

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Expert watch repairing. Laffert, 409 B. Carveth makes photo buttons. 308 Broadway.

Annual reduction on pictures and picture framing. C. E. Alexander & Co. Last week discount sale on pictures and picture frames. Alexander & Co.

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

The women of the First Christian church will hold an experiment in the parlors of the church Friday evening.

Companion court, Wacoundah 206, I. O. S. will give a dance Monday evening, February 15, at W. O. W. hall. Admittance, 25c a couple.

Take up a brown Jersey coat, about 4 years old, notch in light car. Owner can have same by calling at 173 Graham avenue and paying expenses.

Arthur Brownlee and Eva Garriot, both of Underwood, Ia., were married in this city yesterday, Rev. E. Thielman performing the ceremony.

Grand valentine ball given by John Huns castle No. 11 of Council Bluffs in the new Macabree hall, Monday, February 28, Admittance, 50c per couple, extra ladies 25c.

At the meeting of the Council Bluffs Knights of Pythias, Monday evening, arrangements for the observance of their thirty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the order will be made.

Judge Thornhill, who has been ill at his home in Sidney, will be held court here last week, has notified Clerk Reed that he expects to be able to reconvene district court Tuesday afternoon.

F. L. Reed, clerk of the district court, completed yesterday's work at the court in the probate matters during 1937. The total amount was \$1,114.30, of which Clerk Reed is allowed to retain \$200 as part of his salary.

Wanted, to rent, part of lower floor room by responsible party on long time lease. An exceptional good chance for some one having spare room to get good renter. Location must be central. Address O. B. Office, Council Bluffs.

The funeral of Debert, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huff of 517 Twenty-seventh street, East Omaha, will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Overloaded with slightly soiled sheet music, we have to make room for our new spring stock, just arrived. A full counter loaded with sheet music, at five cents a dozen, including Piano House, 235 Broadway, where the organ stands up to date.

The members of Concordia lodge, Knights of Pythias, will meet at their hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon for some time, at the home of John L. Clark, instead of at 130 p. m., as previously announced. The funeral will be held from the residence, 123 Glen avenue, at 4 o'clock.

Frank Woods, a stranger, is under arrest in the city jail charged with attempting to beat a board bill at the Tremont house. He was caught trying to leave the house at 4 o'clock yesterday morning without first settling his bill. He will have a hearing Monday in police court.

A large firm dealing in cream separators and dairy supplies has secured an option on the Wheeler building near the corner of Broadway and Benton street. The firm, which has been seeking a location in Council Bluffs for some time, expects, it is said, to close the deal this week.

People who were on the streets about 3 o'clock Friday in the report of the Masonic temple were started by a flash which came from the second floor of the temple. Upon investigation it was found that a photographer had just taken a flashlight of the night school at the temple.

The Council Bluffs aerie of Eagles is negotiating for the purchase of Hughes hall at the corner of Broadway and Benton avenue and has secured an option on it. In the event of the aerie securing the building, which will be used for lodge and club purposes, an additional story will be built on it.

The hearing of Albert J. Hawkins, charged with assaulting Mrs. Jennie Williams who shot him in the knee with a revolver, was set by Justice Ouren yesterday for Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Williams, who still has the wound, has failed to secure \$1,000 bail, will have her hearing Monday in police court.

J. J. Crow states that letters from relatives in England contain the information that his brother, the late J. J. Crow, is now in Liverpool, England, in the employ of a large business firm as solicitor. J. J. Crow is now in the service through the Boer war in an English regiment and at the close of hostilities returned to England.

They may talk about photographs—no branch galleries—ground floor, art style and quality, they all have to hold up their hands in wonder at the expense. Seeing is believing. Come and see. You are welcome. Williams, opposite postoffice.

The Council Bluffs members of the Woodmen of the World are planning to give Ellery's Royal Italian a grand evening on Monday and Tuesday. Monday will be Woodman night and it is said that a large delegation from the Omaha lodges will be present. The members of the band are all members of the order having joined one of the Omaha lodges during their engagement in Omaha.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250. Night, 1947.

