NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Stockert sells carpets and rugs.

Leffert, eyesight specialist, 238 Broadway.

Take home a brick of Metzger's ice cream. Vanilla, 25c; Neopolitan, 30c.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gould, 1127 Seventh avenue, yesterday, a daughter.

The Woman's Relief corps will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Grand Army hall.

Mrs. Ada Kain was granted a divorce yesterday by Judge Wheeler from A. J. Kain.

Unity guild will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Gretzer, 606 East Pierce street.

During the heavy rain last night the storm sewers on South Main street became blocked and the street in the vicinity of the Burlington depot was flooded. The motor cars were unable for a time to pass the tracks.

Vacation is here. Plenty of time now for the young folks to learn music. Don't put off buying a piano from year to year. Buy one of Bouricius now and it will last for twenty-five years. 535 Broadway, where the organ stands upon the building.

Earl Garman of Omaha, who shot his father during a dispute over money matters at the family home in Glenwood, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Thornell in the district court at Glenwood to five years in the penitentiary. Young Garman pleaded guilty.

A. Raph was arrested yesterday, the grand jury having returned an indictment against him on the charge of stealing a sign board belonging to B. M. Sargent which had been blown down during the heavy winds in April. The value of the sign board was placed at $25.

Mrs. Clara Kelley, wife of J. H. Kelley, 504 Graham avenue, died yesterday morning, aged 32 years. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence and burial will be in Fairview cemetery. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters and one son.

Lightning yesterday morning burned out the "booster" at the electric light station, involving a loss of from $1,000 to $1,500. The "booster" is a machine used to regulate the voltage. Lightning also struck the residence of Alderman Fleming at 1603 Fifth avenue, but the damage done was nominal.

Puck's Domestic soap is best for laundry.

HAZELTON GETS POSTOFFICE

Postmaster Treynor Receives Letter from Congressman Smith to That Effect.

Hon. Arthur S. Hazelton will succeed I. M. Treynor as postmaster of Council Bluffs. Word to this effect was received yesterday by Postmaster Treynor in a letter from Congressman Walter I. Smith.

Mr. Treynor was appointed postmaster by President Harrison in 1889 and served until the spring of 1894, when he was succeeded by Hon. Thomas Bowman, who was appointed for the second time by President Cleveland. Mr. Treynor was reappointed by President McKinley.

Mr. Hazelton came to Council Bluffs in 1884 and a few days after his arrival was elected principal of the High school to fill a vacancy. This postion he held for one year. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar and served as city solicitor from 1892 to 1898. In 1900 he was elected state senator.

Mr. Treynor was a candidate for reappointment and his friends felt confident that he would be named by President Roosevelt, but Mr. Hazelton had the support among others of Ernest E. Hart, national committeeman from Iowa and the plum now falls to him.

Puck's Domestic soap is best.

Davis sells glass.

RETAINS THE OLD RECEIVERS

Judge Wheeler Denies Petition of Creditors of the Officer & Pusey Bank.

At the conclusion of the hearing yesterday afternoon on the application for the removal of John Beresheim and Louis F. Murphy as receivers of the Officer & Pusey bank, Judge Wheeler denied the petition. In giving his decision Judge Wheeler said there was nothing to show that the estate of the bank was not being managed to the best advantage and he did not believe the affairs of the bank could be any more expeditiously or advantageously closed by a new receiver; that a change at this time would require time for a new receiver to become acquainted with the details of the estate and that in his opinion the management would be just as expensive. Judge Wheeler also said that while he would like to comply with a majority of the bank's creditors, to remove the receivers at this time would be to cast a slur on their management, which the court felt was not in any way deserved.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Casady Fails to Secure Bonds.

Sheriff Cousins returned yesterday morning from Chicago having in custody James N. Casady, jr., against whom a charge of embezzlement had been filed in Justice Bryant's court. On reaching the city Casady was taken to the county jail and later before Justice Bryant where he was arraigned and his hearing set for Thursday, June 19. His bond was fixed at $1,500 in default of which he was committed to the county jail. Up to last night none of his friends had offered to furnish the necessary bail.

