NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

For rent, modern house, 719 Sixth avenue.

Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 409 B'y.

Officer is selling dwellings cheap. 419 B'y.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Brandon, 1216 Eighth avenue, a son.

Wanted, good cook. Apply at 203 Story street, corner Third street.

Reduction sale on framed and unframed pictures. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Bway.

Wanted, at once, boy with pony to carry Bee route. Apply at the office, 10 Pearl street.

Alderman E. H. Lougee left last evening for Columbia, Mo., where he has established a land office.

We are headquarters for glass of all kinds. See us before you buy. C. B. Paint, Oil and Glass company.

The Ladies' Aid society of St. John's English Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon at 101 Main street.

William Johnson and Lizzie Miller, both of Missouri Valley, were married in this city yesterday afternoon, Justice Ouren officiating.

William Boyer and Dora Spreitzer, both from South Omaha, were married in this city yesterday afternoon by Rev. James Thomson of the First Congregational church.

Christian Baier, a farm hand of Anita, Ia., has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here. His liabilities amount to $1,248.35 and he asserts he has no assets except $20 worth of clothing.

Oscar Pfeiffer, an old time conductor of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company, has been granted a leave of absence for six months, and with his family will visit his fatherland, which he left when a small child.

The Council Bluffs Whist club is arranging to send representatives to the winter meeting of the Central Whist league, which will be held in St. Joseph, February 14 and 15. The club expects to be represented by a team of fours and three pairs.

Mrs. Margaret Hannah, wife of W. E. Hannah, 2216 Avenue B, died yesterday afternoon, aged 33 years. She leaves besides her husband a 5-weeks-old baby. The remains will be taken to Mitchell, Ontario, Mrs. Hannah's former home, for burial.

The receipts in the general fund at the Christian Home last week were $352.75, being $132.75 above the needs of the week, the balance being placed to the credit of the contingent fund. In the manager's fund the receipts were $38.75, being $4.75 above the needs of the week.

At the request of his guardian, Mrs. Haines, the commissioners for the insane yesterday granted the transfer of Harry H. Dye from the asylum at Clarinda to St. Bernard's hospital in this city, subject to the approval of Superintendent Witte of the Clarinda asylum and the State Board of Control.

Thomas Bowman and Spencer Smith, employed by the county board to check up the books and accounts of the officers whose terms expired January 1, have completed their work in the offices of the county auditor and recorder and today will begin on the office of the clerk of the district court. They expect to be able to make their report when the board meets in February.

The Council Bluffs Athletic association has elected these officers: President, W. F. Moss; vice president, R. C. Meneray; secretary and treasurer, O. C. Brown; directors, Sumner Knox, Harry Mitchell, Charles Platner. A meeting will be held Monday evening at the Cyclery, at which time it is expected the board of directors will make a report on permanent headquarters for the club.

Harry Wells, a cook, and Louis Peterson, an engineer, employes of the Grand hotel, became involved in a dispute yesterday afternoon which led to an exchange of blows. Peterson came out of the mix-up with a badly battered face and one of his eyes closed. He filed an information in Justice Carson's court, charging Wells with assaulting him with intent to do him great bodily injury. Wells will have a hearing Saturday afternoon.

The case against Warren Henley, one of the three men arrested for the theft of clothing from the store of M. Marcus, was dismissed in Justice Ouren's court yesterday. The assistant county attorney after investigation decided there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the prosecution of Henley. The cases against George Fisher and Robert Buckley, the other members of the trio, have been continued pending a report from the grand jury.

Mrs. Bertha Ranck Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ranck, 103 South First street, this city, died yesterday at her home in Craig, Mo., from meningitis, aged 27 years. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Christian church in Craig, following which the body will be brought to this city. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the home of her parents and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Thomson is survived by her husband and one child.