Congregationalists May Build. A general meeting of the First Congregational church has been called for Monday evening to take action upon the question of erecting a new house of worship. The meeting is called by the official board of the church, which has already passed favorably upon the proposition. The plan suggested is to dispose of the present property at the corner of Sixth street and Seventh avenue and purchase another site nearer the business center of the city. In the event of the congregation voting in favor of the proposition, committees will be appointed at the meeting Monday night to carry the matter through.

Organizing Two New Unions. Business Agent Raabe of the Trades and Labor assembly is working to organize a Bartenders' union in Council Bluffs. He is said to have secured the signatures of fourteen drink mixers to join such an organization and a meeting will be held this evening at Labor hall to take the necessary steps to form a union. Agent Raabe has met with considerable success in his efforts to organize the teamsters of this city. A temporary organization has been effected and the teamsters are now only awaiting a charter to form a local union.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Reed, 125 Main St.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. Robert E. Fickner, Neola, Ia. 21. Helen G. Soppe, Neola, Ia. 19. Arthur Brownlee, Underwood, Ia. 23. Eva Garriot, Underwood, Ia. 21. Loula Moothart, Neola, Ia. 21. Little Bratches, McPherson, Kan. 20.

NEW THEATER! A. B. BEALL, Mgr. You See the Searchlight There's a Show. MONDAY AND TUESDAY FEB. 16-17

ELLERY'S ROYAL ITALIAN BAND, The Greatest Concert-Band of the Century, PRICES Matinee—25-50-75c. Night—35-50-75c-1. LEWIS CUTLER MORTICIAN, 21 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. Phone 3.

BLUFFS PEOPLE ARE BILKED

Branch of Turf Investment Company Bakes in Ten Thousand Dollars.

OFFICE NOW LOCKED AND AGENTS GONE

Victims Come from All Walks of Life And No One Person Said to Be in for a Large Amount.

The closing of the co-operative turf investment companies in St. Louis has brought grief to a number of people in Council Bluffs who were caught with the dazzling prospect of getting rich in a hurry on a small investment. While the individual losses in this city are not heavy, it is said that the aggregate will run up well into the thousands.

The John J. Ryan Co-operative Breeding Farm and Bookmaking enterprise, one of the St. Louis turf investment companies which followed in the wake of the Arnold company and went to the wall, recently established a branch office in this city. The two young men named McClain and Ward were the agents and occupied a suite of offices in the Sapp building. The company's offer to pay 5 per cent weekly dividends on all investments proved a tempting bait and the local office soon began to do a good business. The investors in the get-rich-quick concern were drawn from all classes and it is said upward of \$10,000 was sunk in the scheme by Council Bluffs people.

When word was received here of the failure of the Arnold company there was a regular stampede among the clients of the Ryan company, but they were assured by McClain and Ward, the local representatives of the firm, that they need have no misgivings, as their company was entirely solvent and would keep on doing business at the old stand right along. The next day word came from St. Louis that the Ryan company, with the other concerns, of a like character, had been unable to weather the storm and had closed its doors. There was a rush of investors to the company's offices in the Sapp block to draw their money out, but it was too late. The doors were locked and McClain and Ward were not to be found.

It was ascertained that McClain and Ward were in their office early Friday morning, but left after a short while, locking the doors behind them. Since then they have not been seen.

Pumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GETS BUSY

Making Effort to Force Packers to Maintain Cold Storage Warehouses in Bluffs.

