

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 403 E. F. ... Six photos 10 cents. Carver, 308 E. W. ...

Mrs. Wallace Shepard is home from a visit with relatives in Kansas City. ...

The members of the First Baptist church will meet at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Binder, 204 Fourth street, this afternoon.

The women of the First Presbyterian church will entertain at a Kensington Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. May Bixby, 525 South First street.

The Ladies Aid society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Sprague, 411 East Washington avenue.

Superintendent J. E. Evison will install his recently elected officers of Court Council Bluffs No. 278, Independent Order of Foresters, at the regular meeting Thursday evening.

The remains of Mrs. M. A. F. Mayo, who died Saturday night at the Woman's Christian Association hospital, were taken to Oak Ridge yesterday morning for interment in the family burying lot.

Rev. Father Feeley, chaplain at St. Bernard's hospital, has gone to Hot Springs, S. D., for an extended stay for the benefit of his health. He does not expect to return till the end of summer or the early part of fall.

Harry Jennings, Fred Chapman and Ed Keller, the three boys arrested Sunday evening for jumping on and off freight trains in the Milwaukee yards, were discharged in police court yesterday after being held a day in the city jail.

The bartenders of Council Bluffs have organized a local union, with the officers: President, W. C. Jenkins, vice president, F. Shoemaker, inspector, J. E. Stockert, secretary, Frank W. Whitehead, treasurer, C. W. Whitehead, recording secretary, Choate Myerster, P. W. Smith, outer guard, Charles Larson.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Nichols, wife of James Nichols, will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence, 1902 South Tenth street. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

Articles of incorporation of the Avoca (Ia.) Canning company were filed in the county recorder yesterday. The capital stock is placed at \$20,000. The incorporators are: R. E. Kistner, J. H. Jensen, A. Meitzen, C. Schmidt, Jr., J. Kanter, H. C. Christensen, Hansen, John H. Hansen and A. L. Preston.

Jens Hendrickson, the aged Dane taken in charge by the police last night, who was thought to be mentally deranged, was given ten days on bread and water by Judge Sawyer yesterday. The judge said he believed his condition was due more to drink than anything else and that a bread and water diet would be of material benefit to him.

W. W. Wells will entertain the members of the Council Bluffs club at the regular meeting Thursday night with a number of fine stereoscopic pictures of the Philippine islands. The photographer for the United States government, Mr. Wells took many fine pictures in the islands and will Thursday night reproduce over 100 of these on canvas, giving a short account of each.

The evidence of the state in the case against Hemery Fuller, charged with breaking into the home of the president of Pearl Emanuel at 908 Broadway, was taken yesterday before Justice Owen and the further hearing was set for Monday, March 23, in default of bail placed at \$300 Fuller was committed to the city jail.

Big Sales of Farm Lands. Eighteen conveyances of real estate, with an aggregate consideration of \$115,170.70 was the record set for the first business day of March. This is taken to indicate that the activity in the real estate market displayed during February will continue through this month.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street: Marvin D. Reed and wife to Nels C. Nelson, lot 3, block 29, Avoca, w. d., \$1,850. A. B. Mead to J. M. Mead et al., 100 block 2, Wilson terrace, w. d., \$1,000.

Thomas O. Gault and wife to William A. Plumb, 14-75-29, w. d., \$1,800. Alphonse Baustler and wife to William A. Plumb, 14-75-29, w. d., \$1,800. Henry Fleming, 1/4 sec. 36-74-1, and 1/4 sec. 36-74-2, w. d., \$1,700.

Henry Wiese and wife to August F. Hager, 1/4 fraction 14-77-29, w. d., \$1,500. Edward Bruce to John Timm, 1/4 sec. 36-74-1, and 1/4 sec. 36-74-2, w. d., \$1,400.

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Albert Anderson and wife to William Albert, 2-25 acres in w. 1/4 sec. 25-250, w. d., \$1,200. Marie Rosine Neve to Carl Neve, her husband, 1/4 sec. 36-74-1, and 1/4 sec. 36-74-2, w. d., \$1,100.

William Better and wife to Marie Neve, same, w. d., \$1,000. Total, eighteen transfers \$115,170.70.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: Clarence Sealock, Neola, Ia., and Louise Hubbard, Neola, Ia. ... Edward M. Moore, Pottawattomie Co., Ia., and Katie M. Buckley, Carson, Ia.

