C, left Beatrice suddenly yesterday and varying reasons are assigned for his departure from the city without notifying the mayor or any of the city officials of his intentions. He left his star and keys of the jail in an envelope addressed to Mr. Hall, night officer. Sterne was appointed on the force last spring by Mayor Norcross, and was married last fall.

Fail to Secure Evidence.

YORK, Neb. Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Policeman Illgenfritz and Attorney G. B. France last night visited rooms over the York Marble works, where gambling was reported to be in progress. Locked doors delayed the visitors, and when they gained entrance no evidence of gambling was found. Attorney France lectured the five occupants of the place and no arrest was made.

Horse Fractures Youth's Arm.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Bertie Lyon, son of J. M. Lyon, a farmer and stock dealer, two miles east of Trenton, was feeding his horses this afternoon, when one got anxious for his feed, and jammed the boy up against a stall, breaking his left arm at the wrist. Dr. A. H. Thomas dressed the arm, and said it would mend readily.

Trenton is White and Wet.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The snowstorm which began Friday evening lasted till this afternoon, when the sun came out bright and warm. The ground has the heaviest and wettest covering of snow that it has had this winter, the fall being steady and with no winds. There are no drifts. The temperature is mild.

Speech by President Clemmons.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—W. H. Clemmons, president of the Fremont Normal school, spoke in the First Presbyterian church here tonight, to a well filled house, on "The Strength of a Clean Life."

WOULD KILL HOMESTEAD LAW

Passage of Bowersock Bill Being Fostered Clandestinely by Powerful Lobby.

O'NEILL, Neb., Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice that Mr. Allen, manager of the Standard Cattle company at Ames, Neb., and other managers of large cattle syndicates, criticise The Bee for the stand it has taken against the Bowerstock land-leasing bill, which should be called "land-grabbing bill." In my judgment, your position in this regard is eminently correct, and is in the interest of not only the agriculturists of Nebraska, but of the small stockmen as well. A careful investigation of the provisions of the bill will convince one of the justice of your position.

For instance, it says that the owner in fee simple, prior to January 1, 1902, of 160 acres can rent 1,600. Personally I know a number of homesteaders in the arid land belt, who have lived on their claims from one to four years, whom this provision would prevent from leasing an acre of land. These men have worked hard to keep themselves and families, and by their energy and industry have helped to develop and build up the country, and contributed their share of taxes to run the government. They are certainly entitled to as much consideration as the larger cattlemen and syndicates.

The passage of this bill annuls the homestead law. It is true, homesteads may be filed on the leased land. But who would care to file on 160 acres of land in the sandhills, without range. Its passage will leave all the small cattlemen practically at the mercy of the large cattlemen and syndicates. It has behind it every cattle corporation in the United States, and is being clandestinely pushed in congress by a powerful lobby. Petitions are being circulated by interested parties among the stock associations, and, through a misunderstanding of the provisions of the measure, a great many small cattlemen sign them. It behooves all small stockmen to investigate this matter for themselves and to write strong letters to their representatives in congress, protesting against its passage, unless amended in such a manner as to prevent a monopoly of the public domain.

JOHN G. MAHER.

WIN ONLY THROUGH FUSION

Congressman Robinson Casts Horoscope for Third Nebraska Congressional District.

WAYNE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Editor Goldie of the Wayne Democrat has received the following letter from Congressman Robinson on the question of fusion and the congressional campaign of next fall:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Hon. W. S. Goldie, Wayne, Neb.—My Dear Sir and Friend: Regarding the statement attributed to me, that "there was little show for a fusionist in the Third district this fall," I have hardly gone to that extent in anything I have said. To some few of my personal friends who have written me regarding the political situation, I have given it as my opinion that in order to hold the Third district next fall in the fusion ranks, it is necessary that there should be no factional fight among the democrats or populists against the nominee, as in order to give us any chance for success it is necessary that the party selected to make the race should have behind him the united effort of the two reform parties.

I have also indicated in one or two letters that I have written that the majority which the republicans had in the Third district last fall would indicate that a strong fight must be made for the nominee for congress, as we could no longer count on that district being absolutely safe, as has been the case since 1896. This is about the extent to which I have gone in discussing the situation with friends who are active in the political field and desired to obtain my political views.

In my judgment, the leaders of the party in the Third district should not be too sanguine as to the outcome of the coming election, and all should realize that some special attention should be given to the congressional race, no matter who is the candidate. I will say to you as a friend, that if there is any other aspirant in the district who is considered by the fusion forces as a stronger man than myself to make the race, I am perfectly willing to allow the nomination to go to such person, and will do all within my power to assist in his election, as under present conditions it is very important that we should hold as much strength as possible in the next house of representatives.

