NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Stockert sells carpets and rugs.

Metz beer at Neumayer's hotel.

Wollman, scientific optician, 409 B'way.

New novelties in picture frames. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Van Brunt are home from a month's trip in the south.

The Retail Grocers' association will meet tonight in its hall, 17 Pearl street.

J. C. & W. Woodward, architects, room 3, Everett block, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Missouri oak body wood, $5.50 cord. William Welch, 23 N. Main street. Tel. 128.

Lily Camp Aid society will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Leibold, 335 North First street.

Clarence Robinson of this city and Hattie Ames of Lincoln, Neb., were married yesterday afternoon by Justice Ferrier.

The Woman's auxiliary of Grace Episcopal church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cook on Vine street.

Excelsior Masonic lodge will have a special communication tonight for work in the third degree. A banquet will follow the session.

J. N. Bradley of Idaho Springs, Colo., a resident of Council Bluffs twenty-two years ago, is in the city visiting old-time friends and acquaintances.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. O'Brien, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, tomorrow afternoon.

Mamie Riaski, 128 West Broadway, was reported to the health authorities last evening as suffering from smallpox and the premises were quarantined.

Mrs. C. H. Parks has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be removed from the Woman's Christian association hospital to her home at 541 Mill street.

Thomas E. and Luella May Hunt yesterday filed adoption papers for Mattie Ackley, a child from the Iowa Children's Home society. The Hunts are residents of Oakland, this county.

The will of Fancher Stimson, deceased, was admitted to probate yesterday. Edgar F. Stimson of the city engineer's office, the eldest son, is named as executor and sole beneficiary under the will.

Building permits were issued yesterday to R. Jane Dalton for a two-story frame dwelling on South Sixth street, to cost $1,800, and to John Dunn for a frame cottage on East Broadway, to cost $600.

Judge Thornell announced yesterday that he had appointed Jasper Ferguson as his court reporter to succeed O. C. Gaston, who will leave the position at the end of this term. Ferguson at present is reporter for the superior court.

Albert Ackerman, charged with stealing coal from the Union Pacific railroad, was sentenced to three days in the county jail yesterday by Judge Aylesworth. Ackerman's charge of assault against Special Officer Callaghan, who arrested him, fell through.

George N. Ferguson, a farmer of Center township, Pottawattamie county, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy yesterday. His liabilities amount to $2,760.55, against which as assets he has $75 worth of outstanding accounts to offer. He has a few personal belongings valued at $75, which are claimed as exempt.

In the suit brought in the district court by the Pottawattamie Farmers' Mutual Insurance company against J. K. Osler, to enforce payment of an assessment amounting to $14.46, the jury yesterday brought in a verdict for Osler for $42.50 on a counter claim for a steer alleged to have been killed by lightning which the company refused to pay.

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

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Fumigate Pierce Street School.

The Pierce street school was closed yesterday. Monday it will be reopened. The building will be thoroughly fumigated and disinfected. This action was taken by the school authorities when the fact of the Schroeder children having attended the school while members of the family were sick with smallpox became known.

