NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Stockert sells carpets and rugs.

Leffert, eyesight specialist, 238 Broadway.

Thomas Bowman has gone to Chicago on a business trip.

Pictures for graduation gifts. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Broadway.

Take home a brick of Metzger's ice cream. Vanilla, 25c; Neopolitan, 35c.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday noon until this morning, when it will make its report.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson left yesterday for Fresno, Cal., where they will make their home.

Dr. J. M. Barstow and daughter Ruth have gone to Saratoga, N. Y., to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Merwin Maynard of First avenue is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Buckingham of Boston.

E. W. Hart, manager of the City Water Works company, left last evening on a business trip to Chicago.

Miss Mary Wallace of the High school faculty of Hamburg, Ia., is home to spend the summer vacation with her mother.

Deputy County Recorder William Larson is expected home today from Alberta province, Canada, where he went with a view of purchasing land.

Dr. Charles McDowell, who was found dead in his bed at Pawnee, Neb., Monday, was a brother of Mrs. A. T. Elwell of this city and formerly resided here.

P. M. Pryor, printer of the paper published at the Christian home, was found yesterday to be suffering from smallpox. He was quarantined at the institution.

The funeral of Mrs. J. M. Peistrup will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of her son, Willis Peterson, 311 Avenue D, and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. Edward Haggerty and son Wade of Missouri Valley were in the city yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hahn, enroute to Salt Lake City, where they will spend the summer.

The question of the custody of the children involved in the Haven divorce case was argued before Judge Wheeler in the district court yesterday. He took the case under advisement.

Rev. James Thomson of the First Congregational church went to Des Moines yesterday to attend the sixty-third annual meeting of the State Association of Congregational churches.

S. P. Barnett of Terre Haute and Mrs. J. H. Throop of Carbon, Ind., who have been visiting their brother, J. D. Barnett, and family of Washington avenue, will leave for their homes today.

William N. Schaffer, the housemover charged with destroying and cutting wires of the Telephone company, had his hearing before Justice Bryant yesterday, who took the case under advisement.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClure went to Lincoln, Neb., yesterday to attend the wedding of Governor Savage's daughter. Mr. and Mrs. McClure and the family of Governor Savage were formerly neighbors.

St. Albans lodge, Knights of Pythias, has selected these delegates to the grand lodge at Des Moines: W. M. Frederick, W. C. A. Wood, C. A. Tibbits and C. B. Washington. E. J. Abbott, Fred de Groat, Ovide Vien and J. J. Keith were selected as alternates.

The will of Mrs. Christine Ryan of Garner township, who died Saturday last, was filed for probate yesterday. It bequeaths all her property to her husband and specifically disinherits all her children and their heirs. The probating of the will was set for June 30.

The decision of the supreme court declaring the deposit of the Cochran estate in the Officer & Pusey bank a preferred claim will affect in a similar manner the deposit of the Dan Elcher estate, making it also a preferred claim. The amount involved in the latter is about $1,000.

Edward C. Brown, former alderman from the Third ward, has been appointed oil inspector for this district by Governor Cummins and will assume the duties of his office July 1. The term of Theodore Guittar of this city, who has held the position for a number of years, will expire June 30.

The receipts in the general fund at the Christian home last week were $129.08, being $70.92 below the needs of the week, and increasing the deficiency to $140.20 in this fund to date. In the manager's fund the receipts were $18, being $17 below the needs and increasing the deficiency to $22.50.

J. A. Gregory, whose sentence to twenty years in the penitentiary was affirmed by the supreme court Monday, was convicted of horse stealing. At the trial it was shown that he had been committed to the penitentiary on three former occasions and his long sentence was under the habitual criminal act.

Ernest Florimond, a guest at a lodging house on North Main street, was arrested yesterday morning, charged with exchanging his old coat for a new garment belonging to another roomer. He claimed to the police that he went into the wrong room by mistake and did not notice he was wearing another man's coat until his attention was called to it by the owner.

John Mikesell, Edward Wheeler, Donald Mikesell and William Rolf have been arrested, charged with creating a disturbance Sunday evening at the saloon on Broadway and Twenty-first street at the time. William Fegley is alleged to have hurled several brickbats through the saloon window because the bartender refused to serve him after the time for closing. Their hearing in police court has been set for Friday.

