

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. For rent, modern house, 719 Sixth Ave. Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 49 1/2 W. 12th St. Office is selling dwellings cheap, 123 1/2 S. Picture framing, C. E. Alexander & Co., 23 Broadway.

His photos of yourself or friends, 10 cents. Cut prices on art calendars and blotters for New Year's gifts. Alexander & Co. Miss Lizzie Drake left last evening for St. Louis to resume her musical studies. Wanted, at once, boy with pony to carry Bee route. Apply at the office, 10 Pearl street.

Excelsior Masonic lodge will hold a special meeting this evening for work in the first degree. We are headquarters for glass of all kinds. See us before you buy. C. B. Paine, 111 1/2 Glass St.

Captain George J. Crane left last evening for Indianapolis to attend the convention of insurance underwriters. At the regular meeting of Myrtle lodge, Degree of Honor, this evening the newly elected officers will be installed by a horse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long arrived home yesterday from a visit with friends and relatives in Chicago. E. Southwick, who lives near the Iowa School for the Deaf, was seriously injured yesterday by being struck by a horse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beebe of Glen avenue left yesterday for a sojourn at Hot Springs, S. D., for the benefit of their children. The session of district court yesterday was taken up with the hearing of motions and other minor matters by Judge Thornell.

The regular meeting of lodge No. 270, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will be held this evening. Refreshments will be served. H. F. Saar and family of Treynor, Ia., were in the city yesterday on their way to Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

William Purcell, a laborer living at Denison, Ia., has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here. His liabilities aggregate \$675 and his assets consist of one suit of clothes, valued at \$10.

John Jay Frayne, the Shakespearean orator, will leave in a few days for a tour through northwestern Iowa, southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Under the direction of the Bijou Lyceum bureau of Mrs. Hannah Waddle, widow of the late Thomas Waddle, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Bennett, 125 Seventh avenue, aged 92 years. Besides the daughter with whom she made her home Mrs. Waddle is survived by two sons.

The session of the Board of County Supervisors yesterday taken up with completing the contract for the county bridge work for the ensuing year with the Canton bridge company. The board also considered annual settlement with County Treasurer Arnd.

Louis Brown was arrested yesterday on an information charging him with the theft of a quantity of household goods from the store of Mrs. H. B. Beck, 101 1/2 S. 12th St. The alleged thief and a companion carried the goods away in a spring wagon during the absence of the proprietor. The items said to have been committed several weeks ago.

John J. Redick of Omaha has been granted a temporary injunction restraining the city of Omaha from attempting to collect taxes on certain lots in Potter & Co. block, on the west side of the Missouri river. It is claimed by Redick that the property is not subject to city taxation being held for agricultural purposes only.

Council Bluffs camp No. 731, Modern Woodmen of America, held its meeting last evening installed the following officers for the ensuing year: W. C. W. Williams, W. A. S. Le. Miller, banker, M. E. Sutton; clerk, L. G. Scott, escort, H. E. Weiler; watchman, H. D. S. Le. Miller; first manager, W. B. Fisher; second manager, E. S. Simpson; third manager, E. S. Le. Miller. After the installation a social time was had, interspersed with music and refreshments.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Telephone 526. No Successor for Richards. United States Marshal G. M. Christian, who is in the city attending the special session of federal court, has announced that no one will be appointed to take the place of Deputy William Richards who recently resigned.

In explanation Marshal Christian said that while in the southern district of Iowa there were four courts, Council Bluffs, Keokuk, Des Moines and Creston, the work did not demand a large force of deputies and that for the present it could be covered by the two remaining deputies, A. B. Willis of Perry and Harry Fulton of Keokuk.

Regarding the statement that Deputy Richards had resigned because the office no longer afforded a living, Marshal Christian admitted this was true. He said the position under the new rules of the federal court was no longer remunerative, but with only two deputies in the field they could now make it more lucrative. Marshal Christian added that in his opinion the position of a deputy marshal in the southern district of Iowa was no more secure, although it was considered so in the days gone by.

Smith Refuses to Talk. Frank Smith, alias George Murray, under arrest on suspicion of having stolen three duck coats, which he disposed of to a second-hand dealer and made arrangements to sell him twenty pair of overalls and other goods, has refused to talk. When placed in the sweat box yesterday he refused to answer any questions, and the police have been unable to locate where the other supposed goods are. At first it was thought that the goods had been stolen from the commissary of one of the Great Western grading camps, but now it is believed they were stolen from a car in transit at one of the Iowa road yards. Smith is a stranger to the police and is believed to be from Kansas City.

Another Heating Stove Free. The first heating stove given by William Welch to his coal customer was awarded to the Christian home. Another has been put up on the same plan, and during the next thirty days will be given away free to one of his customers. Before ordering your coal call at 16 North Main street or phone 128.