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.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Thomas P. Andresen and wife to Albert C. Wendt and Charles Wahl, s 10 feet lot 3 and n 12 feet lot 4, block 31, and s 22 feet of n 30 feet lot 3, block 31, Avoca, w. d.	$ 8,500
Portsmouth Savings bank to John L. Arp, lot 13, block 10, Pierce's subdiv, w. d.	500
William Arnd and wife to Leopold F. Hayden, e 45 feet lot 6, block 4, Park add, w. d.	800
John Miller and wife to Charles E. Taylor, lot 6, block 9, and s 1-3 feet lot 5, block 9, Riddles' subdiv, w. d.	2,250
L. C. Bondo and wife to Viggo P. Hansen, e½ ne¼ sw¼ and 15 acres in se¼ sw¼ 1-76-43, w d.	2,100
County treasurer to F. F. Everest, sw¼ ne¼ 8-76-44, t. d.	12
Total six transfers	$14,162

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
William Boyer, South Omaha	21
Dora Spreitzer, South Omaha	19
William Johnson, Missouri Valley, Ia.	27
Lizzie Miller, Missouri Valley, Ia.	29

PASS CONDUIT ORDINANCE

Councilman Olson Changes His Mind and Leaves Casper Alone Opposing.

AFFECTS ONLY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Steward Brothers Get Permission to Use Sidewalk—Woman Who Has a Leg Broken Wants City to Pay Damages.

The conduit ordinance which was sidetracked at the meeting of the city council Monday night was brought up again at the adjourned session yesterday afternoon and was passed. Alderman Olson, who assisted in defeating the passage of the measure Monday night, changed his mind yesterday and voted for its passage. Alderman Tinley was not present, so Alderman Casper was left alone to oppose the ordinance, which he did with considerable vigor and warmth of oratory. The ordinance passed yesterday provides only for the placing of telephone wires in underground conduits, action being deferred on the ordinance relating to the wires of the telegraph, electric light and motor companies until the measure can be redrafted by the city attorney.

Under the ordinance passed yesterday all telephone wires within a prescribed area must go underground before August 1, 1904.

The district covered by the ordinance is as follows: Commencing at the south side of the alley between Broadway and First avenue at a point on the west line of Pearl street; thence west on the west line of said alley to the west side of Ninth street; thence north along the west line of Ninth street to the center line of Indian creek; thence easterly along the said center line of Indian creek to the west line of lot 1 in block 2, Bayliss' first addition; thence easterly along the north line of the alley between Broadway and Mynster street to the west line of Main street; thence southeasterly to the north line of the first alley north of Broadway; thence easterly along the north line of said alley to Bryant street; thence across Bryant street to the northwesterly line of the alley between Broadway and Vine street; thence in a northeasterly direction along the northwesterly line of said alley to the easterly line of First street; thence in a southeasterly direction along the northeasterly line of First street to the southeasterly line of Pierce street; thence southwesterly along said line to the intersection of Pierce and Bluff streets; thence south along the east line of Bluff street to the south line of Willow avenue; thence west along the south line of Willow avenue to the east line of the alley between Main and Fourth streets; thence south along said line to the south line of Ninth avenue; thence southwest along said line to the west line of Main street; thence north along the west line of Main street to the intersection of Main and Pearl streets; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly line of Pearl street to the place of beginning.

Permit to Use Sidewalk.

After looking over the ground the aldermen also passed the ordinance granting the Stewart Brothers company permission to use the sidewalk on South Main street in front of the new warehouse which will be erected for the company, as a driveway for the loading and unloading of goods. The curb will be removed and the sidewalk paved up to the building. The company explained that only the loading of wagons for the city trade would be done on this side of the building.

An ordinance repealing the ordinance requiring the Great Western to construct an overhead crossing or viaduct on Garfield avenue was passed.

The request of H. H. Van Brunt and Dr. Charles Woodbury that they be relieved from paying their share of the cost of the sewer on Third street was denied. Messrs. Van Brunt and Woodbury contended that the sewer was not laid at a sufficient depth to be of any benefit to their properties. It is said that the matter will be taken into court.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, who slipped and broke a leg on an icy sidewalk on South Seventh street, notified the council through an attorney that she would like the city to settle without suit being brought.

The council adjourned to the regular meeting in February.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 126 Main St.