Casady's arrest was brought about at the Grand Pacific hotel, when he called for his mail. When Sheriff Cousins called for him at police headquarters in Chicago Wednesday, Casady said he was glad to go back to Council Bluffs and that the suspense was over. He said that the tension under which he had been since leaving Council Bluffs had almost driven him distracted. While he was ostensibly arrested on the charge of embezzlement preferred against him in Justice Bryant's court by the Scottish Union and National Insurance company, it was directly brought about by his bondsmen in the case in which he is charged with embezzling $800 belonging to John Farrell, a resident of the east end of the county, and on which he was to have been tried at this term of court.

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

Use any soap so its Puck's soap.

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

Davis sells paint.

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDER
for Children. Mother Gray, for years a nurse in the Children's Home in New York, treated children successfully with a remedy, now prepared and placed in the drug stores, called Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They are harmless as milk, pleasant to take and never fail. A certain cure for feverishness, constipation, headache, teething and stomach disorders and remove worms. At all druggists, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

SUITS CLEANED—
Dyed and pressed. Special attention given ladies' garments. Also chenille curtains neatly cleaned, dyed and pressed. 'Phone L-618. Iowa Steam Dye Works, 324 Broadway.

LEWIS CUTLER
—FUNERAL DIRECTOR—
(Successor to W. C. Estep)
25 PEARL STREET. 'Phone 97.

SEVEN PRISONERS ESCAPE

Overpower Jailer Martin and Wife Just After the Supper Hour.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY JAIL EXODUS

William Thompson, Charged with Burglary, Evidently the Leader of the Gang—Others Make No Effort to Leave.

Seven prisoners made their escape from the county jail last evening after overpowering George Martin, the jailer, and his wife, whom they forced into the corridor around the revolving cage and shutting the door on them made a dash for liberty through the front door into the court house yard.

The prisoners who escaped were William Thompson and E. G. Jones, charged with breaking into Maloney's cigar factory; John Enbricht, charged with breaking into Schott's drug store; Andrew Thompson, charged with breaking into Currie Bros.' store at Underwood; H. Fishburn, charged with the larceny of a bicycle, and Mike Fahey and Mike Sheehan, charged with assaulting and robbing Fred Goth in the railroad yards. All seven were awaiting trial, indictments against them having been returned by the grand jury Wednesday.

The men made their escape a little before 7 o'clock, a few minutes after they had finished eating supper. How they succeeded in picking the lock, one of the tumbler pattern, on the gate of the inner corridor, is not known. There were eleven prisoners in the corridor which encircles the revolving cage in which the men are confined at night. During the daytime they are kept in the corridor. Entrance to the corridor from the hallway of the jail is through an iron outer door and then through a steel barred gate. This gate was locked with a tumbler padlock, but the outer door was unlocked.

Surprise the Jailer.

Jailer Martin had just finished his supper and was placing away some bread in the bread box which stands in the hallway against the wall next the outer door of the jail proper. While he was stooping over the box the door was thrust open, striking him upon the top of the head and almost knocking him down. Before he had time to recover himself Andrew Thompson rushed out, followed by the other six prisoners. Thompson, who appeared to be the ringleader, seized Martin by the throat and attempted to force him back toward the cell door. Martin struggled and nearly succeeded in freeing himself when the other six men jumped on him and they forced him round the stairway and back to the cell door, through which they thrust him. Martin called to his wife to get him his revolver, which was in the bed room off the hall. Before Mrs. Martin could do so, however, two of the fellows seized her and forced her after her husband through the door into the inner corridor. They then shut the door and turned the handle, but were unable to lock it, not having the key. One of the men ran into the bed room, seized the revolver, which was lying on the bed, and all seven then made a dash through the outer door into the court house yard. Three turned down the alley into Sixth street, while the other four ran south on Main street, evidently intending to reach the railroad yards.

Jailer Martin succeeded in opening the door in a few seconds and started in pursuit, but remembering that the prisoners left behind were not locked in returned to the jail. The other four men who were confined in the corridor, James Casady, Harry Caley, John Plumb and Charles Coleman, made no attempt to escape.

Search for the Escaped Prisoners.

Martin lost no time in giving the alarm and Sheriff Cousins and his force of deputies were soon on the scene. Search for the escaped prisoners was at once begun.