George E. Houston Gets House. The house and lot valued at \$2,000 offered by the Council Bluffs lodge of Elks, as one of the prizes at the street fair and carnival last September, was awarded last evening to George E. Houston of 1216 Fifth avenue. Charles Mathew, C. Austin, C. Austin, B. Roth and J. T. Tidd comprised the committee in charge.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 156 Main St. NEW THEATER. PRICES 25-50c. TONIGHT THE BURGLAR AND THE WAIF. MISS INEZ FORTMAN as THE WAIF. LEWIS CUTLER MORTICIAN. 12 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. Phone 57.

COAL SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS

Big Consumers of Steam Varieties Are on the Anxious Seat.

MOTOR COMPANY IN WORST PREDICAMENT

Water Works and Gas Company Also Down to Point Where Only One Day's Supply is in Sight.

Council Bluffs is on the verge of a steam coal famine and unless shortly relieved several of the public utilities will possibly have to suspend operations. The scarcity of the supply of this kind of coal yesterday very nearly proved disastrous to the motor, electric light and water works companies. Not since the coal strike has this situation been so keenly felt here and the big corporations, which are the large consumers of this kind of fuel, are all on the anxious seat.

For several days the motor company has been barely receiving sufficient steam coal to keep its power houses going and last Sunday it was nearly compelled to stop running its cars for lack of fuel. At one time Sunday there was but little over one hour's supply on hand and had not a shipment reached the power houses in time to save the situation that afternoon the service would have been suspended. Yesterday morning the supply again became nearly exhausted owing to the delayed arrival of a trainload of coal. At 11 o'clock the supply on hand was barely sufficient to keep the power house going for two hours longer. Many of the heavy cars were taken off the line between this city and Omaha and all the company in serious difficulty shut down or running on half time until the situation is relieved.

The Water Works company yesterday morning was face to face with a serious condition. It had but a few days' supply of coal to keep the pumping stations going for about three hours and when that was exhausted it would have been compelled to use up its reserve supply of lump coal. Of the coal the company had sufficient on hand to keep the pumps going for another twenty-four hours. Manager Hart was not over-anxious, however, as he anticipated the delivery of several cars during the night, which would relieve the situation, and even in the event of a further delay the reserve supply would be good for two days' supply of water. The situation, however, was sufficiently serious to necessitate the hurrying of coal in ton lots secured from local dealers to the several pumping stations.

The Pease elevator at the Union Pacific transfer shed on Wednesday evening, owing to lack of coal, and the Pintab gas works, which supplies the gas for the Fullman and other railroad cars on the trains leaving the transfer depot, was in a serious predicament yesterday. It had but sufficient coal to keep up steam for a few hours and orders were issued to turn over to it the first cars of coal which reached the transfer yesterday afternoon.

The supply of coal for domestic use is keeping up with the demand, although practically no coal is being used in the city. The position of the city is not as serious as it was at the time of the Perry and Harry Fulton of Keokuk.

Little Inez Lewis of the city, who appeared at the head of the Royal Hippitians in the spectacular musical comedy, "Pease and Land," at the New theater, was given a flattering reception and was the recipient of several handsome bouquets, almost as large as the little lady herself. Miss Lewis has been frequently seen in amateur entertainments, but last night was the first time she appeared before a Council Bluffs audience in a professional company. The little actress is 18 years of age, but her height is only forty-one inches, and she weighs but forty-six pounds.

Major James Doyle, one of the comedians of the company, was the guest of Ed Cogley while in the city. The "major" and Cogley used to do team work on the stage as twins. Doyle stands thirty-one inches high, while Cogley tops the mark at six feet. The "major" is an Elk, being a member of New York lodge No. 1. Major A. J. Cricqui, also a comedian in the company, who stands one inch higher than Doyle, is also an Elk, being a member of the lodge in Newark, N. J. Daniel Kelly, the tall man of the company, was called ruler of the Elk in 1885. He and two "majors" were guests at the Elks' club house during the day. Miss Lewis rode around the city in a miniature brougham, drawn by two Shetland ponies. The carriage is said to have been formerly the property of the noted General Tom Thumb.

Music and flowers at Whaley & Co.'s drug store Saturday night. Music by Whaley's orchestra. Nixon Explains His Failure. William Nixon, a farmer living near Adel, Ia., against whom Attorney J. B. Sweet of this city had brought suit to recover on a note, was summoned last November to appear in court for examination as to his property. He failed to appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest on a charge of contempt of court, which he is to answer at this term. Yesterday Nixon filed a statement asking that he be purged of contempt. He states that when served with the notice his wife was seriously ill and there was no one but himself at home to look after his nine small children. He supposed that under the circumstances his place was beside his sick wife and little children. He also claims that he was ignorant of court rules and supposed that his attorney would explain matters to the court and relieve him of any charge of contempt.

Scarlet Fever Closes Schools. County Superintendent McManus received word yesterday that two schools in Norwalk

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MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The arrest of a salesman for a Marshalltown tea and coffee house at Union has raised an important question under what is known as the peddlers' license law.

The tea company involved sends men all over the state soliciting orders from house to house for future delivery. In some cases goods are sold and delivered at the same time, but as a rule the orders only are taken.