Davis sells glass.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

C. J. Osler and wife to William Coffelt, se¼ nw¼ 2-74-40, w. d.	$ 3,850
J. H. Pettit and wife to J. F. Christian, n½ se¼ 20-74-38, w. d.	4,400
Henry W. Neville and wife to Frank P. Echrich, w½ nw¼ 3-77-42, w. d.	3,400
William Coffelt and wife to John Maguire, s½ se¼ 25-75-40, w. d.	5,400
Margaret Short to A. H. and E. W. Read, w½ sw¼ 3, e½ se¼, sw¼ se¼ and that part lot 3 east of river in 4, n½ ne¼ and sw¼ ne¼ 9-76-44, w. d.	10,731
David Billerbeck and wife to Claus Wohlers, w½ nw¼ 17-77-43, w. d.	3,200
P. J. McBride to Claus Wohlers, n½ sw¼ 8-77-43, w. d.	2,750
Betti Kaiser and husband to Otto Lebeck, lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 1, Noe's add., Walnut, w. d.	3,000
Sarah Patton and husband to Lizzie I. Murdock, lot 4, block 4, Van Brunt & Rice's add., w. d.	200
Treasurer to George H. Mayne, lot 20, block 2, Van Brunt & Rice's add., treasurer's d.	3
William McGill and wife to Alice McGill, lot 6, block 14, Pierce's subdiv., w. d.	600
Sherman M. Goss and wife to Estella R. Randall, lot 5, block 10, Eubank's 2d add., w. d.	800
L. A. Smith and wife to John Bauerle, part s½ ne¼ and part of se¼ 9-75-38, w. d.	10,566
Claus Reimers and wife to Christina Reimers, ne¼ se¼ 2-77-41, w. d.	1,800
Claus Reimers and wife to F. William Schade, se¼ ne¼ 2-77-41, w. d.	1,800
Fifteen transfers, total	$52,562

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
John Wehrli, Crescent, Ia.	33
Bertha E. Umble, Council Bluffs	24
Adolph Giese, Neola, Ia.	25
Martha Maxfield, Neola, Ia.	23
Clarence Robinson, Council Bluffs	24
Hattie Ames, Lincoln, Neb.	26

AN INCH OF DANGER—

Every inch one pushes off beyond the normal distance of twelve inches, after eye failure begins, means an inch of danger.

Ninety-nine persons out of a hundred may do it safely—you may be the one who can't.

Those having the best eyes when old age comes will be those who heed the first call for help.

Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted.

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HERMAN M. LEFFERT

238 Broadway, Council Bluffs.
Optician, Jeweler, Engraver. Work is Guaranteed.

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

FARM LOANS 5 PER CENT
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, 16 Main St., Council Bluffs.

ISSUES DEMOCRATIC CALL

Chairman Boyer Notifies Rank and File to Get Ready.

SETS DATES FOR VARIOUS PRIMARIES

City Convention is Enlarged to Take in One Hundred and Three Delegates—Apportionment by Precincts.

Chairman Boyer of the city democratic central committee issued the official call yesterday morning for the democratic school and city conventions and the primaries to select delegates to these conventions. The school convention will be composed of fifty-three delegates, but the city central committee decided to increase the representation at the city convention so as to give more people an opportunity to take part in the nomination of candidates, and it will be composed of 103 delegates.

The representation by precincts will be as follows:

First Ward—First precinct, school convention, 6; city convention, 12. Second precinct, school convention, 5; city convention, 10.

Second Ward—First precinct, school convention, 5; city convention, 10. Second precinct, school convention, 5; city convention, 8.

Third Ward—First precinct, school convention, 4; city convention, 8. Second precinct, school convention, 4; city convention, 8.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, school convention, 3; city convention, 6. Second precinct, school convention, 4; city convention, 8.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, school convention, 5; city convention, 10. Second precinct, school convention, 4; city convention, 8.

Sixth Ward—First precinct, school convention, 6; city convention, 12. Second precinct, school convention, 1; city convention, 2.

Kane (outside city)—School convention, 1; city convention not represented.

The school convention will be Tuesday, March 4. The precinct caucuses to select delegates to the convention will be Monday evening, March 3.

The city convention will be Friday evening, March 14, and the precinct caucuses to select delegates to the convention will be Wednesday evening, March 12. The ward primaries to nominate ward aldermen will be the same evening as the precinct caucuses.

SUIT OVER COW AND CALF

Two Orators Who Are Not Admitted Try to Break Into the Bar Proceedings.

The trial of the suit of Ernest F. Wagner to recover the value of a Jersey cow and calf levied upon and sold under execution by Constable Alberti, furnished amusement in the district court yesterday.