ORGANIZING COMMERCIAL CLUB

Committee Formulates Plan Which Will Make Officers Pay For Their Honors.

The committee of fifteen, consisting of Victor E. Bender, chairman; Alderman C. W. McDonald, secretary; Howard Culver, Chris Jensen, Lewis Hammer, Finley Burke, Dr. V. L. Treynor, Fred H. Hill, Willis Kimball, George S. Davis, W. W. Loomis, S. T. McAtee, William Moore, I. C. Bonham and T. D. Metcalf, appointed to suggest a plan for the organization of a commercial club, met yesterday afternoon, every member being present.

After a discussion of the several plans suggested by the various members of the committee, it was decided to recommend that the organization be styled the Council Bluffs Commercial club and that it be incorporated as a corporation "not for pecuniary profit." Also that a building association be formed, the stockholders to be members of the club and to erect a building as a home for the club. The building is to contain an assembly hall, which can be used for public meetings.

The committee will suggest that the club elect a board of fifty directors, who in turn will elect an executive committee of five, which will practically have charge of the affairs of the club. As to dues, it was decided to recommend that general members pay an entrance fee of $5 and annual dues of $12, payable quarterly. The fifty directors will be required to pay $25 in addition to the regular entrance fee and dues and the five members of the executive committee will be called upon to contribute $100 in addition to the entrance fee and dues. This the fifty directors and five members of the executive committee must pledge themselves to do before they can be elected. The members of the executive committee, however, will be enabled, according to the plans suggested by the committee, to earn sufficient to pay this $100. They will be required to meet once a week to attend to the business of the club and will be allowed $2 for each meeting they attend.

The social features of the club were not overlooked by the committee and it was decided to recommend that a general meeting or social session of the club members be held once every month at which lunch will be served.

F. H. Hill, Dr. Treynor and Finley Burke were appointed a committee to draft the recommendations of the committee into a report to be presented at the adjourned general meeting this evening.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Telephone 526.

STIR IN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Member Gorman Alleges Defective Work is Done on Pierce Street School.

Member Gorman occupied a large portion of the time of the Board of Education last night calling attention to what in his opinion were serious defects in the construction of the new addition to the Pierce Street school building. He read a lengthy detailed report from stenographic notes taken by him on a recent inspection of the building and insisted that the alleged faulty construction of the building and the interior work was a grave reflection on the committee on grounds and buildings and the board's architects, Messrs. Cox & Schoentgen, which led to a vigorous protest from Chairman Cooper of the committee on buildings and grounds, who resented the charge made by Member Gorman. It was explained that all of the defects alleged by Member Gorman could be easily remedied and that the contractor had been notified to make the necessary alterations to comply with the specifications. Architect Cox also resented the charge made against him by Mr. Gorman and explained that the use of old material to lessen the expense was responsible to a great extent for the seemingly poor work on the interior. The board declined to take any action in the matter until the architects file their final report approving the payment of the last estimate.

The committee to which the matter of fireescapes had been entrusted reported through Member Cooper that contracts for the erection of spiral stairway escapes had been let to J. C. Bixby & Son for $295 for the Bloomer school and $285 for the High school building. On the recommendation of the committee the secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for a spiral fireescape for the Washington Avenue school building.

Member Gorman suggested a plan for disinfecting all the pencils, blocks and other material used in the kindergartens as a preventative against the spread of diphtheria. He gave it as his opinion that the disinfection ought to be done at least once a week. The board failed, however, to take any action.

F. P. Wright of the Carbon Coal company, which has the contract for supplying the schools with coal, reported that he expected a shipment of five cars to reach here in a day or two which would keep the schools going for two or three weeks. He attributed the lack of coal to the failure of the railroads to supply cars and stated that his company had for the last three weeks refused to sell to private customers and was using all the coal it could secure to supply its public contracts.