Andrew Thompson, who is a big, muscular man, appeared to be the ringleader. He was judge of the kangaroo court and was acting as "monitor," in which capacity he served out the meals to the other prisoners. That the escape had been well planned was evident from what was learned from the prisoners who did not attempt to escape. They claim they were not in the secret and did not know anything about it until the men made the dash for the gate. They said that as they were finishing their supper the seven men who escaped went to the end of the corridor where their coats and hats hung on a line and put them on. When Jailer Martin was heard in the hallway Thompson said, "ready," or something to that effect, and swung the gate open. The men who remained behind say they did not see the lock picked.

Plumb, one of the men who remained, was indicted with Sheehan and Fahey for robbing old man Goth. He insists that his partners told him nothing about their plan to escape.

This makes the third time that prisoners have escaped from the county jail since its erection. Four men got away August 14, 1898, during Sheriff Morgan's term by sawing through the bars of a window on the main floor, and during Sheriff Hazen's term several escaped in a similar manner.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Reception to Graduates.

At the reception to the graduating class by the High School Alumni association at Royal Arcanum hall tonight this program will be given:

Piano Solo—Valse Arabesque ..... Lach
Miss Maude Mueller, '00.
Address .....
O. S. Blanchard, '95.
Vocal Solo—Life ..... Blumenthal
Charles Haverstock, '95.
Recitation—A Cutting from "Wanted, a Matchmaker" .....
Mrs. Edyth Thomas Wallace, '98.
Vocal Solo—Punchinello ..... Malloy
Dr. Claude P. Lewis.

Preceding the program the reception will be held and the evening's festivities will be brought to a close with dancing. Refreshments will be served during the evening. These constitute the reception committee: Misses Maud Robinson, Flora Judson, Grace Sigafoos, T. B. Lacey, jr., and W. F. Richmond.

Park Board Offers Compromise.

At the meeting yesterday of the county supervisors Secretary Schmidt of the Park board offered to pay the county $100 for the portion of the Huntington lot which it is claimed has been fenced in as part of Fairmount park. Mr. Schmidt said he had been authorized by the Park board to make this offer to avoid any controversy, although the Park board believed that according to the original survey the land belonged to the park and not to the Huntington lot. The board took the offer under consideration, but it is not expected that it will accept this sum. It had asked $350 from the Park board. The lot stands the county in over $1,200 and was supposed to have a frontage of 150 feet, but now it appears that thirty-four feet has been absorbed by the park.

Dr. N. J. Rice was appointed physician for the poor of Kane township for the unexpired term of Dr. A. V. Stephenson, who has gone east.

An offer from Owen Cunningham to deed to the city his property, consisting of one lot in Casady's addition, on condition that the county will care for him and his wife, now an inmate of the insane ward in St. Bernard's hospital, for the rest of their lives and give them decent burial, was accepted. Cunningham is an old man and practically a county charge.

The board will take up today the smallpox bills incurred by the city.

GRADUATES A DRAWING CARD

Rain Has No Terrors for Those Who Are Interests in Young People.

Despite the heavy rain, every seat in the High school auditorium was occupied and extra chairs had to be placed down the aisles at the graduating exercises of the senior class last night. The spacious and handsome auditorium was tastefully decorated with the class colors, white and blue. The members of the school board and the class occupied seats on the rostrum, as did Superintendent Clifford, Principal Ensign and those who took part in the program.

This program was carried out:

Class Song .....
Graduating Class.
Invocation .....
Rev. William S. Barnes.
Music—(a) A Fair Good Morn ..... Nevin
(b) Nights ..... Murray
Miss May Caldwell, Supervisor of Music in City Schools.
Address—Praise and Prize .....
Dr. A. E. Winship, Boston, Mass.
Music—Let the Hills and Vales Resound
Senior Double Quartet.
Presentation of Diplomas .....
Mr. B. M. Sargent, President of the School Board.
Music—Goodnight .....
Graduating Class.
Benediction .....
Rev. James T. Thomson.

Misses Marian Benton, Edith Butler, Cherrie Wells, Anna Bollinger and Kenneth Barnes, Will Cornelius, Horace Haverstock and Norman Fuller comprised the double quartet. The class song was written by Miss Helen Wallace and the music was composed by Frederick Bullard.