The annual meeting of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will be held Friday afternoon in the parlors of the First Congregational church. Only those who have paid their dues in full will be permitted to vote. Mrs. Walter I. Smith, president of the club, is in Washington, D. C., but is expected home Thursday or Friday morning. The election promises to be a spirited one, as one faction favors Mrs. P. J. Montgomery for president, while Mrs. Smith's friends are urging her re-election.

Puck's Domestic soap is best.

Davis sells glass.

Old Employe of Milwaukee Dies.

James Johnston, one of the oldtime railroad employes of this city, died yesterday morning in Perry, Ia. Two weeks ago Mr. Johnston left for Chicago to seek expert medical advice, but on reaching Perry his condition became so critical that he was obliged to leave the train and go to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rait, at that point. Mr. Johnston was 66 years of age and came to Council Bluffs twenty years ago with the Milwaukee railroad and was in its employ as foreman of the roundhouse at the time of his death. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rait of Perry and Mrs. M. L. Williams of this city, and three sons, W. L. of this city, James of Perry, Ia., and John, living in Arizona. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows, Red Men and Modern Woodmen of America. The body will be brought to this city this morning and the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. L. Williams, with whom he made his home, at 748 Madison avenue. Rev. W. S. Barnes of the First Presbyterian church will conduct the services, which will be under the auspices of Bluff City Masonic lodge. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

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TICKET AGENT IS MISSING

Thomas H. Gannon Said to Be Short in His Accounts with Rock Island.

BOOKS ARE NOW BEING CHECKED OVER

Leaves Behind a Young Wife Whom He Married Last April and Who is Prostrated by Her Sudden Misfortunes.

Thomas H. Gannon, ticket seller at the local depot of the Rock Island railroad, is supposed to have left the city, as he has not been seen or heard of since Monday morning, when he failed to report for duty. He is said to be short in his accounts, which are now being checked up. Although M. O. Gay, the local agent, declines at this time to make any statement, it is said his shortage amounts to over $500. Gannon is said to have lost the money at the gambling tables.

Monday morning, before leaving, ostensibly for his work, Gannon handed his wife $50 and that is the last, she said yesterday, she had seen or heard of him. It is said that Gannon learned that his books were to be checked up, and fearing the outcome, left the city. He had been in the employ of the Rock Island about three years, coming to Council Bluffs last February from Guthrie Center, Ia. During the latter part of April he was married to Miss Akers at Van Meter, Ia. His bride of a few weeks is completely prostrated over his disappearance and the charge of shortage in his accounts.

Mr. Gay stated last evening that no information as to the missing ticket clerk's whereabouts had been obtained and that the work of checking up his accounts had not been completed. Gannon, he said, was bonded in a surety company, like other employes, and that as far as the railroad was concerned it would not prosecute, leaving this to the bonding company, an official of which is expected here this morning.

Gannon was 28 years of age and until it was learned that he was frequenting the gambling rooms had always borne the highest of reputations. His friends assert that when he was married he incurred expenses for furniture and other household requisites, which he was unable to meet, and this prompted him to attempt to increase his means through the medium of the gambling table.

One of his fellow employes, who had loaned Gannon $30, secured a writ of attachment and levied on a typewriter.

Gannon was a telegraph operator in the employ of the Rock Island when he resigned to enlist for service in the Spanish-American war. On his return he was again taken into its employ by the Rock Island.

Buy your diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, etc., at Wollman's big closing out auction sale. Two big sales each day at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

CATCH CASADY IN CHICAGO

Missing Insurance and Loan Agent is Located by His Bondsman.

James N. Casady, jr., of this city was arrested yesterday morning in Chicago, where he has been under cover for several months, at the instigation of the Council Bluffs authorities. His arrest was made on a charge of embezzlement filed in the court of Justice Bryant by George H. Stillman, on behalf of the Scottish Union and National Insurance company. The information alleges that Casady, while acting as agent of the company in this city, embezzled $341.

Casady was indicted about a year ago by the district grand jury on a charge of embezzling $800 belonging to John Farrell, a resident of the east end of the county. He succeeded in having the case continued for two terms of court and it had been set for trial at this term, but Casady failed to put in an appearance. It was reported that he was in Chicago, but efforts to locate him failed. Attorney Emmet Tinley, who was on his bail bond for $2,000, went to Chicago Monday and succeeded in locating him and causing his arrest. Word from Chief of Police O'Neill of Chicago received here yesterday afternoon was to the effect that Casady had consented to return without requisition papers. Sheriff Cousins left last evening for the Windy City to bring him back.