The executive committee of the Commercial club, having failed to induce the South Omaha packing houses to erect a meat storage building in this city from which the local trade might be supplied, in place of the meat being hauled by wagon from Omaha daily, has taken the matter up with the Kansas City packers. The executive committee took the matter up with the South Omaha packers at the request of the local butchers, but the packers claimed that the Council Bluffs trade could be served cheaper from their cold storage houses in Omaha than from a local cooling house. In the first place the South Omaha packers stated that the erection of such a building in this city would cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and the different houses would each have to maintain a wagon service here as well as a force of men to look after the business. The conference between the executive committee and the representatives of the South Omaha packing houses failed of its purpose and now the executive committee has taken up the matter with the Kansas City packers. If the Kansas City houses will establish a distributing house here it is said they can command the local trade, which now goes to South Omaha.

With the Churches. At the evening service today at Broadway church Emmet Tinley will deliver an address on "Abraham Lincoln. The service will be in charge of the Epworth League and Rev. Harvey Hostater, pastor of the church. The morning services will be devoted to the annual presentation of the Freedman's Aid work of the Methodist church among the negroes of the south. Rev. W. J. Calfee, the pastor, will deliver a special sermon on "Divine Brotherhood" with special significance to the work of the church in the southern states. Services and meetings will be at the following hours: 10:30 a. m., preaching service; 12 m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., Epworth League; 7:30 p. m., preaching service.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church there will be holy communion at 8 a. m. and morning prayer with sermon by the pastor, Rev. George Edward Walk at 10:40 o'clock. Vesper services will be at 4:30 p. m., at which Miss Grace Barr will sing a solo.

Edwin Abbott, lay reader, will conduct morning prayer at 11 o'clock at Grace Episcopal church. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. Harvey Hostater, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will preach this morning on "A New Life." At the evening service his subject will be "Paul at Athens" and his address will be illustrated by a number of fine stereopticon views.

Services at the Fifth Avenue Methodist church today will be as follows: Class meeting at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 10:30 a. m., Sunday school at noon, Junior League meeting at 2 p. m., Epworth League meeting at 6:30 p. m., preaching at 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. J. W. Abel, will take as the subject of his sermon, "Jacob at Bethel." In the evening his theme will be "Sound Reasons for Being Christians." The revival meetings "will continue every evening during the week."

At the First Congregational church this evening the pastor, Rev. James Thomson, will continue his series of illustrated addresses on the "Life of Christ."

Regular services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 today at the Latter Day Saints' church. Sunday school will be at noon. The regular mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The First church of Christ (Scientist) will hold services at 11 o'clock in the Sapp block, corner Broadway and Scott streets. Subject of the lesson, "Mind." The regular weekly testimony meeting will be Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

The Second church of Christ (Scientist) will hold service in Modern Woodmen of America hall in Merriam block at 10:45 a. m. Subject, "Mind." Sunday school immediately after the service. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 7:45.

The First Baptist church, in common with the churches of the same denomination throughout the country, will observe

CHARGES AGAINST ORATOR

Drake College Representative Accused of Cribbing His Prize-Winning Effort.

INFORMAL GRAND ARMY CONFERENCE

Committee Preparing for a General Appeal to People of Iowa for Relief Funds for Suffering in Scandinavia.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—A sensation has been created here by the accusation against Drake university that its chosen orator in the State College Oratorical contest for this year is ineptly plagiarizing the prize-winning essay of a Scandinavian orator. The local contest was held about a month ago and was won by Rev. Roy Caldwell. He is of the theological department and has been in the college several years, but at the same time has been preaching in the pulpit of the Christian church at Perry. He is an accomplished plagiarizer and in the contest was given a perfect marking by the judges. His oration was on "The Supremacy of the Heart." It is now said that the oration was largely copied from Rev. Newell D. Hill's essays on "The Investment of Influence." A formal protest has been made against allowing Caldwell to appear in the oratorical contest and the matter is under investigation at the present time. A committee of the faculty made a comparison of the two and found that there was much the same thought running through the essay and the oration there was no direct plagiarism. But copies have been sent to the representatives of the colleges and to the managers of the State Oratorical contest for further investigation and until this is reported on nothing will be done. Rev. Mr. Caldwell has just accepted a call to be assistant pastor of the Central church in this city.