In addition to his attorneys, Wagner was represented by Thomas Q. Harrison, who has not been admitted to the bar, but practices in the local justice of the peace courts. Constable Alberti's interests were looked after by an attorney, who was assisted by Ovide Vien, a former justice of the peace who has not been admitted to the bar.

When Harrison attempted to make the opening statement to the jury Alberti's attorney filed a written objection on the grounds that he was not entitled to practice in the district court. Judge Thornell sustained the objection and Harrison had to relinquish the opening argument to his colleague. The fun began when Ovide Vien, for the defense, would rise and object to the questions in the examination of witnesses by counsel for the plaintiff. Harrison would ask him if he was an attorney and if he was not what right he had to address the court. Vien would then subside, but wait his opportunity to get back at Harrison when he interloped an objection, asking his such a question as Harrison had put to him about being an attorney. This was kept up on both sides until the court finally interefered and requested Vien and Harrison to restrain themselves.

The Jersey cow in dispute was levied on under a judgment secured against Wagner's wife by John Beno & Co., and was sold to satisfy a judgment. Wagner claimed ownership of the cow, which, after being attached by the constable, gave birth to a calf, for the value of which Wagner also sued. The defense contended that when Wagner recently went through the bankruptcy court he disclaimed ownership of the cow and claimed that it was the property of his wife.

The jury returned a verdict for Constable Alberti.

RELIEVES THE HUBER ESTATE

Judge Thornell Declares it Not Liable for Part of Inheritance Tax.

Judge Thornell handed down his decision yesterday in the collateral inheritance tax case of the estate of William Huber, deceased, a resident of Pennsylvania and owner of real property in three counties in Iowa. The case is an important one, as several new issues were raised.

Under the will of William Huber the executor was directed to convert immediately all of the real estate in Iowa into cash and the state of Pennsylvania claimed that this provision of the will converted the real property into personal property and subject to the tax in that state and not in Iowa. On this ground the payment of the collateral inheritance tax in Iowa was resisted.

It was also contended in opposition to payment of the tax that Huber before his death had contracted for the sale of a large portion of his real estate in Iowa and consequently the same could not now be taxed.

In his ruling Judge Thornell held that the estate was not liable for the collateral inheritance tax on such portions of the real property as had been sold under contract prior to Huber's death. This relieved property of the value of $3,000 in Warren county and $7,600 in Cass county from payment of the tax. He held that all property which had not been sold under contract at time of Huber's death, despite the provision in the will calling for its conversion into cash by the executor, was liable to payment of the tax and property valued at $5,600 in Cass county and lots in Council Bluffs valued at $400 will be subject to the tax.

Huber's entire property in Warren, Cass and Pottawattamie counties, this state, amounted to $16,000. The ruling of Judge Thornell relieves the estate from the payment of about $500 collateral inheritance tax.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Wants Saloon Keepers to Pay.

Thomas Raph was arrested February 13 for being drunk and disturbing the peace and now alleges that John Coyle and Philip Mergen, keepers of a Main street saloon, were responsible for his trouble, and yesterday served notice of suit for $500 damages upon them. He alleges that they sold him intoxicating liquor, which caused him to fracture the peace of the community and become entangled in the meshes of the law. Mrs. V. Schott, owner of the building in which is the saloon conducted by Coyle & Mergen, is named as a party defendant.

Crump Held for Assault.

Charles Crump, the negro charged with brutally beating Mrs. Mary Allen, a white woman with whom he lived, was bound over in police court yesterday morning to await the action of the grand jury and in default of bonds placed at $300 was committed to the county jail.

Mrs. Allen was able to appear and testify yesterday for the first time since the assault. When she was about to take the witness stand Crump arose and waving his hand in the direction of the complaining witness addressed the court, saying: "This witness does not wish to testify, your honor. She wants to withdraw the charge."

Mrs. Allen promptly turned in her seat and facing the negro, who stands over six feet, replied: "You are mistaken. I mean to testify, as you will find out, and I have no wish to withdraw the charge." The hearing proceeded.

Charged with Robbing Cars.