The resignation of Miss Mary Hart, a teacher in the Third Street school, was accepted and Miss Nellie Jacobs of the Bloomer school assigned to her place. Miss Hardin, principal of the Bloomer school, and Miss Myers, principal of the Twentieth Avenue school, who have been in addition to their duties as principals of two of the largest schools in the city been teaching half a day, asked that they be relieved from teaching and in return were willing to accept the lesser salary of principal alone. They gave as their reasons that the double work was too great a strain on them and the board granted their request.

Christian Endeavor Rally.

The program for the rally of the Christian Endeavor societies of the Seventh Iowa district, to be held Thursday in this city at the First Congregational church, has been completed.

At 4 p. m. there will be a workers' conference conducted by Rev. Clarence E. Eberman of Boston, field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. This conference is intended for all pastors and Christian workers in young people's societies and is for the purpose of asking and answering practical questions relating to plans and work for young people of the church.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock a mass meeting will be held at which Rev. James Parsons, president of the Seventh Christian Endeavor District union of Iowa, will preside. Rev. C. E. Eberman will deliver an address and also conduct a workers' conference. There will be special music.

Searchlight on Theater.

A powerful searchlight which has been erected on the top of the new theater was put in operation last night by Manager Carmody for the first time. The searchlight, which is placed on top of a twenty-five foot steel tower, is similar in design and size to those used on the torpedo boats of the United States navy. The light is of a Rushmore model of the latest type with a 5,000 candle power. It is claimed that the shaft of light can be seen for a distance of twenty-five miles. The light will be operated each night there is a show in the theater.

Increases Damage Claim.

Henry Lock, whose personal injury damage suit against the city is occupying the attention of Judge Thornell and a jury in the district court, yesterday filed an amendment to his petition increasing the amount of damages asked for from $5,280 to $10,320.

The grand jury deferred making its report until today and spent yesterday afternoon visiting St. Bernard's hospital and the county and city jails.

Change in Methodist Pastors.

Rev. F. S. Eitelgeorge, pastor of the German Methodist church of this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the German Methodist church of Warsaw, Ill. He expects to leave for his new charge before the end of the week. Rev. Eitelgeorge will be succeeded by Rev. Henry Mynster, who comes here from Mount Pleasant, Ill.

Fatal Malady Attacks Cattle.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The farmers in the vicinity of Afton have appealed to the governor to send the state veterinarian there to try and stamp out a new and peculiar disease which is killing the cattle in the section in large numbers. The disease, which is peculiarly contagious and fatal, first made its appearance on the farm of F. O. Johnson and he lost eighteen cows. It soon spread to his neighbor's cattle and they have all lost from five to fifteen head each. The cattle are sick but a short time and but few of them have been known to recover.

MURDER CASES POSTPONED

Supreme Court Puts In Its Entire Time Passing on Civil Causes.

NO EXAMINATIONS OF NEW LAWYERS

Pattee, Young Man Shot by Robbers, is Likely to Recover—Bond Company is Searching for Ex-Marshal Richards.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—When the January term of the Iowa supreme court was opened to day the case of the State against Dr. J. F. Crofford was continued, and also the case of the State against Snider, from Henry county. The Crofford case is on an appeal from a sentence for murder in the second degree at Leon, in connection with a girl who died at Crofford's sanitarium at Lamoni. The court delivered a number of decisions. In the case from Sioux City, that of Smith against the City of Sioux City, a judgment of $6,000 for personal injuries was sustained by the court. This was an injury by falling on a defective sidewalk and the city had appealed because it was said the judgment was excessive. In the case of Saar against the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City Railway, from Van Buren county, a verdict for the plaintiff for $250 had been given by a jury on account of a cow killed by a train, but Judge Fee had set this aside, and the supreme court declares that he had no warrant for so doing. The following are the court's decisions:

G. W. Swan, appellant, against W. J. Davenport; Union county, Judge Tedford; opinion by Bishop; affirmed.

Helena Miller against Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, appellant; Webster county, Judge Weaver; suit to quiet title; opinion by Deemer; affirmed.

J. L. Davis against Huber Manufacturing Company, appellant; Dickinson county, Judge Ballie; commission on sale of machinery; opinion by Sherwin; affirmed.

