

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stocker sells carpets and rugs. Wolman, scientific optician, 408 E. W. Ave. Pastorage, Judson, 429 1/2 W. Ave. 2d. J. C. and W. Woodward, architects, room 4, Everett block, Council Bluffs, Ia.

INCENDIARIES FIRE HOUSE

Third Attempt Within a Year to Burn the Home of Patrick Lynch.

OIL-SOAKED RAGS HUNG ON THE DOORS

Evident Intent Not Only to Burn the Home, but to Cut Off the Escape of All the Inmates—Third Attempt in Year.

The third incendiary attempt within twelve months to burn the home of Patrick Lynch, at 2112 Sixth avenue, was made at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. On each of the three occasions that the fire department has been called to the house, evidence has been secured showing that the fire was incendiary and that it had been started from the outside of the residence.

When the fire department reached the house yesterday morning flames were discovered bursting from three separate points. One of the outside doors was found fringed with kerosene oil, while on two of the other doors old clothing soaked with the same inflammable substance had been hung and fired.

Evidence secured by Chief Templeton of the fire department indicates that the incendiaries used five gallons of oil in their attempt to burn the house.

Leave Incriminating Evidence.

On the back porch was found a five-gallon oil can almost empty and with the cork missing, and a granite tapan which showed that it had contained oil. A partially burned mackintosh coat and other portions of burned clothing including a woman's skirt, were found on the doors and taken possession of by Chief Templeton.

The manner in which the fire was set this time leads to the belief that the incendiaries not only intended to burn the dwelling, but to cremate the occupants, as the way in which every door was saturated with kerosene indicated that they intended to cut off all avenues of escape.

Lynch and his family have for more than a year past had trouble with their neighbors and it is believed that the several attempts to burn their home has been the result of a desire on the part of their neighbors to drive them out of the neighborhood. Lynch is foreman of the Union Pacific coal chutes at the transfer depot.

Before coming to Council Bluffs he was a resident of South Omaha and was the first city marshal of that city after its incorporation as a town. The family consists of Lynch, his wife and eight children.

The promptness with which the fire department responded to the alarm alone prevented the house from being burned to the ground, as the flames had made such headway as to compel the family to seek shelter, clad only in their night clothes, in the barn at the rear of the lot.

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BANKERS ATTEND CONVENTION

Large Number Present from Southwestern Iowa to Spend the Day Talking Shop.

A number of bankers from southwestern Iowa arrived in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of Group No. 1 of the Iowa State Bankers' association, which will be held today in the league room of the Grand hotel. The opening session will be called to order at 10 a. m. by E. F. Wentz of Oakland, president of the Commercial National bank of this city, will deliver an address of welcome, the response of which will be made by Dr. S. J. Patterson of Dunlap.

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Moonsa county district court convened yesterday, Judge Gaynor presiding. The grand jurors were sworn and charged by the court and retired. In the case of the State of Iowa against J. R. Wheeler, the defendant failed to appear in the case of the State against John Wiles and James Kelly, Ed. L. Conlin was appointed by the court as counsel for the defendants.

Judge Thomas May Be Renominated.

SIBLEY, Ia., April 23.—(Special).—It is generally thought that Judge Thomas will have little if any opposition for a third term of congressional nomination. It is not so much Thomas' positive strength in the district, as it is his unwillingness for candidates in leading counties to enter the race. The convention meets at Sheldon, May 21.

Building Boom in Sibley.

SIBLEY, Ia., April 23.—(Special).—A \$30,000 school house, a \$40,000 courthouse and several residences are in progress of construction here. The improvements in Sibley for 1920 are very extensive.

Wind Does Much Damage.

During the heavy windstorm yesterday afternoon a large section of the tin roof of the Everett block on Pearl street was blown off. Part of the roof, accompanied by the brick cornice, was blown into the alley, frightening a horse hitched to a wagon of the Pacific Express company and causing it to run away. The wagon was overturned and badly damaged and the horse was severely injured by falling.

A large lurch wagon standing on Scott street was overturned and a few minutes

HEARING TO RAILROAD MEN

State Board Informs Them What It Wants in the Way of Reports.

RATE MATTERS ARE ALSO TAKEN UP

Mother Finds Remains of Her Twin Children in the Ruins of a Burned Barn—Storm Damaging Crops.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, April 23.—(Special).—The state executive council today gave a hearing to the representatives of the accounting departments of various railroads on the bill passed by the last legislature requiring the companies to make statements on some new points. These relate to the proportion of business done in the state and outside of the state and that which either originates or ends in Iowa. The law also requires that the accounts shall be so kept that there may be uniformity in the reports made. The executive council is authorized to direct how this shall be done.