Guard Inspections. Colonel John R. Prime and Major John Hume, inspectors for the Iowa National guard, returned today from a trip into southern Iowa, making inspections of the companies that were called to duty at Red Oak, Bedford, Charlton and Shenandoah, and they report that the companies in the south part of the state are generally in excellent condition and the drill work will be continued as rapidly as possible until completed. Next week the inspectors go to Iowa City, Burlington, Washington, Muscatine and Davenport.

Report has not yet been received from the election in the Fifty-fifth regiment for major to succeed Bishop, who was made lieutenant colonel, but the incomplete returns show the following: Kennedy, 123; Haynes, 114; Netherell, 94; Smeek, 19. It is regarded as certain the second election will mean a contest between Wetherell and Hayden.

Conference of G. A. R. Men. Post Department Commanders M. B. Davis of Sioux City and George Metzgar of Davenport were in the city today, with Adjutant General Newman and others, and an informal conference on grand army matters was had. Colonel L. B. Raymond of Hampton, who was elected department commander this year, was also here last evening. Announcement has been made to the department of the candidacy of General John C. Black of Illinois for commander-in-chief and the leading members of the grand army in Iowa are in favor of giving him a unanimous vote from Iowa this year. He received some 700 votes last year from the department. There are many Illinois and Indiana ex-soldiers in the state and almost without exception they are for Black.

Preparing an Appeal. The commission appointed by Governor Cummins to solicit aid for the Scandinavian famine relief fund in Iowa is said to be in destitute circumstances, has determined upon issuing a strong appeal to the people of the state for contributions. The commission organized with ex-Senator Dalberg of this city secretary. The executive committee named, which includes the several members from this immediate part of the state, is engaged in preparing a plain statement to the people in regard to the conditions prevailing in northern Sweden and Norway and in Finland, and asking the people of the state to send contributions. Reports indicate that much soliciting has already been done by local committees and Iowa has already contributed generously to aid the starving people.

Good Roads Delegates. Governor Cummins this evening appointed delegates to the Chicago Good Roads convention the latter part of next week, naming the following: J. H. Funk, Iowa Falls; Joseph York, Des Moines; P. E. Brown, Council Bluffs; G. E. Ward, Sioux City; L. H. Deford, Valley Junction; P. S. Kell, Des Moines; A. E. Auger, Brooklyn; J. W. Johnson, Albia; Charles W. Needham, Sigourney; H. E. Eaton, Essex. The convention will follow the automobile show. Several cities of Iowa have named delegates also.

Moved the Inebriates. Superintendent Croupacker of the Independence state hospital, has received notice that yesterday the inebriates from the independence insane district were moved from Cherokee to Independence in a body. He was in Des Moines at the time on business with the State Board of Control, but received word that the transfer was being made. The inebriates went by special car, forty together, from Cherokee, where they were sent from the counties of northeastern Iowa before the independence dispensary department was opened.

Artists All Engaged. The State Capitol commission, which is engaged in making preparation for the completion of the Iowa state capitol, has returned from an extended trip to the east, where they were sent from the counties of northeastern Iowa before the independence dispensary department was opened. The commission discovered that if the art work which is planned for the decoration of the interior of the building is to be completed within the time allowed by the legislature—four years—the work will have to be commenced at once, as the leading artists of the country say they do not