John Saar, jr., appellant, against Council Bluffs & Kansas City Railway; Van Buren county, Judge Fee; damages for killing cow; opinion by McClain; reversed.

Clinton L. Nourse against William P. Colln, appellant; Polk county, Judge Holmes; action to quiet title; opinion by Ladd; modified and affirmed.

W. A. Smith against City of Sioux City, appelant; Woodbury county, Judge Oliver damages for personal injury; opinion by Weaver; affirmed.

No Examination for Lawyers.

The supreme court this morning admitted to practice on certificates Lewis A. Smyers, from Illinois, and Seth H. Silver, formerly of Wisconsin. There will be no examination of a class by the bar commissions during this term of the court, as the bar examinations have all been put off until the early spring term, when the examinations may be made to include the graduates of law schools. The bar commission has made a rule that where applicants have not possessed themselves of high school certificates of bachelor's degrees in college, they shall be required to take an examination in high school branches, preliminary to the taking of the examination. This has caused sharp criticism from some scources, but it is explained that because some of the law schools admit persons to their classes without examination, the rule is necessary. The number of those taking these examinations is likely to be small for several years as the new law now requires three years' in a law school.

Arranging Dairy Exhibit.

Senator Erickson of Boone is making preparations for the securing of a dairy and butter exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, and will attend the meeting of the state butter makers' at Cedar Rapids next month to secure their co-operation. As yet nothing has been done toward planning a dairy exhibit, but the dairy interests have indicated a desire that they shall not be neglected.

Judge L. G. Kinne of the State Board of Control, who is a deep student of all matters relating to the care of the defective classes and the dependent ones, will attend the meeting of the Nebraska Conference of Charities and Corrections at Lincoln, February 5, and deliver an address.

Pattee May Recover.

Practically nothing new has been developed this week in the attempted murder of Harry Pattee at Perry, by thieves who were caught by him in the act of stealing. It is now regarded as very probable that young Pattee will recover and be able to appear in court against Crandall, who is being held for the crime. It is also regarded as certain that the other member of the murderous pair will be caught soon.

Iowa Fraternal Congress.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Fraternal congress commenced in this city today, with representatives of most of the fraternal insurance companies of the state present. The report of the legislative committee showed that very little work was necessary last year. It is not anticipated that there will be occasion for much lobbying in the future because of the agreement between representatives of the different kinds of insurance business not to oppose each other before the legislatures.

Caring for Homeless Children.

The annual report of the Iowa Children's Home society, filed with the Board of Control, shows that in the past year the society cared for 217 children, and there are now in homes and under the care of the society 1,656 children out of the 2,435 which have been placed in homes by the society since its organization. The financial statement shows that there was received during 1902 the sum of $21,633.76 and nearly as much expended. The cost of finding a home for a child is found to be about $50. The society is the pioneer among such societies in Iowa and has been doing business fourteen years, with headquarters in Des Moines.

Detectives After Richards.

Witmer & Kauffman, local agents for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company of Baltimore, Md., the company which is surety for W. A. Richards, the alleged Hamilton robber, who disappeared two weeks ago, is understood to have detectives on the track of the runaway marshal. The Baltimore company is surety for Richards as administrator of the Graves estate. Unless he returns the company is liable to the full amount of the loss. Acting at the direction of Judge Given of the criminal and probate court, Witmer & Kauffman wrote to the bond company asking advice as to the best course to pursue. An answer to the communication is expected by the local representatives tomorrow morning.

Two Get Life Sentences.

STORM LAKE, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Lewis Brooks and Albert G. Phillips were today sentenced by Judge A. D. Baillie to the penitentiary at Anamosa at hard labor for the remainder of their natural lives. The sentence was in accordance with the verdict returned by the jury last Thursday morning. Brooks and Phillips are the Greenville bank robbers who, when an attempt was made to arrest them at Albert City, shot and killed John Sunblad, a merchant of the town, and Marshal Lodine. They were tried a year ago last December, convicted of murder in the first degree and were sentenced to be hung on December 18, 1902. The case was appealed to the supreme court, where a new trial was ordered, resulting in a first degree verdict with the penalty life imprisonment instead of death.