The class comprised thirty-four young women and sixteen young men, as follows:

Leah A. Allbaugh,	Inez E. Parsons,
Maggie Austin,	Grace E. Riley,
Mable C. Bates,	Florences Kate Robinson,
Edna E. Bell,	Edna G. Schweden,
Jennie Benson,	Etta Schwengen,
Marian I. Benton,	Verna M. Shedd,
Anna E. Bollinger,	Evelyn Thomas,
Edith M. Butler,	Helen E. Wallace,
Fannie J. Davenport,	Cherrie Wells,
Frederica A. Doriand,	Harry E. Ball,
Helen L. Foley,	Kenneth B. Barnes,
Hilda B. Prohardt,	Will R. Cornelius,
Alleane Goodwin,	Floyd Flickinger,
Dorothy G. Green,	Norman J. Fuller,
Maude Hart,	Samuel E. Gilinsky,
Helen F. Hollenbeck,	Rollin S. Grason,
Bessie P. Howlette,	Horace T. Haverstock,
Myra B. Hutchinson,	Earl Hooker,
Margrette E. Jardine,	Joseph A. Leonard,
Josephine A. Jennings,	Waldron R. Morgan,
Bessie Martin,	Carl Pryor,
Lotta E. McConnell,	Clarence M. Royer,
Bertha McFadden,	Roy L. Smith,
Nellie Merriam,	Erwin Spetman,
Leneri Annie Morehouse,	Robert T. Swaine,

Following the commencement exercises the juniors were entertained last night at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Hanchett on Sixth street.

The graduating exercises of the volunteer kindergarten teachers were held yesterday afternoon in the High school auditorium. The graduates were: Miss Ethel Watson, Miss Stella Royer, Miss Ida Casady, Miss Alyda Loring, Miss Belle Robinson and Miss Daisy Cooper. Each graduate presented her own class and gave an exhibition of the work it was capable of doing. The exercises were under the supervision of Mrs. Lulu Hardman, supervisor of kindergartens. Each of the graduates will now be placed on the rolls as regular kindergarten teachers at a salary of $35 a month.

At the close of the kindergarten exercises Superintendent Clifford addressed the teachers of the city schools, thanking them for their co-operation during the school year and complimenting them upon the efficiency of their work.

The examinations in the grade schools were completed yesterday.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

LeRoy Monroe and wife to Martha Elizabeth Osborn, s½ sw¼ and s½ nw¼ sw¼ 27 and e 5 acres se¼ se¼ 28-76-43, w. d. ..... $ 3,150
Jennie L. Rice and husband to J. W. Bell, lots 13, 14 and 15, block 4, Wright's add, q. c. d. 1
Archibald Whitelaw and wife to C. G. Owen, s 39 feet lots 8 and 17, and n 25 feet of lots 9 and 16, block 2, Glendale add, w. d. 1,250
Total, three transfers ..... $ 4,451

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
E. R. Davison, Council Bluffs	26
Lena Ohge, Boone, Ia.	24
Frank J. Yates, Omaha	22
Marie Lenehan, Omaha	19

ROCK ISLAND LEASES ROAD

Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Becomes Integral Part of System.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the directory of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad held here today the proposition to lease the line to the Rock Island system for a period of ninety-nine years was accepted. An overwhelming majority of the stockholders were represented at the meeting and the proposition was accepted by a large vote.

The effect which today's action will have upon the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, its employes and the offices here will be widespread. While it is announced that the officers and personnel of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern will remain unchanged for the present it is believed that widespread changes will be made with the absorption of the road by the Rock Island system.

It was announced here this afternoon that the old force of officials would be retained for the present, but this arrangement is believed to be only temporary. It is expected that Robert Williams, general manager of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, will be transferred to Chicago when the new consolidation is effected.

The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad is one of the best known and most profitable roads in this section of the west, tapping a splendid section of country. The main line extends from Burlington, Ia., northwest through Cedar Rapids and on to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Branch lines run from Vinton, Ia., to Sioux Falls, S. D., and from Ellsworth, Minn., to Watertown, S. D. C. J. Ives has been president since its inception and has built the road up into excellent property.

Danish Baptist Convention.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The state conference of the Danish Baptists, which held a session of one week here, has completed the business session. The conference next year will be held at Oak Grove, Ia. The following officers were elected: President, C. H. Henningson, Harlan; vice president, A. H. Bachenbach, Council Bluffs; secretary and treasurer, O. P. Andersen, Newell; assistant secretary, John Christensen, Pine Creek.

CALL FOR THE DEMOCRATS

State Convention to Meet at Des Moines on the Third of September.