Last winter, when Casady was reported missing, his creditors rushed in and attached all the property he had here, which proved to be far less than had been expected. Attachments were secured against the furniture in his home on Oakland avenue, but Mrs. Casady succeeded in removing all their household belongings to Omaha before the officers were able to serve the writs. She is said to be living with her parents in Omaha.

Casady's affairs are said to be in very bad shape and attorneys for eastern loan firms with which he did business are authority for the statement that several more criminal actions will be brought against him.

Puck's Domestic soap is best for laundry.

Don't fail to attend Wollman's big closing out auction sale. Two big sales daily at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

SCHOOL BOARD TO TRY AGAIN

Same Modification in Plans of Pierce Street School to Be Made This Time.

The Board of Education, at a special meeting last night, decided to readvertise for bids for the construction of the four room addition to the Pierce street school. Bids will be invited on the original plans with the hope of securing figures within the $8,000 appropriation and on modified plans. The modified plans will omit the finishing of two rooms and all plumbing and heating except "roughing," for future installation of plumbing and will call for a flat roof, either tin or gravel, in place of the slanting slate roof with tin disk. In the event of the board having to adopt the modified plans money will be asked for next year to complete the addition according to the original plans and make it conform to the rest of the building.

In view of the fact that Superintendent Clifford's duties were increased materially last year by having to take charge of the free text books, the board last night voted to allow him $200 for this extra work. Before the free text book system went into effect the board paid Custodian Bushnell $150 per annum for caring for the school books. Member Gorman made a motion to the effect that Superintendent Clifford's salary be increased from $2,000 to $2,400 a year, but the motion was declared out of order at this time, as all salaries are fixed on recommendation of the finance committee.

The Danish Lutheran church was granted permission to occupy one room at the North Eighth street school during the time the church is undergoing repair, for a summer school for the children of the church.

Rev. A. Overton asked for permission to occupy the Gunn school for Sunday school purposes, but no action was taken on the request.

The board will inspect all the school buildings next Monday. Chairman Macre of the committee on janitors reported that the janitors as a rule quit work the day that school closed without putting their buildings in proper condition. It was suggested that the janitors be ordered to clean up their buildings before quitting, as their reappointment would depend to a great extent upon the condition the board found the buildings in. It was decided to include this requirement in next year's contracts with the janitors.

Keep clean. Use Puck's Mechanic's soap.

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

EQUALIZE THE ASSESSMENT

County Board Makes Few Changes Except in the Live Stock List.

The Board of County Supervisors spent the greater part of yesterday's session equalizing the assessment of personal property as returned by the assessors for the county. But few changes of any consequence were made, the only changes being on live stock. The assessment on bulls was raised 20 per cent all around. In one case the board lowered the assessment, that on cows, fixing the value at $24, as against $27.55, the average assessment returned by the assessors.

The other changes were: Two-year old colts, fixed at $40, as against $39.15, average value placed by assessors; horses at $52, against $51.45, the assessors' average; mules, $60, assessors' average $53.30; 1-year-old heifers, $20, assessors' average $19.20; 2-year-old heifers $20, assessors' average $23.63; one-year-old steers, $24, assessors' average $23.60; 2-year-old steers $32, assessors' average $30.43; 3-year-old steers $40, assessors' average $37.50; cattle in feeding $40, assessors' average $38.63.

F. E. Bender, keeper of the Bender hotel at Minden, presented a bill for $11.50 for bedding on which M. H. Sturricks, who was run over by a Rock Island freight train, was brought to this city. The bedding was destroyed at the Woman's Christian Association hospital of this city. The bill was referred to the supervisor of that district with power to act.

F. M. Cunningham, the tax ferret, presented and additional bill of $966.35 for his fees, based at 50 per cent on $1,932.71 which had been recovered into the county treasury since June 21, 1901, on property which had been omitted from taxation. Like his former bill this was rejected, the board deciding to make no payment on Cunningham's contract until the litigation now pending is decided.

The appointment by Sheriff Cousins of E. E. Williams, J. H. Thomas, A. L. Jackson, James Hanks and H. S. Tucker as deputy sheriffs to serve at Lake Manawa without expense to the county was approved.

The contract for furnishing the county building with ice was awarded to Gilbert Bros. at 25 cents per 100 pounds.

Use any soap so its Puck's soap.

No New Road Into Park.