Sheriff Parker left for Anamosa at noon with his prisoners, the men having been returned to Buena Vista county for the second trial.

Scientific Food for Cows.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Palmer-Hubbard Creamery company, owning creameries here, at Independence and Waterloo, has inaugurated a new plan in getting business by employing H. C. Carpenter, a practical creamery man, to spend his time among the farmers demonstrating to them the value of scientific feeding of dairy cows. Some of them will receive four times the amount of butter fat from their cows, the managers say, and the money paid Mr. Carpenter will come back to the company in increased business. Headquarters will be established at Waterloo, where the company is building the largest butter factory in the state of Iowa.

Makes Diamond Dick Walk.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—An amusing tragedy was enacted last night on the streets of Sioux City. Andrew Ball, a well known machinist, had become convinced that William Scholl, alias "Diamond Dick," a dealer in artificial diamonds, had been too free with Ball's wife. Last night Ball cornered Scholl on the street and at the point of a revolver compelled him to walk the streets from 8 o'clock in the evening until 2 o'clock this morning. Finally Scholl made his escape from his tormenter, but was nearly frozen when he did so. This morning he caused the arrest of Ball.

Improvements for Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Fort Dodge Light and Power company is to expend from $275,000 to $300,000 in improving the plant in this city. Work is to be commenced at once. The plans of the company contemplate an extension of the car lines and the operation of a large number of additional cars, the entire rebuilding of the present gas house and the equipment of the electric light plant with new machinery and generators.

QUAY WANTS IMMEDIATE VOTE

Says Debate on Statehood Bill is Merely for Purpose of Delaying Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—In the senate today Mr. Bailey (Tex.) continued his policy of objecting to the taking up of bills by unanimous consent.

As soon as the routine business was disposed of the senate considered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

The committee amendments were agreed to without division and as amended the bill was passed.

The statehood bill then was taken up.

Mr. Beveridge (Ind.) had begun to speak, when Mr. Quay (Pa.) demanded a vote.

"Before any other senator has a chance to talk on this bill?" asked Mr. Beveridge.

"Yes. I don't care whether another person speaks on the bill or not. I am prepared for a vote now," replied Mr. Quay.

Mr. Beveridge opposed the suggestion.

"The bill is being willfully obstructed by discussion," said Mr. Quay, "and no one knows that better than the senator from Indiana."

Mr. Beveridge responded by saying that the thing to do was to find out who really was obstructing.

"We will discover that by a vote," retorted Mr. Quay.

Mr. Beveridge said it was the same old argument, "We have the votes and are ready to go ahead."

Mr. Quay interrupted with a proposition that unanimous consent be given for a vote on the bill on Saturday, the 24th instant.

Mr. Beveridge showed some irritation at the interruption, saying it was hardly pertinent to the point he was discussing.

"The senator from Pennsylvania," said Mr. Beveridge, "has secured pledges and has surrounded himself with a corps so impervious to the assaults of reason that he proposes to rush the bill through."

"The statement of the senator from Indiana," said Mr. Quay, "is false." Which he later corrected to "untrue."

Mr. Beveridge characterized Mr. Quay's use of the words "willful obstruction" as audacious, "because," he said, "Mr. Quay had announced that unless he got what he demanded needful legislation would be sidetracked."

Mr. Beveridge then proceeded to discuss the bill, favoring joint statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Mr. Quay asked consent to have a vote taken January 24, January 29, February 4, February 10 or February 16, to all of which Mr. Beveridge objected.

Mr. Quay then gave notice that tomorrow, at the close of the morning business, he would move to take up the statehood bill and might ask a recession until some agreement was reached.

Mr. Hanna (O.) spoke in opposition to a statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

At 4:30 the senate went into executive session and a few minutes later adjourned.

Cargo is on Fire.

SIASCONSET, Mass., Jan. 20.—The steamer Bellinden, bound for New York, signaled to the Nantucket lightship that its cargo is on fire and that it is short of coal. It was going at half speed.