Rufus Moon and Ed Stewart were arrested yesterday morning by Detective Weir and Special Officer Welch of the Illinois Central railroad on the charge of breaking into freight cars in the yards of the Illinois Central the nights of February 15, 16 and 17. It is charged that they stole a case of shoes, several sacks of sugar and prunes and other merchandise. Both are young fellows. Moon lives with his parents on Avenue M and Stewart is a recent arrival from Sioux City. The officers have not recovered any of the stolen property.

Jurors in Superior Court.

These jurors have been drawn for the February term of superior court and summoned to appear March 3: J. S. Furguson, John Mikesell, C. R. Hannan, H. H. Oberholtzer, H. H. Field, N. A. Tyrrell, W. H. Miller, J. E. Butler, H. J. Paschel, sr., J. J. Hughes, George A. Haynes, D. K. Dodson, all of Kane township; Samuel Thirkell, Garner township; Oro Clark, Lewis; J. C. Lapworth, Crescent.

George Keeline's Estate.

The inventory of the estate of George Keeline, deceased, was filed in the district court yesterday by the heirs. It is not itemized and shows the total estate to be worth $460,179.55, as follows: Moneys, credits and cattle interests in Wyoming, $393,679.55; real estate in Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming, $66,500.

Big Candy Snap.

Next Saturday you can have a chance to get in on the ground floor in the big candy sale. Come early. The counters will groan under the loads of sweetness at extra low prices. Purity Candy Kitchen, 546 Broadway.

Davis sells glass.

SALOON FIGHT IS REVIVED

Whisky Men Fail to File Their Appeal Bond as Required by Law.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The old fight between the saloon men and the anti-saloon crowd has opened unexpectedly again. It was thought the matter was finally settled when 82 per cent of the voters of this city signed a petition to legalize saloons, but it now appears that the liquor men failed to file their appeal bond in the ten days required by law, and the opposition has taken the opening to bring contempt proceedings against them for violating the permanent injunction, which was rendered against the saloons at the January term of court. It is probable that the case will come up early at the April session of the court.

MINERS SCALE CONFERENCE

No Agreement Reached at Des Moines After a Session of Twenty-Four Hours.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26.—The conference of the scale committee of the Iowa miners and mine operators has been in session twenty-four hours without reaching an agreement. Before the issue on the question of scale, Iowa miners are waiting to learn the action of Illinois miners. They also demand the employment of special shot firers and better yard and track facilities at most mines.

LIVE WIRE KILLS FIREMAN

Charles Paine, Veteran Fireman, Electrocuted on Streets of Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Paine, seventeen years a member of the Burlington fire department, attempted to pick up a live electric wire which had fallen in the street tonight and was instantly killed. His body was frightfully burned. The city lights were put out by the contact.

Saale Murder Trial.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—In the Saale murder case today the defense rested the case and the prosecution concluded its argument. The defense was making the closing plea when court adjourned. The case will be given to the jury early tomorrow.

South Dakota Incorporations.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—These articles of incorporation have been filed:

State Bank of Freeman; capital, $15,000; incorporators, C. Buechler, B. Buechler, H. C. Buechler.

Greeley Land and Stock company, Flandreau; capital, $25,000; incorporators, F. A. Spafford, R. L. Brown, J. T. Bergland, C. F. Pierce, W. F. Harms, G. H. Fenn.

Ophir Gold Mining company, Huron; capital, $1,000,000; incorporators, Willis K. Bellis, Joseph B. Stillson, Guilford A. Dietch, M. A. Lawrence, Philip Lawrence.

Farmers' Telephone company, Tyndall; capital, $5,000; incorporators, Thomas A. Bily, E. A. Boska, Joseph V. Way, F. F. Chloder.

National Manufacturing company, Pierre; capital, $200,000; incorporators, William I. Crawford, Charles V. Horne, Lewis G. Sterling, William H. Smith, William W. Kitch, T. P. Estes, I. B. Estes, I. Bunch.

