

NEWS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stocker sells carpets and rugs. Metz beer at Neumayer's hotel. Wollman, scientific optician, 428 B'way. Dr. Heller has discharged all his small-pox cases.

RAILWAY BADGES OF HONOR

Faithful Employees of Motor Company to Wear Gold Stars.

TO INDICATE TEN YEARS' SERVICE

One Shows a Record of Five Years in the Company's Employment Who Are on the List.

Old-time employees of the motor company, as a reward and mark of distinction for long and faithful service, will henceforth wear a badge of honor which will distinguish them from their fellow-employees. Conductors and motormen who have served continuously for ten years will be entitled to wear two gold stars on each lapel of their uniform coats.

DELAYS CAUSING TROUBLE

Government Neglectful in Cleaning the Tama Indian Reservation.

THREAT TO LIFT THE QUARANTINE

Indian Trade is Valuable-Larger Program for G. A. H. Encampment- Seeks Damages for Pulling Wrong Teeth.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The delay of the officials at Washington in arranging for the cleaning up of the Tama Indian reservation in Iowa is causing the local authorities of Tama county a great deal of trouble and annoyance.

Past Master Workmen.

At the meeting Friday night of the Past Master Workmen's association of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, it was decided to limit its territory to the towns of Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley, Woodbine, Pacific Junction, Glenwood, Tabor, Red Oak, Shenandoah, Villisca, Walnut, Marns, Atlantic, Creston, Prescott and Charter Oak.

Arrangements are being made to include in the annual department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which meets in Des Moines May 20, reunions of regiments and brigades to which soldiers will be invited from the adjoining Iowa.

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

SHOPS OPEN, BUT NO TRADE

Attempt to Resume Business in Barcelona Results in Failure.

BARCELONA, Feb. 22.—Although there was some resuscitation of ordinary life in this city yesterday, it was largely artificial.

There were some isolated affairs and attempts to sack bakeries, during which five persons were wounded.

It was reported this morning that a number of persons had been caught in the act of preparing bombs.

The captain general has allowed the rioters three days in which to deliver up all their arms.

Orders have been issued to all the saloons to close at 7 o'clock in the evening and citizens are not allowed to be out of their residences after 9 p. m.

MADRID, Feb. 22.—Agitators are actively urging the declaration of a general strike here February 24, in support of the strikers in Barcelona.

Advices from Valencia say the strikers there has been suppressed, but that the workmen are clamoring for the release of their arrested comrades.

More factories have reopened at Saragossa and Sabadell.

SENDS AMERICAN TO PRISON

Police Judge in Ecuador Takes Arbitrary Course in Collection of a Claim.

QUAYQUIL, Feb. 22.—A police court judge here today issued an order for the arrest of Jackson Smith, manager of the J. P. McDonald Construction company, until he has paid the sum of about 4,000 soles.

(A sure is equivalent to 97 cents in United States currency.)

Mr. Smith left here this morning for the company's works, but will probably be arrested and brought back.

KING LEOPOLD - NOT COMING

Has Said Nothing to Indicate an Intention to Visit the United States.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 22.—The Associated Press authorized by official of King Leopold's household to announce that while his majesty has on several occasions expressed a desire to visit the United States, he has never reached the point of suggesting any date.

It is claimed by the plaintiff that one of the doctors at the institution gave him a cause of action by willfully, negligently and maliciously pulling a sound and very valuable tooth of the plaintiff.

Some time ago the leading foreign insurance companies doing business in Iowa, paid their annual tax of 3 1/2 per cent on gross business done in Iowa, and at the time of filing their certificates of tax payments, they notified the treasurer and auditor of the state of their intention to reserve the right to question the legality of the payment.

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QUESTION OF GYM AND GUNS

Board of Education Has Case of Sex Against Sex to Settle.

Girls and Boys Both Have Advocates

Member Howard Declares Cadets Shall Not Have Guns if Girls Are to Be Deprived of Their Gymnasium.

"No gym, no guns!"

"This will be the shibboleth of a strong faction on the Board of Education at its next meeting."

"If our girls can't have a gymnasium in which to get healthful exercise, our boys can't have those extra guns with which to drill!"

Thus the lines will be drawn. It will be a case of sex against sex. The board is about equally divided on the issue.

Member Howard stands as champion of the girls, and Member Homan will marshal his force in behalf of the boys. It will be a merry war.

It is thought we are derelict in our duty to the taxpayers of this district," said Mr. Howard, "when we permit that gymnasium to be closed because of a paltry expense of \$65 a month which an instructor will cost."

The new High school building was erected with the understanding that it would include a gymnasium for the girls. We gave our promise to the Women's club of Omaha to that effect, and now the girls stand in need of physical exercise just as much as the boys do.

The boys have nothing to correspond with it. They have an opportunity to make up demerit marks in their other studies by efficiency in drill; the girls have no such means of redeeming themselves. For this reason I say the boys shall not have the extra guns unless the girls can have the gym."

"I have been talking with several members of the board on this subject, and I'm pretty well satisfied now that at the meeting Monday night a motion will be made to reconsider the action of last Tuesday night whereby the gymnasium was closed."

Wants No Discrimination.

"I am not opposed to buying guns for the boys. The proposition of the government to purchase a new Winchester breech-loading rifle for \$3 each is a good one and one of which we ought to take advantage, but I say if our economy is to result in inattention to the girls the boys shall be required to share that inattention."

It is claimed by the board should discriminate in favor of either sex.