GIRL SPEAKS IN CONGRESS

Calls Cochran Liar When He Doubts Canada's Loyalty to Britain.

HOUSE PASSES COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION

Members Talk of Many Matters, but Chiefly of Alaskan and Other Boundary Disputes Nation Has Engaged In.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The house today passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill and began consideration of the Philippines coinage bill. The general debate on the district bill was largely devoted to discussion of the Alaska boundary line dispute.

Mr. Cochran (Mo.) denounced the course taken by the State department as "a cowardly surrender."

Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) took up the challenge and alleged that democratic administrations had surrendered the territory between latitudes 49 and 54:40, and also the republic of Texas.

Girl Joins Debate.

While Mr. Cochran was speaking of the "truckling policy of the United States to Great Britain," a stylishly dressed young woman in the gallery leaned forward and cried out, "You lie!" She then left the gallery.

The general debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, which was postponed until today, was devoted to a discussion of general topics.

Mr. Sheppard (Tex.) talked of trusts, using exceedingly strong language in his denunciation of the existing condition of affairs. He ridiculed President Roosevelt's anti-trust campaign, declaring that in view of his performances, his Minneapolis speech was a "disheartening mockery." "To call him the anti-trust candidate for 1904," he said, "was the most colossal jest of the time." Mr. Sheppard also denounced John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan.

Mr. Cochran (Mo.) discussed the Alaskan boundary dispute, criticizing severely "the surrender to England," which he termed "cowardly and pusillanimous."

"How about the surrender under a democratic administration of the territory between latitude 49 and 54:40?" asked Mr. Hepburn.

"That was in the period of our weakness," replied Mr. Cochran, "when the fear of the result of war with England bore heavily upon public men. Now, in the time of our strength, we supinely permit another land grab by the same land-grabbing country."

Hepburn Makes Reply.

Mr. Hepburn, replying to Mr. Cochran, went back to the history of the "democratic surrender" of Oregon.

"Was not Daniel Webster secretary of state when the negotiations for the surrender were arranged and had not a whig administration succeeded, owing to the death of a democratic president?" asked Mr. Cochran.

"James Buchanan negotiated the treaty," responded Mr. Hepburn; "Mr. Polk approved it and a democratic senate ratified it. Now the gentleman whose party surrendered a territory in the north equal to eight states and the empire of Texas in the south, denounces as "the crime of the century the possible surrender of a narrow strip of territory way up at the 60th parallel of latitude."

Something of a stir was occasioned just before Mr. Cochran concluded by an unexpected interruption from the ladies' gallery. Mr. Cochran was speaking of the "policy of the United States to Great Britain." "When that truckling ceased," he declared, "the people of Canada, now intensely loyal to England, would change their attitude."

"You lie," cried a stylishly dressed young woman, in clear, ringing tones. All eyes were turned to the ladies' gallery, where the speaker leaned forward defiantly, as if she intended to say something further. But a companion pulled her back and immediately after she left the gallery.

Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) also participated in the debate concerning the Alaskan boundary line, maintaining that there was no doubt of the title of the United States to the disputed territory.

Without substantial amendment the bill was adopted.

The house then took up the Philippines currency bill. Mr. Cooper (Wis.) insisted on an explanation of the measure and had not concluded when the house adjourned.

DIES OF ACCIDENTAL SHOT

St. Louis Man Struck by Bullet While Alighting from a Street Car.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—Jay Lahmer, manager of the D. R. Scott Soap company, is dead at the City hospital. He was shot, accidentally, it is believed, while alighting from a street car at High and Franklin streets, but by whom it is not known.

The police are looking for a saloon keeper and a gang of four negroes who participated in a pistol duel at the place named when Lahmer was wounded.

The saloon keeper, whose name is John McGillicuddy, is still at large and the entire police force is looking for him on the suspicion that he fired the shot that killed John H. Lahmer. McGillicuddy is a constable and well known local politician. Claibourne Mosby, one of the negroes mentioned, is under arrest.