Kitchi Gama Oil company, Pierre; capital, $500,000; incorporators, William Kaiser, H. E. Hansen Smith, L. L. Stephens.

Pringal Industrial, Fair, Colonization and Land Improvement company, Pierre; capital, $5,000,000; incorporators, J. T. Hunter, J. F. Merrick, Oscar Nelson.

Tri-State Cattle company, Huron; capital, $250,000; incorporators, Alvan L. Ringo, H. W. Hume, Philip Lawrence.

Hiawatha Oil company, Pierre; capital, $500,000; incorporators, H. E. Hansen Smith, William Kaiser, L. L. Stephens.

Missouri Zinc company, Pierre; capital, $1,000,000; incorporators, J. T. Hunter, F. G. Minck, Oscar Nelson.

The No Rip Window Slat Shade company has filed notice of a change of name to the No Rip Window Shade company.

British Steamer Ashore.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 26.—The British steamship Nyassa, Captain Leslie, from Huelva, Spain, to this port, with pyrites, went ashore on Ossabaw island, twenty-five miles south of Tybee light, Monday afternoon. The ship is lying easy. There are hopes of saving it and with good weather it will be possible to take off its cargo.

LEGISLATURE MAKES RECORD

Senate and House Pass Resolutions Indorsing Congressional Bills.

STRENGTHEN INTERSTATE COMMERCE LAW

Women's Suffrage Bill Passes Senate—Mine Commission Makes Its Report—Bruce Wins Contest.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The senate and house both made records today. The matter of chief concern was that of indorsing bills in congress relating to railroad matters. The house took up the concurrent resolution which had passed the senate indorsing the Hoar bill on strike injunctions and requesting members of congress to vote for the measure. Strong speeches were made for the resolution by Sweeley and Kendall, and it was opposed by Temple and Lyman. There was a strong lobby of representatives of the railroad unions present and it is claimed that they had secured a promise from Temple that he would not speak against the measure, and this resulted in much bitterness. Dunham moved a substitute which merely expressed confidence in the Iowa congressional delegation and had the effect of defeating the purpose of the resolution. This was adopted by a vote of 62 to 25, and afterwards the resolution as adopted was passed by a vote of 49 to 40. The resolution will go back to the senate, where it is expected it will be not concurred in.

Strengthen Interstate Commerce Act.

A resolution of similar import was introduced in the senate by Senator Trewin as follows:

Whereas, It is generally believed that the effectiveness of the interstate commerce law has been seriously impaired by certain decisions of the federal courts and that the law in its present state is practically inoperative in remedying the evils of the transportation service of the country, which was the purpose of its enactment; and

Whereas, A bill designated as H. R. 8,337 and S. F. 3,575, known as the Nelson-Corliss bill, is now pending in the two houses of congress to amend the interstate commerce act by conferring upon the commission created thereby additional powers for the purpose of enabling it to enforce the provisions of the act, and giving its rulings immediate effect pending review by the courts; therefore be it

Resolved, by the senate, the house concurring, That the senators and representatives in congress from this state be and are hereby respectfully requested to give said measure careful consideration and to use their efforts in every proper way to to secure its early enactment, or the enactment of some other measure which will afford the relief sought.

Woman Suffrage Wins.

The senate passed the resolution calling for a vote on an amendment to the constitution permitting women to vote. The resolution was called up by Allyn, who made a few remarks favorable to it, and without further debate the resolution was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Alexander, Allyn, Arthaud, Blanchard, Brooks, Classen, Courtright, Craig, Crossley, Dowell, Fitchpatrick, Griswold, Harper, Harriman, Hartshorn, Healey, Hogue, Hopkins, Hubbard, Lewis, Lister, Mardis, Porter, Smith of Mitchell, Spaulding, Townsend, Trewin, Winne—28.