Member Homan declines to state what his tactics will be, but he is firm in his conviction that the board can't afford to maintain the gymnasium.

Another important matter which will be taken up by the board Monday night will be the appointment of a trustee officer provided for by the compulsory school law passed by the last legislature. Eleven persons have applied for the position, as follows: Mrs. Grace Allan Bradley, Otto C. Schreiber, A. P. French, Edward T. Yarrow, Monte Soule, Beecher High, Philip P. Heise, James M. Rollo, George L. Dennis, E. D. Mulvey and C. W. Cain.

The board is divided on this issue, as well as on the one of the gymnasium and the guns. Some think it a wretched waste of money to pay \$1,000 a year to some man to lead a reluctant pupil to school by the ears. The practice of "playing hooky," they say, is not general enough in Omaha to warrant the expenditure of such a sum for such a purpose.

"Besides," says a member, "our school rooms are already overcrowded with pupils who are willing to be educated without coercion, and if the trustee officer should round up enough strays to earn his salary it would put us to the expense of renting new buildings and employing extra teachers."

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PEARSE MAKES QUICK CHANGE

His Ultimatum to Board of Education Undergoes a Sudden Revision.

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To the member he said the suspension of drills would be continued until the desired guns arrived.

The member responded: "Very well, but of course, when the drill is suspended you will have nothing to do and your salary will be suspended while you are on a vacation."

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Then the commandant did some thinking, with the result that after a conference with his brother, the superintendent, another order was issued suspending the first one, to the effect that drills would be suspended for one week, until certain rooms could be secured.

FRACTURES STEPSON'S SKULL

Anton Martenek Sends Fred Blazek to Hospital and is Locked in Jail.

Anton Martenek, aged 48, and his stepson, Fred Blazek, aged 23, quarreled Saturday evening at their home, First and Spring streets, and Blazek is now in Clark street hospital with a fractured skull, while Martenek is locked up in the police station on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury.

Martenek, who wears a wooden leg, has been working in a dairy at Albright. He had not been home for several weeks. When he met his wife yesterday he was so drunk that he would only give her a small amount for tobacco.

Blazek works for the Cudaby Packing company in South Omaha. He went home about 6 o'clock, and when he saw his stepfather he promptly told him to go away, so Mrs. Martenek's daughter explained to Sergeant Dempsey and Officer Fluke. Mrs. Martenek cannot speak English.

It appears from the daughter's account of the quarrel that her brother insisted he was supporting the family, and that he did not intend to support his stepfather.

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ANTE ROOM ECHOES

With a banquet Friday evening was closed one of the most successful reunions of the Masons of the Scottish Rite held in the state.

When the officers arrived the men had stopped fighting. Martenek was lying in bed with his head loosely wrapped with a towel, while in another room Blazek was being cared for by his sister, who had washed his wound and was endeavoring to stop the bleeding with wet towels.

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The fracture was considered serious, although at no time was Blazek unconscious. He was weak from pain and loss of blood.

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GEORGE A. LEE IS MISSING

Conductor of Omaha-Bluffs Line Draws His Pay and Mystifies His Family.

George A. Lee, a conductor on the Council Bluffs-Omaha line of the motor company, is missing from his home at 226 and a half street and Avenue A. He drew his pay last Tuesday, stating to the cashier that he was sick and needed a few days' layoff. He was granted the leave of absence and the company is inclined to believe he will show up all right.

Fellow-employees, however, believe he has left the city. His wife has not seen him since he drew his pay. He did not account her with the fact that he intended to apply for a leave of absence. It was rumored that his departure was due to an engagement with another woman and that she had left the city with him. This was found to be not the case, as the woman said to be associated with Lee is at her home and does not know anything about the missing conductor.

Lee has two children by a former wife. His present wife has two children by a former husband. It was reported yesterday to the officials of the motor company that the family had been left in destitute circumstances and Lee's fellow-employees took it upon them to send a party to his home to see if he had gone to his former home in Minneapolis to visit relatives.

It was reported that Lee had been seen in Omaha and some of his fellow-employees went across the river to look him up, but failed to get any trace of him.

Lee has been in the employ of the motor company three years and the officials are inclined to believe that he will satisfactorily explain his absence. Some of his friends are of the opinion that he has gone to his former home in Minneapolis to visit relatives.

Davis sells glass.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

COUNCIL BLUFFS SOCIETY.

Mrs. Lawrence Overmier has returned from Marysville, Mo.

Mrs. J. N. C. O'Brien, of Oakland avenue is in Chicago visiting friends.

Miss Sanders entertained at cards Friday evening. Thirty guests were present.

The Euchur club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. May Hixby.

Marion Macrae entertained at cards at her home on Fifth avenue Friday evening.

Mrs. A. S. Hazelton is expected home from Des Moines the latter part of the week.

Dr. J. H. Plumer of Hyderabad, Neb., is guest of his sister, Mrs. George H. Richmond.

Miss Helen Letson was hostess to thirty friends at her home on Fifth avenue Friday night.

Miss Ella Rosenfeld entertained at what Saturday night at the T. Bowling club of Omaha.

The United Commercial Travelers will give a banquet at the Royal Arcanum hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hafer entertained at cards Monday evening at their home on Washington avenue.

Mrs. E. E. Allen entertained the Atlas club at a weekly reception at her home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brelsford will entertain the Lincoln Card club at their home on Franklin street Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank P. Bradley will leave early in March for California to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. W. A