When the council met today there was a hearing on the bill which was introduced by the grand jury, but not sufficient evidence could be secured to warrant the return of an indictment.

We fit the hard to fit. Suits \$12.50 up. New York Tailoring Co., 337 Broadway.

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

Matters in District Court.

The district court jury in the suit of A. H. Davis, guardian of Lucy Holmes, against T. J. Foley brought in a verdict at midnight Monday which on court convening yesterday morning was found to be for the defendant. Davis sued for \$2,300, the value of cattle and horses alleged to have been converted by Foley to his own use at the time of the winding up of the affairs of the Enlow Cattle company at North Platte, Neb.

Rate Hearing Also.

At the same time there was a rate hearing before the state railroad commissioner, at which a number of the leading shippers of the state were present, also the freight agents of some of the leading railroads. A lowering of rates has been asked on lumber and many other products. There is also a petition before the commissioner for a lowering of the rate on broken stone for road making. This will probably be fixed at about the same as slack coal for the present.

Damages for Quarantine Neglect.

Quarantined without food or fuel and with horses starving in a barn within a few feet of the house in the complaint of W. S. Martindale in an action for \$5,000 damages asked from the city of Des Moines, the suit being filed in the district court today. Martindale alleges that after quarantining himself and family the city paid no further attention to them for ten days, and that the city physician was repeatedly sent for.

Following the Cries.

The police and detectives of Des Moines are still entirely at sea in regard to the murderers of the Peterson children. The governor today received a letter from a man in Indianapolis purporting to give a description of the men and stating that the one who committed the crime was a sandy haired man. The writer is evidently delirious, but this has started the story that the man who committed the crime has been described and fits the description from Indianapolis. The detectives are still posted on the case, but they will yet obtain some definite clue to the author of the crime and are working quietly on the case.

Twins Burned to Death.

The 3-year-old twin children of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shields, residing near Bear Grove, Guthrie county, were burned to death yesterday afternoon. Their blackened remains were found in the ruins of the Shields barn, which caught fire from some rubbish. Until the discovery was made it was believed by the parents that the children were safe somewhere in the vicinity of the house. Mr. Shields was plowing in the field and Mrs. Shields was at work near the home. Mrs. Shields was the first to discover the death of her children. Missing when the fire had completed its destruction of the building she hastily instituted a search. Failing to find them about the house the mother suspected they might have been in the barn. A few moments later the children's charred bodies in the smoldering embers.

Hurricane Sweeping Iowa.

One of the hardest windstorms ever known here has been sweeping Iowa the last thirty-six hours. The temperature was decidedly lower today than yesterday, but there was a higher velocity to the wind and the air was filled with dust as it has seldom ever before been in Iowa. The farmers look with dread upon the present conditions and are hoping a change may come quickly.

Preparing Parole Papers.

The papers were prepared in the governor's office today for the parole of George Stanley of Story county, and William Young of Woodbury county. The governor will sign them tomorrow. Transportation will be furnished to take Stanley to Maine, where he has relatives, who will care for him the rest of his life. Young goes to Sioux City, where Sheriff Jackson will see that he has employment beginning May 1.

Medical Examination.

Forty-six students were examined before the State Medical board today for certificates to practice medicine. Three of them were women, a number were graduates of the Drake Medical school here, the remainder coming from over the state. The State Pharmacy board holds its annual meeting tomorrow and prepares for the annual report.

Frederika Oil Fields.

There is much excitement in and around Frederika, in Bremer county, over the fact that drillers found evidences of considerable oil at a depth of 200 feet. A company was formed some time ago to investigate the oil evidences in that part of the state and a competent driller was secured. The company is composed almost entirely of the people of Tripoli, a small town near Frederika, and a few business men of Vavertville. At a depth of 200 feet a quantity of oil was found, about six gallons being taken out for inspection. The fact that the oil is nearly pure has caused a great deal of skepticism, but the people of the county firmly believe there is a vast amount of oil beneath and that they will strike a gusher very soon.

CORNER ON POULTRY TRADE

Three Firms Are Said to Complete Control over the Poultry Market.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: Three firms practically have complete control of the poultry market. Through the ownership of two-thirds of all the poultry in the country they are said to be able to fix prices as they please. The firms having control are: Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Friebe & Semler of Bushnell, Ill.

All over the western states, in Omaha,

Kansas City, St. Joseph, Chicago, and hosts of small towns these firms have cold storage plants. The South Water street estimate is that they have 500,000 cases of

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The season is quite early in respect to farm work, and about the average as to growth of vegetation.

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