Entertainments for Sioux City Debaters the Principal Event in Prospect. D. B. Kimball is visiting friends in Davenport, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Case entertained informally at dinner Tuesday evening. The Atlas club will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Barstow. Mrs. H. C. Cory entertained luncheon yesterday. Covers were laid for ten. The Tuesday History club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Victor E. Labbe. The members of the Woman's Whist club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Shea. Miss Shirley Moore gave an informal heart luncheon at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. D. W. Bushnell entertained informally at lunch Friday evening. Four tables were played. The members of the Calendar Card club will meet Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shober. Mrs. Ada Huff of Grand Junction, Colo., is the guest of Mrs. Freeman L. Reed of First avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teet Stewart entertained at dinner Friday evening, complimentary to Miss Bonner. Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Duquette and son, formerly of this city, now living in Chicago, are guests at the Renard. Miss Margaret Judge is home from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Chicago, Joliet and Davenport. Miss Nellie Benton entertained about 100 of her little friends at a dancing party given at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Frank W. Reed is visiting at the Browning ranch at her home yesterday afternoon. She is accompanied by Miss Leona Browning. Alfred Hanchett will give a luncheon Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sioux City-Council Bluffs debating teams. Miss Della Metcalf will entertain the members of the debating team at a supper given at her home Saturday evening. Miss Maude Robinson gave a heart party last evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. About twenty guests were in attendance. Mrs. Harry Searle entertained the Euchre club at her home Tuesday afternoon. Prizes were won by Mrs. Walter Spooner and Miss Troutman. Miss Jessie and Stella Gilbert entertained at a Valentine dinner last evening. The decorations were in pink and green. Covers were laid for ten. Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. True entertained the members of the Social club of the United Commercial Travelers at a sheet and pillow slip party last night. Mrs. H. A. Quinn entertained at a Valentine luncheon at her home yesterday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Pankard and Miss Moore of Ottumwa. The Daughters of the American Revolution gave a card party Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mansur, similar party will be given Tuesday evening at the home of J. W. Squire. The second class of fencing of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will be organized this evening and will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. L. Douglas the club president. The club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Charles Woodbury. The dancing party to be given by the students of Friday evening will be at the ball room of the Grand hotel, in honor of the Sioux City debating team. Promises to be the most brilliant event among the members of the younger crowd, this season. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Fryer entertained the members of the Harrison Street Kensington club at the home Wednesday evening. Prizes at cards were won by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hoffman and Mrs. Yeager and Mr. Hartman. The members of the Euchre club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Casady. Miss Zoe Hill awarded the guest prize and Mrs. W. L. Douglas the club prize. The club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Charles Woodbury. The dancing party to be given by the students of Friday evening will be at the ball room of the Grand hotel, in honor of the Sioux City debating team. Promises to be the most brilliant event among the members of the younger crowd, this season. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Fryer entertained the members of the Harrison Street Kensington club at the home Wednesday evening. Prizes at cards were won by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hoffman and Mrs. Yeager and Mr. Hartman. The members of the Euchre club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Casady. Miss Zoe Hill awarded the guest prize and Mrs. W. L. Douglas the club prize. The club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Charles Woodbury.

Four-Foot Vein Protected by Shale Roof is Discovered Northeast of Atlantic. ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Anderson, while drilling a well on the farm of G. W. Talbot, six miles northeast of this city, struck coal at the depth of ninety feet from the surface. The vein is four feet thick and the coal is of a fine quality. A shale roof protects the coal and experts say the same conditions exist that are usually found in a good bed. The discovery, which was made yesterday afternoon, is causing considerable talk here and some extensive prospecting will soon be done to determine the value of the find. The locality where the find was made is hills, being on Troublesome creek, and just the sort of a country in which coal is usually found.

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care to engage for the work at all and have all and more than they can do now. It is therefore probable that the commission will prepare very soon to have some of the decorative pieces commenced if it is possible to find artists willing to enter into contracts. It had been planned to put off the art work for several years.

Office Their Aid to the Mayor. FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—A committee of the business men of the city waited upon Mayor Bennett today with an offer of co-operation in any steps which may be taken to close the gambling houses which they say are in operation in the city. The business men have promised to aid in securing testimony against alleged gamblers. The mayor declares that he will not hesitate to prosecute if adequate testimony can be gathered.

Council Bluffs Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squires, 101 Pearl street: William J. Reed and wife to Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad company, part of lot 2, block 7, Rindles' subdiv. q. c. d. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-