Nays—Bachman, Ball, Bishop, Crawford, Hayward, Hazelton, Lambert, Lyons, Maytag, Moffit, Smith of Des Moines, Tallman, Whipple, Wilson, Young of Lee, Young of Des Moines—16.

Absent or Not Voting—Brighton, Emmert, Garst, Hobart, Junkin, Molsberry—6.

The resolution has never before passed the senate. Two years ago it came near passing the house, but it is believed that this year it will be defeated in the house.

Bruce-Emmert Contest Ended.

The Bruce-Emmert contest case from the Cass-Shelby district is practically ended. The report of the committee was prepared and signed this morning and would have been presented to the senate if there had been an opportunity. It shows that Bruce was elected by fifteen majority. Dr. Emmert was absent from his seat today, having gone home, giving up the contest. The report will be presented tomorrow and will be adopted.

Reformatory Measure Opposed.

In the senate Healey moved to reconsider the vote by which the Emmert bill for a state reformatory for men was passed and this brought on a discussion which lasted until the house adjourned. Several senators are in doubt as to the constitutionality of some of the features of the bill and desire changes. Senator Trewin had the floor at closing time.

The bill to abolish days of grace was defeated by a vote of 14 to 27. Two bills granting land patents were passed. The biennial elections resolution was made a special order for tomorrow at 10 o'clock. A bill providing for appeals from orders of insanity boards was passed. The house refused to authorize a recess adjournment and voted down several motions relating thereto.

Mine Explosion Report.

The commission to investigate mine explosions made a report to the governor today, recommending the following:

In all mines where coal is blasted from the solid, competent persons shall be employed to examine all shots before they are charged. Said examiners are to have the power to prohibit the charging and firing of any shot which, in their judgment, is unsafe. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties said examiners shall give proof of their competency to the state mine inspector of the district in which the mine where they are employed is located. The state mine inspector is to have the power to refuse to give permission to any person to act as shot examiner who in his judgment is not sufficiently competent, or he may revoke the permission granted should it appear that a shot examiner is negligent or careless in the performance of his duties.

The miner shall keep his working place, and the operator the entries, as free from dust as practicable, the entries to be sprinkled as often as necessary to keep them in a damp condition.

Only sand soil or clay shall be used for tamping and shot holes shall be tamped solidly from the powder to the mouth of the hole, whether the squib or fuse is used to ignite the powder. Any shot having blown out the tamping at the first firing shall not be recharged and fired the second time.

In addition to the above, such rules regarding the use of powder, the preparing and placing of shots, shall be adopted by the operators and miners of each mine so the blasting of coal may be done with the greatest possibly safety.

More than 14,000 persons are engaged in the mining industry of Iowa. The commission suggests that enough copies of this report be ordered printed so a copy may be placed in the hands of every person connected with or interested in the mining industry of this state.

Bills Passed by House.

In the house this afternoon these bills were passed: Bills to make perjury a misdemeanor and not a felony was passed; to place mechanics' liens on property where work is done on same in connection with it, was passed; to require telegraph and telephone companies to file plots of their lines with the county auditor was passed.

Corporation Wants Iowa Man.

It is learned here George E. Roberts of Fort Dodge, director of the mint, has been offered the presidency of a corporation having a capital of $4,000,000 and transacting an enormous business, with headquarters in New York, and that he is considering the offer. The salary is far in advance of that which he now receives from the government and the position is a tempting one. Mr. Roberts has planned to build a new building for his newpaper plant in Fort Dodge in the spring and is reluctant on this account to accept the position, which would probably mean his permanent transfer from Iowa and retirement from political positions.

Ready for Trains.

Announcement is made that regular trains will be put on that portion of the new Iowa Falls railroad which is completed and a schedule will be announced in about two weeks. The line is completed south from Iowa Falls to within a short distance of the Tama branch of the Northwestern. The new town of Buckeye has a depot and an agent will be placed in charge at once. The line will be pushed to McCallsburg just as soon as spring opens, the material now being on had for the work. South of McCallsburg a new town will be laid out called Fernald, after one of the men who has furnished a large share of the money for the road. The company has concluded all necessary arrangements for the entry into Des Moines and terminals there.