TO MAKE A FIGHT FOR CONGRESSMEN

Meeting of World's Fair Commission Called — Letson Balliett Found Guilty of Using Mails to Defraud.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, June 6.—(Special.)—The democratic state committee held a meeting here this afternoon to fix the time and place for the democratic state convention and other matters. There were present Chairman McConnell, members Hoffman, Roberts, Halligan, Jackson, Romans, Maxwell and Carr; also Charles A. Walsh, Iowa member of the national committee, and some other democrats. The members of the committee expressed themselves as hopeful of political conditions and desirous of harmony in the party. It is the intention to make an aggressive fight in some of the congressional districts of Iowa this year in the belief that a few democrats can be elected to congress. The silverites have control of the committee and they declare their readiness to drop all discussion of the silver question provided the gold element does not show a disposition to keep up the discussion.

Des Moines was unanimously decided upon as the place for holding the state convention. September 3 was fixed upon as the date for the state convention, which will be five weeks after the republican state convention.

The following were selected as temporary officers of the convention: Chairman, H. C. Taylor, Davis county; secretary, Fred C. Navey, Scott county; assistant secretary, C. D. Elder, Wright county; reading clerk, Edgar Brown, Mills county; sergeant at arms, E. J. Sankey, Decatur county.

Mr. Taylor, who will be temporary chairman, is a lawyer of Bloomfield, one who is guaranteed to deliver an address that will not be offensive to any brand of democrats. He has not been prominent in state affairs at any time but has acted with the party at home for many years.

St. Louis Commission Called.

The Louisiana Purchase exposition commission for Iowa has been called by Governor Cummins to meet in Des Moines July 1 next for the purpose of effecting an organization. The commission consists of thirteen members, one from each congressional district and two at large. The legislature appropriated $125,000 with which to make an Iowa exhibit at St. Louis and the commission is expected to organize and get to work at once, as there is much work that can be done this year. It is expected that ex-Governor William Larrabee will be elected chairman and that he will devote considerable of his time to the work. There are several who are candidates for secretary of the commission, including Ora Williams, Des Moines; Bob Moore, Ottumwa, and J. S. Crawford, Cherokee. Several others were considered but all others have withdrawn.

Joined the "Strollers."

John Loveridge, son of an alderman of Des Moines, has created a sensation by running away from home and joining "The Strollers" a musical company touring the country. Once before the boy ran away and joined another company and his father brought him back. He is said to have a very fine voice and is infatuated with stage life.

State Examinations.

Sixteen applicants for state teachers' certificates underwent examination at the office of the state superintendent today under the direction of Miss Alice Altoona of the State Board of Education.

Chairman Cownie of the State Board of Control has gone to Davenport to attend the commencement of the school at the State Orphans' home. Ex-Governor Larrabee, who presented a handsome pipe organ to the school, will also be present at the commencement.

The Kiron Mutual Hail association has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state; capital $10,000, by G. F. Schneider, F. A. Burrows and others.

The Waterloo Country Club Building company has been organized with capital of $3,000 by C. T. Fowler, C. P. Brantnober and others.

Purchase Valuable Coal Mine.

George W. Seevers, general solicitor for the Iowa Central Railroad company at Oskaloosa, has purchased the valuable Hocking coal mine in Monroe county. The price paid was $550,000. The coal mine is a comparatively new one and one of the best in the state, having been operated by the Hocking Coal company for several years. It is supposed the purchase was for the Iowa Central Railroad company, which has developed several new fields in southeastern Iowa in recent years and does a heavy coal business.

Guard Company Locations.

The adjutant general is engaged just now in finding locations for three companies of the Iowa National guard. The companies at Independence, Oelwein and Hull have been mustered out. There is a movement to organize a new company at Independence and if this is done it will be given Oelwein's place in the Forty-ninth regiment. Cresco and Decorah were both anxious to get into the Forty-ninth regiment, but Cresco will be given the Independence vacancy. For the place in the Fifty-second caused by the failure of the company at Hull, there are several candidates. It will go either to Spencer, Sheldon, Estherville or Eagle Grove, all good towns and neither ever having had a military company.

Boy Dies of Lockjaw.