As I have twice been honored by the people of my district, whose views I represent, with a nomination and election to this office, at times when success was comparatively assured, I feel no disposition to withdraw from the contest now that an active fight is apparent, in order to achieve success. I believe you fully understand my views from what I have written.

OPENLY OPPOSES LEASING BILL

L. B. Unkefer of Hyannis Signs His Name to Denunciation of Bowersock Scheme.

HYANNIS, Neb., Feb. 8.—To The Editor of The Bee: I wish to correct a false impression here regarding an article appearing in your paper a few days since, presumably written by a business man of this place, who wisely withheld his name. Since I have talked considerable and written some opposing the leasing bill, there is an impression prevalent here that I am entitled to the (dis) credit for that article. I want to say it is not mine, nor does it coincide with my views. I never have favored so preposterous a scheme as the tearing down of all fences on the government lands. Such a policy would return us to the old round-up days, a state of affairs inconsistent with the welfare of small cattlemen. I am opposed to the lease bill, but think it a far better solution of the present difficulty, than the wild idea suggested by the said article.

It is true that this country can be made and will be made to support far more cattle than it does today, but it can only be accomplished by affording the small men a protection by means of fences or otherwise.

There are fifty small men here to one large ranchman and I have never known of a single instance where a small cattleman has sought justice in vain because of a jury composed of big ranchmen; such an idea is unreasonable.

You may "insert" my name as I don't believe it will "hurt my business." If I thought it would, I would not ask to have it printed.

L. B. UNKEFER.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder
AN ELEGANT TOILET LUXURY.
Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century.

DOHANY THEATER
Tuesday, Feb. 11
The Comedy Event of the Season. Mr. David Belasco's Comedy Success,
Naughty (Bright) (Clean) Anthony
By the author of "Zaza," "The Heart of Maryland." 150 nights at the Herald Square theater, New York City.
Prices—35c, 50c, 75c.

The John Beno Co.
Council Bluffs, Iowa

The New Season's
Rapid approach makes interesting merchandising on anything that may happen to be in stock at this time that has even the appearance of being winter goods.
Special inducements in the way of
Half Price or Less
are being offered on a great many lines of goods, among them being
All our FLANNEL WAISTS.
All our Men's and Boys' WINTER CAPS.
All FUR JACKETS, CAPES, COLLARETTES, and SCARFS.
All men's 15c LINEN COLLARS, new styles, $1.00 a dozen.
MEN'S SHIRTS, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 quality, big assortment, 50c each.
SATURDAY'S LACE SALE will be continued for a few days—a splendid opportunity to secure laces, worth double the asking; all widths, in sets, at 10c a yard.
MAIL ORDERS receive careful attention and all mail order customers are given the benefit of special prices. Orders solicited.

UNION PACIFIC
Misleading Statements
about train service to California deceive but few. All well informed people know that if they want to reach San Francisco without delay, the fast trains of the Union Pacific place them sixteen hours ahead of all competitors; that if their destination is Los Angeles, the Union Pacific trains from Omaha run direct, and not via Kansas City; that via the Union Pacific there is no changing cars en route; and that the Union Pacific is the only line running through trains to Utah and California from Omaha.
Three Through Trains Daily.
Via Omaha, the Union Pacific is
204 miles shorter to Salt Lake City.
275 miles shorter to San Francisco.
272 miles shorter to Los Angeles.
359 miles shorter to Portland.
than any other line.
Full information cheerfully furnished on application.
CITY TICKET OFFICE
1324 Farnam.
'Phone 316.

CURES THE KIDNEYS
Kidney disease is the enemy we have most to fear as a result of the feverish haste of modern civilization. It is a treacherous enemy working out its deadly effect under cover of such trifling symptoms as headache, slight but persistent backache, dizziness, heart-throbbing, weak digestion, constipation, frequent or diminished passage of urine, scalding urine, sediment in urine.
PRICKLY ASH BITTERS
is a kidney medicine of the greatest merit. Its action is healing and strengthening, quickly relieves aching or soreness in the back, checks wasting or decay of the kidneys, corrects the flow of urine and through its excellent cleansing and regulating effect in the stomach, liver and bowels it speedily restores the strength and ruddy glow of vigorous health.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.
PRICE, $1.00.

When dissatisfied, move to The Bee Building
Reasonable rental prices and perfect accommodations
R. C. PETERS & CO., Rental Agents,
Ground Floor, Bee Building.

E. W. Grove
This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

LEWIS CUTLER
Funeral Director
(Successor to W. C. Estep)
28 PEARL STREET. 'Phone 97.

FARM LOANS 5 PER CENT
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, 204 Main St., Council Bluffs.