Death of Pioneer Minister.

Rev. Francis E. Judd, who died in Portland, Ore., on Tuesday, was a pioneer minister of the gospel in Iowa and a pastor in Episcopal churches for more than forty years in this state. He came west in 1856 and located at Mt. Pleasant, where he remained some time in charge of a church. He afterwards had pastorates at Davenport, Marshalltown, Dubuque, Iowa City and Brooklyn. He founded the Home for the Friendless in Davenport. He was identified with Griswold college for a time. For many years he was at the head of the standing committee of the Iowa diocese of the Episcopal church. Eight years ago, owing to failed health, he retired from the ministry and went to live with a daughter in Oregon.

Westrum to Penitentiary.

Marcus Westrum pleaded guilty to indictment for forgery and was sent to the penitentiary for three years. He was indicted for having forged Adams Express company money orders for $16, drawn apparently on the Omaha office. Westrum presented the orders at a store here and got the money. He was arrested at Joliet and afterwards at Galesburg made a confession, on which he was taken to Missouri and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for theft. Having served the time he went west and a short time ago he was arrested again at Butte for this offense.

MOTHERS VISIT WHITE HOUSE

After Session Closes Congress Calls on the President at the Executive Mansion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The principal business today of the sixth national congress of mothers was the reading of reports of state officers and organizers.

Among those who submitted reports were: Mrs. Foster Washburn, Illinois; Mrs. Isaac Hillis, Iowa; Mrs. L. E. Shepherd, Utah; Mrs. J. M. Smith, California, and Mrs. Mary G. Andrews, Nebraska.

The session closed with the reading of a paper on "Kindergartens and Mothers' Clubs Among the Colored Race," by Mrs. J. Silone Yates, president of the Colored Women's Federation. This afternoon the delegates paid a visit to the White House.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the congress tonight, when topics relating to the educational value of play and kindergartens was discussed by women identified with that line of work.

Mrs. Mary Page of the Chicago kindergarten institute took advanced grounds on the general question of the educational value of the play. She said in part:

The function of play is that it is the child's whole life. It is a necessity to the very continuance of life itself. It is the key to the nascent periods in child life. Forty per cent of idiots are lifted from a condition of helplessness by right physical training, to the condition of productive members of society. We need to realize that motor-activity is the basis of intellectual development. Games are a higher development of play and they have the elements of organization in them, are governed by simple laws. Games are of great importance because they make for use of leisure time—they make the habits of life; they vitally assist in the direction of the will. They demand justice, honesty, right social relationships—the training of the moral nature. Play life should obtain in schools as well as in kindergartens.

"Mother Clubs and Kindergartens in the Slums" was discussed by Miss Mary E. Remington of Buffalo, N. Y. She supplemented her talk by giving some interesting features of the work of the Remington Gospel settlement in Buffalo, established and conducted by her. This settlement has completed the third year of its work and the scope and usefulness of the institution, Miss Remington said, has steadily increased.

FIX CENSUS BUREAU BILL

House and Senate Conferees Agree on Permanent Department Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The conferees of the two houses of congress on the bill creating a permanent census reached an agreement today. The bill as agreed upon embodies most of the amendments made in the senate, though some of them are retained in modified form. The senate provision concerning the civil services is retained. All the employes of the office at the time of the signing of the bill, except unskilled laborers, are to come under the provisions of the civil service law. The provision requiring future appointments to be made under the civil service law was modified, by the conference so as to make the requirement applicable only to permanent appointments.

The directors' salary is fixed at $6,000 per annum, instead of $5,000, as suggested by the house and $7,500 as named by the senate. The senate provision for an assistant director is stricken out and a provision is inserted requiring the chief clerk to act as director in the absence of that official. The chief clerk's salary is fixed at $3,500.