At the monthly session of the park board last night Ohio Knox submitted a plan for another road into Fairmont park, starting at a point between Park avenue and High street. The plan will necessitate a deep cut and a heavy fill and the board decided that it could not consider it this year, owing to lack of funds. The board will go before the county supervisors today to talk over the matter of the Huntington lot, part of which, it is claimed, has been fenced in with Fairmount park. The park commissioners decided to stand on their rights if they have any, as the records show that the survey of the park made by the county surveyor included the portion now claimed by the county as being part of the Huntington lot. Residents in the vicinity of Big Lake filed a complaint to the effect that a person to whom a portion of Big Lake park had been leased had fenced in not only part of the park, but also a roadway which they had been in the habit of using for many years. The complaint will be investigated.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Board of Health Acts.

City Physician Houghton has called the attention of the Board of Health to the condition of the toilet rooms at the Union Pacific Transfer depot and the board, acting upon his recommendation, has instructed the city marshall to notify the railroad company to place them in a proper sanitary condition at once or remove them entirely. The board has decided to recommend the payment by the county of the claim of George F. Miller, supervisor of the poor, for $90 for acting as purchasing agent of supplies for smallpox patients. Other bills recommended for payment, including that of James Autrey, nurse at the pesthouse, for 143 days at $5 a day.

Davis sells paint.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Henry E. Nelson and wife to M. Marcus, lot 1, block 1, Beers' add., w. d.	$ 200
Henry Whetstone to Rasmus Hoff, lot 7, block 7, Beers' subdiv., w. d.	1
Catherine J. Guanella, guardian, to J. P. Hess, s20 feet of n40 feet lot 6, block 9, Bayliss' 1st add., q. d.	15
Catherine J. Guanella et al to same, same, w. d.	1
W. C. Barton and wife to T. E. Hunt, lot 28, Auditor's subdiv. of nw¼ ne¼ 12-75-40, w. d.	655
Caroline Morgan and husband to Ava Eller Gardner, lot 16 and e20 feet lot 15, Johnson's add., w. d.	800
Mrs. E. J. Price to Edwin Cleminson, lot 103, original plat, q. c. d.	1
J. M. Pullen and wife to L. F. Potter, lots 11 and 12, block 6, Oakland, w. d.	1,700
Ernest E. Hart and wife to George C. Hansen, lot 3, block 2, Allison's add., w. d.	1,600
Nine transfers, total	$5,073

Little Boy Maltreated.

CRESTON, Ia., June 4.—(Special.)—A story of cruel and inhuman treatment of an 8-year-old boy comes from Murray, a small town east of here. It is stated that F. L. Andrews threw a lathing hatchet at Herbert Warren and knocked him down, inflicting a very serious flesh wound in the leg. It is alleged that Andrews, who is a carpenter in Murray, had been employed to build a house for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warren, the parents of the boy, who live a short distance from Murray. He evidently became angered at the actions of the boy, who was playing near where he was working, and threw the hatchet, with the result stated. It is further alleged by the mother of the boy that Andrews walked over to the boy after he had fallen and before he was able to rise, and deliberately kicked him in the back, producing verp painful and serious bruises, which will keep him confined to the house for days. No legal action has yet been taken in the matter, but an investigation of the extent of the boy's injuries is being made.

IOWA GETS AFTER THE FAKES

Diamond and Other Contract Tontine Workers Will Be Prosecuted.

NEW LAW PROVIDES SEVERE PENALTIES

State Auditor and Attorney General Said to Have Resolved on a Long List of Prosecutions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, June 4.—(Special.)—Innumerable arrests and prosecutions of operators of diamond contract schemes and home-building companies are threatened in Iowa. It has been ascertained that actions will be begun by Auditor of State Merriam through Attorney General Mullan in order to make test cases. They have been prompted to make the move by the conviction in Chicago of two men who operated a diamond contract scheme along lines identical with the contracts sold by several companies in this state. The penalty is from one to ten years in the state penitentiary. Attorney General Mullan disclaims any knowledge of the action to be taken and the state auditor is at present out of the city. Nevertheless it is almost certain that proceedings will be brought within a few weeks and an effort made to suppress all business of this character. It is also rumored that under the provisions of the Griswold law, passed by the Twenty-ninth general assembly, that proceedings will be commenced against the home investment companies and associations conducted on the tontine plan to compel them to immediately come within the provisions of this act.

Killed by Rock Island Train.