LEWIS CUTLER, COUNCIL BLUFFS. 'Phone 5'

FIGHT WITH A HOLDUP MAN

Butcher Litchford Has a Lively Time Just at Closing Up Time.

EXCHANGES CASH FOR HAT AND REVOLVER

Litchford Fires Three Shots and Indications Are That the Robber Is Wounded, Though He Escapes.

Charles W. Litchford was held up and robbed in his butcher shop at 607 South Main street, by a lone highwayman shortly after 3 o'clock last evening. The chief escaped with between \$50 and \$60, but left his hat and revolver. The revolver was secured by Litchford after a struggle with the thug and with it Litchford fired three shots at his assailant. He believes the second shot took effect. The fellow after the second shot implored Litchford not to shoot again, as he was mortally wounded. Litchford, thinking he had the fellow safe, left his shop to get assistance. When he returned he discovered the fellow had made his escape with the money by breaking out a rear window.

Litchford had come up his cash for the day, placing \$30 in silver in a sack, and was sitting in the middle room of the shop with the sack of money on the bench beside him when a man with a handkerchief over his face entered the front door. Litchford thinking he was some friend who was attending a masquerade dance in the neighborhood opened the glass door into the middle room, calling out to the fellow: "Hello, there." Litchford was soon made aware that his visitor was no friend, as the fellow walked straight into the room and thrusting a revolver in Litchford's face, ordered him to hold up his hands, at the same time telling him he wanted his money and wanted it quick.

Litchford protested and the fellow again ordered him to hold up his hands. "Don't want to kill you, but if you don't hand over your cash without more ado I will have to."

When the fellow said this Litchford reached over and handed the man the sack of silver and a \$5 bill in his pocket.

Fight for Revolver. The visitor then ordered Litchford to go into the rear room and lie down, otherwise he would kill him. Litchford again protested, but when he felt the cold muzzle of the revolver against his face he decided discretion was the better part of valor, and went into the rear room. The fellow, instead of leaving, followed Litchford into the room, but as he passed through the door, Litchford seized the revolver and succeeded in wrenching it from the grasp of the thug. As quickly as he could Litchford fired three shots and the second shot the fellow staggered and fell over the sausage bench, calling out: "For God's sake, don't shoot any more. You've killed me anyhow."

Litchford, thinking the fellow was mortally wounded and believing he had him safe went to the front of his shop to get assistance. It was two or three minutes before anyone came and when Litchford returned to the rear room the man was not to be found. The window into the alley was found forced open, showing how he had managed to get away. Blood on the floor and the window casing led Litchford to the belief that he had wounded his assailant.

The police think it possible that the thug felt he was wounded in the expectation that Litchford would cease shooting and that he would then get a chance to close in and regain possession of his gun. The thief, when he fell over the sausage bench, dropped his hat, a soft black fedora. This and the gun are the only clues the police have to work upon. Litchford described the fellow as being slim and tall and dressed in a dark suit. It is supposed that the man, after jumping through the window, ran south to the railroad yards.

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MAYOR ANSWERS MINISTER

Attends Meeting of Ministerial Association and Takes a Hand.

Mayor Morgan attended the meeting yesterday morning of the Ministerial Association at the First Baptist church and after listening to an arraignment of the city administration by Rev. E. Purif, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, seized the opportunity to reply to the reverend gentleman's criticism. Rev. Purif read a paper entitled, "Responsibility for Local Lawlessness," and quoted copiously from data which he had secured during a recent investigation of the methods pursued by the city authorities in dealing with saloons, the social evil and other moral problems.

In opening Rev. Purif said that the responsibility for local lawlessness rested primarily in public sentiment and those who had influence in moulding public opinion, namely, the ministers of the different churches and the editors of the daily newspapers. At the same time, he asserted, the city authorities elected by the people were the ones legally responsible for the conditions of which he complained. The Sunday theater and the open saloon, he said, were a desecration of the Sabbath and both were permitted in violation of the law.

His remarks concerning the law imposed monthly by the city on fallen women were particularly caustic and he insisted that the sooner the city washed its hands of this nefarious business the better. Rev. Purif's remarks incited considerable discussion among the ministers present, who, while taking exception to some of them, endorsed them as a whole.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mayor Morgan addressed the meeting in answer to the general criticism on the city administration. He explained that there were conditions with which the ministers were probably not conversant. One of these conditions, he explained, was that of independent revenue derived from the 10-mill levy, all that is allowed by law, with which to carry on the affairs of the city and provide for the fire and police departments. The revenue derived from the saloon license and fines in police court was absolutely necessary in order to maintain the several city departments.