The town of Union passed an ordinance by the provisions of which all transient merchants are required to secure a license, for which they are charged \$5 per day, and all persons taking orders for future delivery are also required to pay a license fee of \$5 per day.

It is held by the defendants that the ordinance is illegal and is clearly in restraint of trade, and that if enforced would exclude every salesman for wholesale houses of every description.

The town legislature, however, amended section 709 of the Iowa code so to give the town the right to tax merchants for revenue purposes, but it has been held that this amendment is unconstitutional.

The question hinges largely on the definition of a peddler, as the state has a law which requires peddlers to pay a monthly license fee of \$25. Should the decision in favor of the town it will be carried to the highest court, as it has been decided to make this a test case.

If the town's ordinance should be declared legal, other towns will no doubt take the same steps to protect their home merchants.

WOUNDED MAN FROM CRESTON

Newspaper Solves Mystery of Identity of Prisoner in the Knoxville Jail.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS COSTLY

Proprietor of Meat Market May Pay Fine of Over Four Thousand Dollars.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Deputy Game Warden C. B. Kuhl today secured a search warrant and arrested upon its authority a man who is a chicken in the basement of the Potter meat market, of which B. C. Potter is proprietor.

An information will be filed this afternoon charging Potter with keeping prairie chickens in his possession contrary to the law.

As the fine in such case is \$10 for each bird and an additional \$25 for the prosecuting attorney and \$5 for the informer for each bird, Potter, if found guilty, will be subject to a fine of \$4,125.

Grant Electric Line More Time.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The city council of Creston held its regular meeting last night, but there was no business transacted. It was thought that the council would accept the new city hall and engine house, but that building is not yet completed. The only business of importance was the passage of two ordinances allowing the Creston & Western prairie urban electric railway an extension of one year's time for the completion of the road on account of the trouble it has encountered in floating its bonds.

This is taken to mean that the company does not intend to give up the idea of building the road and as there is now a new set of directors in control, it is thought that the road will be completed this year.

Contest Over County Printing.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors of Union county held its regular meeting yesterday and awarded the contract for the county bridge work and the county printing. The Standard Bridge company of Omaha was awarded the bridge work and the Creston Advertiser, Creston Gazette and Afton Star-Enterprise were designated as the official papers of the county. W. H. Robb, editor of the Creston American, has taken exception to the decision of the board, which is republican, claiming that it was not legal, and is asking for a day to have the papers prove their lists.

Old Soldier is Jealous.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Late this evening a soldier's home here, shot and wounded E. M. Duncan, another member of the home. Jealousy was the motive for the shooting. Livingston's wife lives in a small house near the home and Duncan was there splitting the wood for her when Livingston discovered him and the shooting took place. Livingston fired two shots, but only one took effect and Duncan received only a flesh wound.

Is a Bogus Evangelist.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—F. A. Marston left the town yesterday just two minutes ahead of Tama officers who wanted him for jumping a board bill. Marston came here some time ago, sang in several church choirs and laid a plan before leading churches whereby he expected to do great good in the way of missionary work. He claimed to have a plantation near New Orleans which he had colonized and was looking for a minister to look after the spiritual welfare of his flock.

Rob Safe in Shoe Store.

OSKAALOOSA, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Thomas Neagle's shoe store was robbed while fully lighted early last night and \$100 cash was taken from the safe.

Gets \$100,000 a Year.

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Forty Frisco Track Layers Arrested for Building Prohibited Switch.

FIRE RECORD.

Y. M. C. A. Building Burns. CLEVELAND, Jan. 8.—Fire early this morning partly destroyed the central building of the Young Men's Christian association, at the corner of Prospect and Erie streets. The loss to the association and to the Y. M. C. A. is estimated at \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire originated in the kitchen.

Store Burned at Oskdale. OAKDALE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—At 3 o'clock this morning fire totally destroyed the hardware, harness and implement warehouse owned by Norwood & Stringfellow, together with the contents. Loss over and above the insurance, is about \$2,000.

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The entire town was shaken by the force of the explosion. Matthews and Bradford were working on the building. At 1:45 o'clock Matthews was standing upon the roof of the gas tank and Bradford was inside. As the generator exploded the roof was blown off and Matthews was hurled to a great height, falling a distance of fifty feet from the building. The top of his head was gone and his body was horribly smashed. Bradford was not mangled, but his body was crushed to a pulp.

So terrific was the force of the explosion that all the plate glass in the neighborhood was shattered and glass on all sides of the hotel nearby was broken. Each of the unfortunate men had a family, Matthews being the father of three children and Bradford of two. The cause of the explosion is not known. A coroner's inquest will be held.

SUGAR MEN EXPLAIN

(Continued from First Page.) withdrawal from further connection with the association as it had outlived its usefulness and was dominated by a one-man power. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Clark both voted against the resolutions.

Mr. Oxnard afterward contended that the year's output of the companies which he represented and by those for whom he had proxies was many times greater than the output of the companies whose representatives had opposed the resolution. The Michigan beet sugar interests had not yet passed on the resolutions.

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