John Tyler, a farmer living between Des Moines and Valley Junction, was instantly killed by a Rock Island engine this morning as he was walking along the track. He was walking from his house down to the pasture and it was convenient to go a short distance along the track of the railroad. It is a mystery how the accident happened, for it was a piece of straight track, but the fact that he might have been watching a train coming from the east on the other track is supposed to explain his failure to hear the signal from the eastbound train which killed him. He was about 68 years old and a native of Switzerland.

The attorney general has been informed that Mrs. Kuhn, serving a life sentence in the penitentiary at Anamosa, has made at least a partial confession and that she admits having administered the poison to her husband, as found by the jury.

Believe Keane May Go East.

There is a growing impression among the Catholic clergy of Iowa that the name of Archbishop Keane is being seriously considered in connection with the vacant place in New York, due to the death of Archbishop Corrigan. It is known that the name of Keane has been suggested to the Vatican along with the name of Archbishop Ireland and others.

The articles of incorporation of the Well-Hord Grain company of Central City, Neb., were filed with the secretary of state today and notice given of an Iowa branch office at Crescent, Pottawattaime county.

Iowa Crop Conditions.

The following is the weekly review of weather and crop conditions in Iowa:

The average temperature of the last seven days was from 2 to 4 degrees below normal, with light rainfall, except in scattered localities. The week closed with higher temperature and showery weather. The conditions were generally favorable for farm work, and the dry weather afforded opportunity to cultivate the corn fields, which were becoming very weedy in all sections where rainfall had been excessive. The northwestern counties need copious rains, but the bulk of the state would be benefited by a week or two of warm, dry weather, to facilitate the cultivation of corn and prevent damage to small grain by growing too rank. The corn acreage is practically all planted, and generally a good stand has been secured, with fair prospects, if conditions are favorable, for timely and thorough cultivation. Pastures, meadows, potatoes and garden vegetables are making fine growth. There are variable reports as to apples, plums and cherries, but the average is below normal.

Long Term for Boy.

Sonny Brafford was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison this morning by Judge Prouty of the district court. Brafford had nothing to say before the judgment was announced. He was found guilty of highway robbery of W. G. Wilson at Eighth and Center streets two months ago, when Wilson claimed he lost a watch and about $4 in cash. Other charges against Brafford will be dismissed.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The Iowa supreme court rendered the following decisions today:

Edward Dorun against Cedar Rapids & Monon railway, appellant; Linn county, Judge Thompson; damages for injury to person and killing horse; verdict for $8,300; affirmed. Opinion by McClain; dissenting opinion by Ladd.

William H. Rule against John McGregor, appellant; Crawford county, Judge Elwood; settlement of partnership; reversed. Opinion by Ladd.

Sharples company, appellant, against Day & Hess; Pottawattamie county, Judge Thornell; to recover money on purchase price of an article; affirmed. Opinion by Sherwin.

Minnie Howring against Nannie M. Smith, appellant; Lee county, Judge Bank; affirmed. Opinion by Waterman.

George Schlosser against W. L. Hemphill, appellant; Palo Alto county, Judge Quarton; reversed. Opinion by Waterman.

L. Schoonover against D. Osborne, appellant; Jones county, Judge Treichler; reversed. Opinion by Ladd.

Henry Grasmier against Wolf & Ohsman, appellants; Linn county, Judge Thompson; reversed. Opinion by Sherwin.

H. B. Knowlton, administrator, against Des Moines Electric Light company, appellant; Polk county, Judge Holmes; affirmed. Opinion by McClain.

JUDGE FOR ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Republicans Meet at Fort Dodge to Select Their Candidates for the Bench.

FORT DODGE, Ia., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge J. R. Whitaker of Boone county and Judge J. H. Richard of Webster City, Hamilton county, were renominated, and W. D. Evans of Hampton, Franklin county, was nominated to succeed Judge W. S. Kenyon of Fort Dodge, resigned, at the convention of the republicans of the Eleventh judicial district at Fort Dodge this morning. Other candidates, E. H. Addison of Maxwell, Story county, and F. M. Williams of Iowa Falls, Hardin county, did not figure prominently in the contest. Whitaker was nominated on the third ballot, receiving sixty votes out of eighty-six. Evans received seventy-three votes on the first ballot and Richard the unanimous vote on the first ballot. All counties in the district were represented by full delegations.

Monona County Assessment.