Gravel roofing, A. H. Reed, 125 Main St. Postpone Ditch Hearing. As many of the officials and others from Harrison county interested in the proposed drainage scheme were unable to be present yesterday, the Board of County Supervisors postponed action in the matter until today. The petitions for the formation of a joint drainage district out of Harrison and Pottawattomie counties were filed with the board yesterday. After the petition

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The Commercial club, through Chairman Van Brunt of the executive committee, addressed a communication to the city council urging that steps be taken at once to have the Union Pacific operate its line under the authority of its charter.

The Keelne heirs and other owners of property on East Pierce street filed a protest against the assessment for the grading and paving of this street on the grounds that their holdings are used for agricultural purposes only and further that the thoroughfare was never dedicated as a street.

The petition of property owners on East Broadway for a sewer from Litchford street east to Oak street met with favorable action.

On recommendation of the judiciary committee the claim of Mrs. Louise Mackaben for damages resulting from a broken arm caused by a fall on Broadway was settled for \$200.

Julius Johnson, custodian of the city hall, was granted leave of absence for a week and the same favor was extended to City Electrician Bradley for five days.

On the recommendation of the committee having the matter in charge the ordinance was laid over for thirty days. The council adjourned to Monday, March 16.

Plumbing and Heating, Bixby & Son.

Says Companions Robbed Him.

John Heller and Charles Petty, young men from Avoca, Ia., were arrested last night, charged with robbing D. Whalen of \$25. The robbery is alleged to have been committed at Neola last evening. Heller, Petty and Whalen went Avoca together and on reaching Neola Whalen went to sleep. It was while he was sleeping that his companions are alleged to have robbed him and left for Council Bluffs on the train. Whalen, when he awoke, discovered his loss, followed them. Heller, when searched at the city jail, had a \$10 gold piece in his sock and Petty a \$5 bill hidden in a like manner.

Gets a Plugged Quarter.

A young fellow who refused to give his name was arrested last night about 10 o'clock for breaking into Charles Nicholson's butcher shop on Broadway. The young fellow, who is well dressed, took desperate chances in effecting an entrance to the shop, as he jumped through the window and out again the same way. He escaped with a few slight cuts. He only succeeded in securing a solitary quarter which had been left in the cash drawer for the reason that it had a hole in it. The coin was found on him.

Gets No Damages from Estate.

A jury in the district court decided yesterday that Mrs. Kunigunda Richter had no claim against the estate of John Patterson for alleged breach of promise to marry. Shortly before her death in November, 1901, Mrs. Richter brought suit for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise to marry. After Patterson's death, which followed within a few weeks after the petition had been filed, the suit was withdrawn and Mrs. Richter filed her claim against the estate.

A Good Thing for Mother.

If she is tired out, sickly, run down, Electric Bitters will give her new life or there's no charge. Try them. 50c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Hillsdale Central Improvements.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., March 2.—(Special.)—The Hillsdale Central Railroad company has appropriated \$100,000 for the improvement of its track between Fort Dodge and Iowa Falls, a distance of about fifty miles. This city has been designated as headquarters for the engineers, other officials and gangs of ordinary laborers during the execution of the work. Chief Engineer VonCraenbroeck, with several assistants, has already located office rooms here and is running the necessary surveys and drawing plans for the improvement. The work contemplated is that of straightening out all curves and the raising of the whole track to a level grade. Central officials state that 1,000 laborers will be detailed on the job just as soon as spring opens. Besides this immense improvement W. D. Faus, a large cement contractor of this city, has just been awarded a \$25,000 contract to put in six large concrete culverts within a distance of seven miles west of Cedar Falls.

No Hangings Now.

The order suspending the execution of the sentence of death on Richard Williams of Mahaska county has been served on the sheriff of that county and the warden of the penitentiary at Anamosa, and the hanging, which was scheduled to take place March 13 in the penitentiary, will not take place. Similar orders relating to Harry Horstman and Buzze have been issued and

they will not be hanged. All have appealed to the supreme court and they cannot be hanged so long as the appeal is pending.

Marshall Goes to Minneapolis.

Rev. A. B. Marshall, D. D. of this city has practically decided to accept a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Minneapolis and will probably remove to that city before the first of April. Dr. Marshall came to his pastorate here from East Liverpool, O., just nine years ago. His work has been very successful, the membership of the Central church having received about 1,000 accessions and having made a net growth of \$200, the increase having been from \$50 to \$250, the present total.

SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

Cass County Woman Wants \$10,000 for Injuries Received at Anita Depot.

ATLANTIC, Ia., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Marshall served original notice Saturday in an action brought in the district court of the county by Miss Telle Eakin of Anita in which the plaintiff demands \$10,000 damages from the Rock Island road. In her petition, which is now being prepared by her attorney, H. M. Boorland, she was summoned to the bedside of a dying sister in Colorado and in order that she might go as quickly as possible arrangements were made to have the fast train operated by the defendant company and known as the flyer, stop for her at Anita, that, as she and a friend, Miss Irving, approached the depot in Anita, a long freight train stood upon the sidetrack between the depot and the town, having pulled in there to let the flyer pass. As the women came up to the public crossing the conductor of the freight train was there, but refused to open the crossing for them to pass. He then suggested that the women climb over the bumpers of the freight cars and finally assisted them to do so. In getting down on the station side of the train Miss Eakin's skirts caught and she was thrown upon the brick pavement, striking upon her head with such force as to be rendered unconscious for several hours. Miss Eakin states that as a result of this fall her brain has been so injured as to cause a paralysis of the left side of her body and she now asks damages as above stated.

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All the delegates who arrived today expressed themselves as very confident that the operators in district No. 13 will grant an increase in wages at least equal to the advance made in the eastern field; at the Indianapolis meeting. This was a 12 1/2 per cent increase. Many of the delegates reported that the operators had privately told them they are willing to freely grant a 10 per cent increase. Some of the miners are ready to make a demand for a much larger increase, but the more conservative say that they want no more than what the operators are offering. The miners are getting. It is believed that the operators will include a minimum selling price for coal will not succeed, as many miners feel that would be interfering with something not their own. It is anticipated that the early arrival of the convention will be an entirely harmonious and pleasant one.

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An interesting report on the various homes for the friendless in the state of Iowa was prepared by Judge Robinson of the State Board of Control today, the first report of the kind ever prepared. In accordance with a new law, the board secures reports from all of the orphan and societies caring for friendless children in the state. Seventeen of them reported, as follows: American Home Finding Association, Ottumwa; Boys' and Girls' home, Des Moines; Christian home, Council Bluffs; Danish Lutheran orphan society, Des Moines; Shelby county; Des Moines Home for Friendless Children; Evangelical Lutheran kindred society, Fort Dodge; German Evangelical Lutheran society of Christian child, Muscatine; German Roman Catholic orphan society, Dubuque; Home for the Friendless, Cedar Rapids; Iowa Children's Home society, Des Moines; Iowa Evangelical Lutheran Orphan's society, Waverly; Iowa Home for the Friendless, Dubuque; Kenwood Industrial home, Kenwood; Park Children's society, Des Moines; Orphan's home, Davenport; Swedish Lutheran orphan's home, Stanton, Montgomery county; United Norwegian Lutheran orphan's home, Beloit, Lyon county; Women and Babies' home, Sioux City. These seventeen institutions own property valued at \$382,327.56, cared for 1,800 orphans in the year 1902 and since their foundation have cared for a total of 3,857 children. They expended for lands and buildings last year a total of \$48,286.85 and in salaries and other expenses paid out in the year a total of \$102,537.02. The oldest of the societies is the one at Stanton. The Lutherans have more of these societies than any other denomination. The report will be embodied in the report of the Board of Control.

Express Company Reports.

The reports of express companies are being filed with the secretary of the state board of control. The reports of the Wells-Fargo and United States companies were filed today and a few days ago the Pacific filed its report. These reports show very little change from those of a year ago. The assessment of express companies will be made by the council in July, but their reports are all in order.

New Iowa Corporations.

The secretary of state today received notice of the change of location of the headquarters of the Fort Des Moines Canning company of this city, the headquarters being moved to Dexter, where a new cannery is to be built.

The Home Investment company of Fort Dodge filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, capital, \$25,000; by F. A. Greenbaugh and others.

The Washington Opera House company filed articles of incorporation; capital, \$30,000; F. S. Wilson, president; C. H. Wilson, secretary.

Short Strike of Firemen.

Sixteen men went on a strike in the plant of the Edison Light works in this city on Sunday afternoon, today they went back to work. Their strike was not approved by the Trades and Labor assembly, as it was entered upon hastily. They ask an eight-hour day and full pay for the same.

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