BOIES, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—Henry Heidman, the son of a well known farmer of this county, who was terribly injured in a runaway accident two weeks ago, died yesterday of lockjaw. The boy was driving a four-horse team to a pulverizer and fell in front of the machine. The knives cut him in several places and almost severed one leg from his body.

ROCK ISLAND LOSES CONTROL

Majority of Stock in Des Moines & Fort Dodge Adverse to Present Lease.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Des Moines & Fort Dodge railroad today W. L. Stow, Edwin Hooley and Nathan Seeley were elected directors to succeed George W. Cable, Robert Mather and F. E. Hayne, the latter Rock Island men. Just previous to this meeting F. E. Hayne and J. I. Dille had been placed on the directory to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of A. R. Flower and H. H. Hollister, and the election of officers had taken place, the officers being favorable to the Rock Island interests. C. N. Gilmore, superintendent of the division, was made president. The majority of the stock represented and voted was antagonistic to the Rock Island interests and this is taken to foreshadow an early termination of the Rock Island lease of the road.

BUSINESS MEN ARE INDICTED

Prominent Sioux City Merchants Accused of Conducting a Lottery.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The members of the firm of Davidson Bros. of Sioux City, operating one of the largest department stores in this section of the west, were indicted this afternoon by the federal grand jury for using the mails to promote a lottery scheme. Davidson Bros. have for the last two years made semi-annual distributions of about $3,000 to their customers, tickets being issued with each $5 purchase of goods. These drawings were advertised by circulars and other printed matter sent through the mails, it is alleged, and for this offense the indictment was returned.

Union Republicans Enthusiastic.

CRESTON, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The republicans of Union county met in delegate convention today for the selection of delegates to the judicial, congressional and state conventions. There were a large number present, every precinct in the county being represented. J. M. Jackson of Lorimer was made chairman and Will W. Pearson of Creston secretary. There was no contest for congressman in this district, nor for the position of judge, Hon. W. P. Hepburn being conceded the nomination for congress and Judges Towner and Parrish for judges. The convention adopted resolutions commending the state and national administrations and the work of Judges Parrish and Towner, and instructed the delegates selected to vote for these men at their respective conventions. While the committees were out preparing the list of delegates the convention was addressed by Judge H. M. Towner of Corning and Father Yancy, a Methodist minister of Creston and an old wheel-horse of the republican party, who though past 85 years, spoke in a clear, plain voice and created much enthusiasm.

Electric Line Asks Aid.

ATLANTIC, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Atlantic-Villisca electric line are working in Douglass township, Montgomery county, endeavoring to secure the farmers of that township to vote a 2½ per cent support tax. An election will be held on June 10. An election will also be held in Washington township, Montgomery county, on Monday, June 9, on a similar proposition. Washington township is just south of Douglass. Jackson township, in which Villisca is located, has already voted the tax. Promoters of the road will begin work in Cass county as soon as the elections are held in Montgomery if the tax is voted as desired. It is believed that there is little opposition to the voting of the tax.

Danes Have a Big Time.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The delegates to the national convention of the Danish Lyren society are receiving a hearty welcome from the citizens. Last night they were given a free ride about the city by trolley, and to Waterloo also. Today the celebration was in honor of the act of Frederick VII, freeing the peasants. The Lyren society was organized in 1882 and now consists of twenty-seven lodges, with a total membership of 2,335 in the United States, to which its work is confined exclusively.

Crop Conditions in Iowa.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—Crop conditions in southwestern Iowa are in splendid shape. The rains are coming with the right frequency to keep everything growing at a magnificent rate. Wheat will be ready for cutting the last of the month though a fear is expressed by some that the luxuriant growth may damage the small grain crops by causing it to fall and rust somewhat. Corn is being plowed the second time and the fields are in the very best of condition.

Page County for Hepburn.

CLARINDA, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The Page county republican convention, held in this city today, was presided over by Ellis Tucker of Shenandoah. Ed English was secretary and Alexander Pinkerton assistant secretary. Resolutions were adopted deploring the loss of William McKinley, endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, commendatory of Governor A. B. Cummins and Congressman W. P. Hepburn, and instructing the delegates to the congressional convention at Creston, June 10, to support Hepburn for renomination.

Iowa College President Resigns.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—On the first of the week President Calhoun of Amity college, Amity township, this county, handed his resignation to the college Board of Trustees, and with it made an explanation that he thought it best to resign and again engage in work in the Presbyterian ministry. Amity college is the institution from which its president, T. J. Kennedy so mysteriously disappeared about eight years ago.