ONAWA, Ia., June 3.—(Special Telegram)—The Board of Supervisors of Monona county in session as a board of equalization, today decided to leave unchanged the assessment of Monona county as returned by the assessors for the various towns and townships of Monona county for the year 1902. The assessment is pronounced one of the best and most uniform ever made and the board concluded to make no changes.

At a meeting of the city council last night it was voted to remove the electric light plant and power house to a site on Central Broadway south of Iowa avenue.

FIREMEN DRAW A BIG CROWD

Atlantic Wins Prize for the Largest Number of Uniformed Men in Parade.

AVOCA, Ia., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual tournament of the Western Iowa Firemen's association opened here today with good attendance. Large delegations came from surrounding towns. Atlantic received the $25 premium for the largest department in uniform in the parade, Audubon $15 for the best appearing company. In the band contest held on the courthouse lawn the Atlantic band proved winner. In the straight-away hose race Atlantic took first money, Audubon second. In the juvenile hose race the Neola team was first, Avoca second. The running-coupling contest was won by Audubon, Atlantic second. Fully 3,000 persons witnessed the program at the fair grounds.

Old Settlers Dying.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 4.—(Special.)—Death has been busy with the old settlers in this county during the last week, including among its number one of Buchanan township, who died at the ripe old age of 87. William Hardee came to Iowa in 1844 and settled on a piece of land near the home in which he died. He raised a family of ten children, Perry, the second son, being the first white male child born in Page county.

Money in Strawberries.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 4.—(Special.)—The local strawberry crop is coming in nicely now and the fruit is commanding a fancy price. One of the local gardeners, Mr. Henry Field, has already sold $200 worth of berries off from a single one-acre patch. He expects the acre of ground to return him almost $1,000.

ELECT WATSON SECRETARY

United Presbyterians Choose Successor to Rev. Dr. Barr of Philadelphia.

PITTSBURG, June 4.—Today is the last day of this session of the United Presbyterian general assembly. The most interesting event yesterday was the election of a successor to Rev. Dr. William Barr of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions for the last nine years. The new secretary of the board is Rev. C. R. Watson, pastor of the First church of St. Louis and a former Alleghenian.

The following nominations made by the committee were adopted by the assembly:

Trustees of the General Assembly—Rev. R. E. Stewart, James H. Scott and E. S. Morrow.

Board of Foreign Missions—R. L. Lattimer, William Neely, Rev. S. G. Fitzgerald.

Board of Home Misions—G. M. Reed, Rev. G. W. English, Rev. H. W. Temple.

Board of Freedmen's Missions—Peter Dick, Rev. R. H. Park, W. K. McGinnis, Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, D. D., corresponding secretary.

Board of Church Extension—Rev. J. T. McCrosery, D. D., C. F. Dean, Rev. R. L. Hays, Rev. H. C. Swearingen, who will succeed Rev. A. H. Calvert, D. D., deceased; Rev. H. G. Edward, D. D., corresponding secretary.

Board of Publication—Rev. H. D. Smiley, D. D., Rev. Gillespie, Hugh Kenney, Rev. J. M. Wallace, D. D.

Board of Education—Rev. T. H. Hanna, D. D., H. R. Moffett, Rev. E. S. Brown, T. G. Peacock, who succeeds Hugh Nash, and Rev. W. T. Campbell, corresponding secretary.

Board of Ministerial Relief—Rev. J. G. Scouler, D. D., Rev. W. J. B. Edward and Rev. Frank Getty.

Board of Managers, Historical Society—Rev. H. S. Manley, D. D., John A. Wilson, D. D.

Committee on the Revision of Membership Covenant—Rev. J. McClurkin, D. D., Rev. J. S. McKee, D. D., Rev. W. S. McClure, T. H. McMichael, Rev. T B. Turnbull, D. D.

The afternoon session was given up to the discussion of the reports of committees.

The recommendations of the committee on the report of the Board of Freedmen's missions were adopted by the assembly without debate. They provide that the presbyteries be urged to have the freedmen's work brought more prominently before the churches this year and that a special collection to be applied to the liquidation of the $25,000 debt be taken on the third Sunday of October.

The committee on church extension congratulated the denomination that $52,857 had been expended by the board last year, an increase of $12,857 over the year before.

The transfer of the parsonage fund from the women's board to the church extension board was approved.

