

NEWS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. For rent, modern house, 719 Sixth Ave. Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 439 Broadway. Office in south end of 15th and 16th streets. Wanted, good cook. Apply at 303 Broadway street, corner Third street.

JOHN H. PLUMER MISSING

No Trace of Him Since He Left Home on Evening of January 5.

FEARS THAT HE HAS TAKEN HIS OWN LIFE

Known to Have Been Dependent Recently Over the Loss of His Position with South Omaha Firm.

John H. Plumer, formerly county treasurer and more recently employed at the branch postoffice at the Union Pacific transfer, has been missing from his home for over a week and his friends fear that he has met with some accident or other calamity. It is being generally believed that he has committed suicide by throwing himself into the Missouri river. For the last week the police of this city, Omaha and South Omaha, assisted by several of Mr. Plumer's personal friends, have been searching for some trace of him, but without result. His wife is almost gone mad with worry and would be glad to see him at any time, but he has not been seen since he left home on Monday evening, January 5, since which time nothing has been heard from him. On leaving the house he said he was going down town and would be back in a short time. As far as is known he did not have any large sum of money with him. It is reported that a man answering Mr. Plumer's description was seen crossing the bridge to Omaha last Saturday evening. This report comes from a friend of the missing man, but a search of Omaha has failed to reveal any trace of him.

Mr. Plumer has been recently discharged from St. Bernard's hospital, where he had been placed by his friends. It is known that he was despondent over the loss of his position with the South Omaha stock commission firm and his friends fear that he has committed suicide by jumping into the river.

Although the assistance of the police in tracing him was sought several days ago, his disappearance has been kept secret by his family and friends until yesterday, when every effort to locate him had failed and it was decided to make the matter public in the hope that publicity might result in obtaining some clue to his whereabouts.

Another Heating Stove Free.

The first heating stove given by William Welch to his coal customers 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.

CARNEGIE RAISES HIS OFFER

Offers \$70,000 for Public Library if City Will Spend \$7,000 Per Year.

Andrew Carnegie has generously consented to increase his donation for a public library building in Council Bluffs from \$50,000 to \$70,000 on condition that the city should pay an annual fund of \$7,000 to maintain the library. The following letter was received yesterday morning by Trustee Baird from Mr. Carnegie's private secretary:

NEW YORK, Jan. 15, 1903.—W. S. Baird, Council Bluffs, Ia., Dear Sir:—Honorable W. I. Smith and General Grenville M. Dodge have been very kind in referring to the library building which has been promised to Council Bluffs. The amount offered would be \$50,000. I have been very glad to furnish \$50,000 for a library building, provided the council by ordinance appropriate the sum of \$7,000 annually. Mr. Carnegie will increase the sum to \$70,000 if the city will increase the sum to \$7,000.

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Winter Entertainment.

The "roast pig banquet" tendered by Council Bluffs to out of the Knights of the Maccabees last night to its members brought together nearly 500 of the tent's 600 members, and the affair proved to be one of the most interesting social gatherings the order has ever held in Council Bluffs. The banquet was held at the address of welcome in his usual, happy strain and short talks were also made by C. P. Kimball and George H. Gable. A pleasing feature of the program was the playing of Jackson Cady. The guests played cards while the "roast pig banquet" was being prepared.

Fidelity Council, Royal Arcanum, entertained its members and families last night at a card party in its hall in the Shugart-Blanco block. About 300 were in attendance and the evening's festivity were brought to a close with a dance.

Bar Association Committees.

William A. Mynster, president of the Potawatamie County Bar association appointed these standing committees yesterday: Finance, George S. Wright, Fremont Benjamin, John P. Organ; legislative, N. M. Pusey, John Linn, A. A. Clark; courts and procedure, A. W. Aikwith, Emmet Tinley and E. E. Aylesworth.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street: F. J. Day and wife to David Bradley & Co., lot 16, block 18, Riddle's subdivision, 101 Pearl street, \$4,500. Cora M. Leigh to M. F. Price, undivided lot 8, Auditor's subdiv. of Auditor's subdiv. of F. J. Day, w. s. 20, block 18, Riddle's subdiv., 101 Pearl street, \$4,500. Camilla Hanna to A. A. Clark, part outlot, Turkey, s. w. d. 200. Jennie White to A. A. Clark, part outlot, Turkey, s. w. d. 200. Thomas Bowman to C. H. Knight, undivided lot 3, block 18, Riddle's subdiv., 101 Pearl street, \$4,500. Benjamin F. Chase and wife to Henry T. Barry, s. e. c. 36, sec. 15, T. 25, S. 2, w. d. 200. Eight transfers, total, \$23,500.

LEWIS CUTLER MORTICIAN. 28 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. Phone 97.

DEDICATE DRAKE LIBRARY

Des Moines People Participate in the Ceremony at Centerville.

COAL MINERS AND OPERATORS TO MEET

State Council Starts an Investigation of Fees Paid by Insurance Companies for Examination by State Officials.

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Land for Grazing.

Among the speakers at the afternoon session were R. C. Jacobsen of Illinois, whose topic was "The Destruction of Hides by Warblers," and Colonel John P. Irish of California, who led the discussion on the subject, "The Changes Congress Should Make in the Laws Governing the Public Domain and Forest Reserves."

Mr. Irish said in part:

The campaign of education begun by the association at its meeting in St. Joseph, Mo., and actively prosecuted by various public organizations, the west has produced the best effect.

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Operators Say Restriction of Individual Output Antagonizes Mine Workers

TOTAL PRODUCTION IS NOT AFFECTED

Erie Company Shows That Ten Per Cent of Its Men Are Assessed as Property Owners and Bring the Case Near a Close.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—

The testimony presented to the anthracite coal strike commission today was of a corroborative nature, the Erie company, which has not yet concluded its case, producing witnesses to prove the miners' union responsible for the alleged restriction of output. The testimony of the examination of Ell Ward Butler, a foreman, it was mentioned that the practice of restricting the number of cars loaded daily by one man had been in operation as far back as 1895, long before the United Mine Workers entered the anthracite region. The union's responsibility was therefore turned to the enforcement of the rule and not its inception.

Accidents Due to Negligence.

Before calling witnesses counsel introduced extracts from reports of state mine inspectors to show that most accidents were due to the negligence of the workmen themselves.

Victor L. Peterson of Scranton, superintendent of the Hillside Coal company, formerly president of the Forest City bank, presented a statement showing the deposits in that bank. The miners objected to its admission because it did not specifically show how many of the depositors were mine workers. The commission sustained the objection and witness promised to present a statement which would overcome the objection.

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