The clause limiting the directors' appointment to four years' time is eliminated. Four chief statisticians and four chiefs of divisions are provided for. The senate amendment providing that the collection of statistics concerning such special classes as the feeble minded and the blind shall occur decenially is retained. The provision relating to the collection of cotton statistics for the year was amended by the conference so as to require that weekly bulletins on this subject shall be published each year from September 1.

MEMORIAL FUND INCREASES

Contributions for the McKinley Monument Are Attaining Liberal Proportions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—There was a meeting here today of the trustees of the McKinley National Memorial association, which is engaged in raising a fund for the construction of a memorial to the late president at Canton, O. Treasurer Herrick and Secretary Ritchie made reports and returns were received from state and territorial auxiliaries.

While reports from some sections were not encouraging, the trustees on the whole are much pleased with the result thus far obtained in the effort to raise the amount needed, viz, $650,000. This figure, it is explained, comprehends the establishment of an endowment fund, the proceeds of which are for the care, guarding and preservation of the memorial.

Secretary Ritchie says the trustees will not make public the collections until the fund is completed.

New Colombian Minister in New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Dr. Joseph Vincente Concha, minister of war in the Colombian cabinet, has arrived in New York and will come to Washington shortly to succeed Dr. Martinez Silva as Colombian minister to the United States. As stated a few days ago, cable advices were received at the legation here from Bogota requesting a withholding of the protocol which Dr. Silva was about to present to Admiral Walker until the receipt of instructions, and it is said that Dr. Concha is the bearer of these.

Troops for Fort Riley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The War department today received a telegram announcing the departure yesterday of the Third squadron of the Eighth cavalry from Nuevitas, Cuba, with seventeen officers and 297 enlisted men for Fort Riley, Kan. There are at present in the island about 4,000 men.

Booker Washington at White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Booker T. Washington was at the White House today and had a conference with President Roosevelt, lasting fifteen minutes. It is stated that political matters were not touched.

President Removes Judge Noyes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt, acting upon the recommendation of Attorney General Knox, has dismissed Arthur B. Noyes, judge for the Second district of Alaska.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

War Survivors Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been granted:

Issue of February 7:

Nebraska: Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—William H. Flick, Dorsey, $8; Samuel Kitt, Hebron, $8; David Hileman, Dakota City, $10. Original widows—Special accrued February 10, Sarah Kinkead, Aurora, $8. Renewal (widows)—Amanda J. Sharp, Lincoln, $12.

Iowa: Original—William Dixon, Onawa, $6; Wyckham R. C. Reynolds, Onawa, $6; Benjamin F. Sacks, Ogden, $6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—Jabez Dennis, Traer, $8; Moses Guthrie, jr., Grand View, $8; Patrick Rogers, Emmetsburg, $10; Wilmot D. Whitford, Davenport, $8; James Chasteen, Wilton Junction, $8; John J. Lowrey, Farmington, $8; John Wagner, Gilman, $8; William H. Berry, Missouri Valley, $8; Sidney Bradford, Eagle Grove, $12; Mexican war, Jacob Briney, Oskaloosa, $12. Original widows, etc.—Christina Binsler, Britt, $8; Lovina E. Ruby (dead), Knowlton, $2. Renewal, widows, etc.—Mary J. Buchanan, Valley Junction, $12; Nancy Williamson, Blakesburg, $12; Sarah C. Dudley, Decorah, $12.

South Dakota: Original—War with Spain, John H. Benedict, Springfield, $10. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—William Cronen, Hill City, $12.

Wyoming: Original—Reuben Cornwell, Sheridan, $8.

Montana: Original—War with Spain, Albert S. Hicks, Livingston, $6. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—John C. Carter, Salesville, $12.

Colorado: Original—John H. Schweder, Denver, $6; war with Spain, Daniel V. Wood, Victor, $8. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.—John Evans, Denver, $8. Original widows, etc.—Special accrued February 19, Melissa A. Borden, Colorado City, $12.

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