WILL BRAVE MOUNT PELEE

Illinois Man Found by President to Succeed Consul Prentiss at St. Pierre.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—President Roosevelt has found a competent man willing to undergo the dangers of another eruption of Mount Pelee in the island of Martinique. He is John F. Jewell of Galena, Ill., who today appeared before the board of officers at the State department and was examined to ascertain his fitness to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Consul Prentiss at St. Pierre. His nomination will be sent to the senate tomorrow.

The department is anxious that he shall reach Fort De France as quickly as possible, in order that he may relieve Consul Ayme, whose post is at Guadaloupe and who has been compelled to attend not only to the consular business of his own island, but to that of Martinique as well.

PAY MAN FOR LOSS OF HOME

Engineers and Firemen Reimburse Claimant on a Compromise Basis.

NORFOLK, Va., June 4.—The national convention of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today ordered that the claim of J. H. Guilford of Trinidad, O., who claimed $23,847 damages for the loss of his home which he avers was due to the acts of the brotherhood, be settled by the payment of $6,000 to Guilford as a compromise.

The convention sent a telegram of endorsement to Governor Dockery of Missouri, who, at the outbreak of a Missouri strike, preceded the military which he had ordered out to the scene of the trouble and aided in affecting a settlement.

The executive committee's report shows that $65,000 has been expended in charity since the last biennial convention.

FARM RECORDS IN COLORADO

Twenty-Five Thousand Ranches with Total Value of Hundred and Six Million.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The census report on agriculture in Colorado issued today shows that 24,500 farms of the state enumerated June 1, 1900, were valued at $106,344,035.

Of this valuation 15 per cent was in buildings and the remainder in land and other improvements other than buildings.

The value of farm improvements and machinery was $4,476,765, and live stock $49,484,311, making the total value of farm property $16,045,111. The total value of farm products of the state for 1899 was $33,047,056, of which 49 per cent was in animal products and the remainder in crops, including forest products cut or produced on farms and ranges. The total value of farm products exceeds that of 1889 by 12 per cent. The gross farm income for 1899 was $26,865,746, and income from investment 17 per cent.

NEW POSTAL CURRENCY PLAN

Bill is Drafted Under Direction of Administration by Special Committee.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—An adminstration bill for the establishment of a postal currency has been drafted by the committee appointed to consider the question. It authorizes the postmaster general to cause to be issued postal checks of fixed denominations not above $1 in even multiple of 5 and 10 cents. These are to be redeemable or payable at any money order postoffice. A fee in addition to the face value will be charged for every check issued.

These postal checks will not be negotiable nor payable after the expiration of three calendar months from the last day of the month, which may be written or stamped thereon, but a duplicate may be issued at any time thereafter by the Postoffice department without charge. Duplicates will be similarly valid for three months.

After the postal check is once paid the United States shall not be liable for any further claim for the payment. Postal checks will be sold wherever the regular stamps are sold.

Senator Depew, from the committee on judiciary, has reported a substitute for Senator Platt's bill to suppress train robbery. It is in the nature of a substitute and is as follows:

That if any person shall wilfully and maliciously trespass upon or enter upon any railroad train, railroad car or railroad locomotive, within any territory of the United States or any place subject to the exclusive jurisdiction or control thereof, with the intent to commit murder, robbery or any unlawful violence upon or against any passenger on said train or car or upon or against any engineer, conductor, fireman, brakeman or any officer or employe connected with said locomotive, train or car or upon or against any express messenger or mail agent on said train or in any such car thereof, or to commit any crime or offense against any person or property thereof, such person shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding twenty years or by fine not exceeding $5,000 or both, at the discretion of the court.

That any person who shall counsel, aid, abet and assist in the perpetration of any of the offenses set forth in the preceding section shall be deemed to be principals therein. That upon the trial of any person charged with any offense set forth in this act it shall not be necessary to set forth or prove the particular person against whom it was intended to commit the offense or that it was intended to commit such offense against any particular person.

Humboldt Wants a Game.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Local base ball enthusiasts are proud of the new team which has just been organized, and the indications are that it will be strong enough to keep up the previous high standing of Humboldt in base ball circles. The club has been officered with leading business men, as follows: Claude M. Linn, president; R. S. Unland, manager; O. L. Bantz, treasurer; Fred R. Linn, secretary; R. L. Linn, captain. The first game will be on the home grounds next Tuesday. Any amateur team desiring to meet the Humboldt aggregation will be accommodated if they address the secretary.

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