Runaway Girl Found in Omaha.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The first of the week Miss Jessie Gilmore and Hannah Strom ran away from home and to Riverton to board a train to escape their parents. They went to Hamburg, spent a day there and learning that efforts were being made to detain them over the telephone left that place going to Missouri. Later one of the girls was picked up in Omaha by a brother-in-law of Miss Gilmore.

MORE VICTIMS OF DOG'S BITES

Two Added to List of Persons Bitten by Mad Canine at Ellsworth, Iowa.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The mad dog scare in Ellsworth has not yet subsided. Two other persons, Conrad Charleson and Floyd Lakin have been bitten, and were taken last evening to Pasteur institute, Chicago.

This makes seven persons from Ellsworth now in the institute, reports from the five who went Tuesday are fairly favorable, but by no means reassuring. The town is still in a state of semi-panic.

City Leases Light Plant.

COLFAX, Ia., June 6.—(Special.)—The Colfax city council has just concluded a long time lease with the owners of the electric light plant, with a privilege purchase clause attached. Under city management and possibly city ownership it is believed that the number of private users of electric light will be largely increased.

Record Breaker for Beeves.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., June 6.—A new price was paid on the Sioux City market for beef today. Two loads of beeves sold at the high figure of $7.15 which was 15 cents higher than ever before paid in this market.

Sabbath School Convention.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Page County Sabbath School Workers convened here yesterday and continued in session until this afternoon. The convention was well attended.

Fire at Farnhamville, Iowa.

FORT DODGE, Ia., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire at Farnhamville today destroyed the postoffice and other business buildings. Loss is estimated at $20,000.

Comment of the Iowa Press.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: As the census reports show that Iowa has more button factories than any other state in the union it might be well to put up a button palace instead of a corn palace at the St. Louis exposition.

The Hampton Chronicle makes blunt announcement that it is useless for people to bring to it poetry for publication unless they have desire sufficient to pay for it at the inflexible rate of 10 cents a line. It is almost needless to add that the Chronicle has been much engaged in practical politics.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: Some of the country newspapers of northern Iowa are inclined to think too much talk is being made over high meat prices. In a number of the towns and villages all cuts of beef, mutton and veal are selling at the same prices which prevailed a year ago, while the cost of the meat on the hoof has been materially increased to the meat man.

Sioux City Journal: The Polk county Woman's Christian Temperance union was right in its determination not to criticise the Iowa supreme court for its ruling in regard to the interstate commerce features of the prohibitory law. The Iowa court was not only acting in accordance with the provisions of a law for which congress was responsible, but it was following the previous rulings of the United States supreme court in interpretation of that law. Responsibility for neither the law nor the interpretation thereof should rest with the Iowa supreme court.

Creston Gazette: Among other matters of which a stranger naturally takes note in a community is the number of its churches and the men who grace the pulpits. In this respect Creston may well plume itself that for scholarship, for forensic attainments and for the peculiar equipment so necessary in the doing of the Master's work its pulpiteers have attained to a worthy eminence. The demand for these qualifications in its preachers denotes a high standard of intelligence in a community, a desire for intellectual as well as spiritual stimulus. There is no excuse along these lines for non-attendance at worship in Creston. All the pulpits are ably filled and it should redound to the credit of our community that these able and godly men should be given a generous hearing each Sabbath.

Man with Nerve.

New York World: Senator Burrows sat in his committee room when a man he knew slightly came in and asked for the loan of $1. He had a good story and the senator was inclined to give him the money. He found, though, that the smallest money he had was a $2 bill.

"You take this down to the restaurant, buy a 15-cent cigar, take $1 yourself and bring me the change," said the senator.

In a few minutes the man came back, smoking a cigar, and handed the senator 85 cents.

"Did you mean I was to have the cigar, too?" he asked the Senator.

The senator was equal to the emergency.

"Certainly," he said; "but now that I come to think of it I am sorry that I put a 15-cent limit on the cigar. A man with your nerve should never smoke cigars that cost less than three for $1. Get out!"

Industrial Mission Work.

CLINTON SPRINGS, N. Y., June 6.—Today's session of the International Missionary union was occupied with addresses and discussions on "Industrial Mission Work."

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