

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockert sells carpets. Expert watch repairing. Leftoff, 43 W. B. Celebrated Metz beer on tap. Neumayer. Cabinet photos, 25c per dozen. 35 W. B. Charles E. Hannan will return to Detroit this morning.

REDUCE THE ASSESSMENTS

Board of Review Takes Off About All It Added at Previous Meeting.

WATER WORKS COMPANY NOT SO LUCKY

In Case of a Number of Business Firms a Compromise is Reached Between the Two Sets of Figures.

The aldermen, holding their final session yesterday as a Board of Review, decided that their previous action in raising the assessments of the corporations and general of the larger wholesale and retail business firms was all a bluff except in the case of the city waterworks company. The board arrived at the conclusion that it had no authority to assess the Nebraska Telephone company and that the right was vested solely in the state executive council. It also decided that it had made a mistake in increasing the assessment of the Citizens' Gas and Electric Light company from \$140,000 as returned by City Assessor Everett, to \$180,000 and lopped off the additional \$40,000 it had put on. In the case of the city waterworks company, however, the aldermen stood pat and decided that the increase of \$40,000 in its assessment of \$140,000 as returned by the assessor, should stand. This action of the board in the case of the waterworks company will not benefit the city directly as the company under its charter is relieved from paying municipal taxes in return for providing free water for the public schools, city buildings, including the fire houses and the public fountains in the streets and parks.

Reads Law on Telephones.

Alderman Louge read the statute governing the assessing of telephone companies to his conferees on the board and at his suggestion it unanimously voted to rescind its former action in placing an assessment of \$40,000 on the company's franchise.

Alderman Olson was in favor of placing the assessment of the city waterworks company back to the figures returned by the city assessor and in this was supported by Aldermen Lovett and McDonald, but Alderman Casper, Huber, Louge and Tinley thought differently and owing to the absence of Alderman Fleming they were in the majority and the assessment stood.

The Harle-Hass Drug company, whose assessment had been raised by the board from \$45,000 to \$50,000, entered no protest and consequently the increased assessment was allowed to stand. The assessment of the Keller-Farsworth Furniture company, which had been raised from \$9,000 to \$12,000, was placed back at \$9,000. In the case of the Iowa Furniture company, whose assessment had been raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000, a compromise was effected by placing it at \$4,000. The Ohio Cultivator company, which had been raised from \$1,000 to \$4,000, was cut down to \$1,500. Swaine & Maser, hardware, which had been raised from \$2,000 to \$10,000, was reduced to \$8,500 and P. C. DeVol, hardware, which had been increased from \$9,200 to \$12,000, was cut down to \$9,000, this being \$200 under the figures of the assessor. Cole-Breilford Hardware company, which had been raised from \$10,000 to \$12,000, was reduced to \$9,000, being \$1,000 below the original assessment. The Empire-Shugart & Hill company protested against its assessment being raised from \$35,000 to \$50,000, and the aldermen decided they had evidently been in error and placed the assessment back to \$35,000. Wallace & Grant, of the Bluff City Laundry, had been raised from \$500 to \$5,500 and the Evans Laundry company from \$3,500 to \$5,000, but in face of their protests the board decided to assess them equally at \$1,500.

Close Call for Warehouse.

The fire department was called at 5 o'clock last evening to extinguish what nearly proved a costly fire for Implement Row. Fortunately the strong wind, which was blowing from the west, kept the fire from spreading to the other buildings on South Main street, in the rear of which the blaze started, would have been doomed. The blaze originated from the spontaneous combustion of the cinders and coal slack used on the grade of the switch track of the Transfer company's warehouse. It communicated to a pile of empty buggy crates and other rubbish adjoining the track. The wind fanned the flames and the pile of wood and rubbish was transformed in an instant almost into a roaring bonfire. The flames spread to the sawmill on the track and one car containing a consignment of buggies, was badly burned before the fire department reached the scene. The firemen were obliged to pour a stream of water for over an hour before the fire which was smoldering along the track bed was extinguished. The money loss was small, most of the buggies in the car were removed and the remainder were but slightly scorched.

Business in District Court.

The following assignment of the criminal calendar was made yesterday by Judge Wheeler in district court: Friday, May 1—State against Heller. State against May Madden. State against Brown. State against Thorsten. State against Caldwell. Tuesday, May 5—State against Achatz. Friday, May 8—State against Babey. State against Parner. State against Murphy. State against Hall. State against Schurr. State against Kamler. State against Scrazas and Brown. A reassignment of the law docket was also made, the personal injury damages suit of Habist against the motor company being set for today. The suit of former Street Supervisor Taylor against the city of Council Bluffs is set for Wednesday. The personal injury damage suit of Henry Storms against the motor company is assigned for Monday, May 4. The breach of promise suit of Miss Mackinnon against Dr. Frasier is specially assigned for Friday, May 15.

Fire Department Reports.

Chief Templeton filed with Mayor Morgan yesterday afternoon his report of the fire department for the year ending March 31. It shows that the department responded to eighty-four alarms during the year and that total losses by fire amounted to \$5,828, with insurance of \$487,000. There was \$17,000 appropriated for the maintenance of the department by the city council, of which \$15,923.90 was expended. The department consists of eighteen men besides the chief. During the year the four engine houses were repainted and repaired throughout, a new hose wagon was supplied for Company No. 1, 1,900 feet of new hose was bought and five new hydrants placed. Chief Templeton recommends that during the ensuing year at least three horses be purchased to replace those unfit for further service, that the remaining hose reel be replaced with a hose wagon and that a mound of dirt be placed under No. 2 engine house on Bryant street and Washington avenue.

INSPECTS THE GUARDSMEN

Regular Army Officers Take Up Work Preparatory to Issue of Arms.

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IOWA TOWN IS FIRESWEPT

Practically All of Business Portion of Melbourne is Destroyed.

PERRY, Ia., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The entire business portion of Melbourne, a small town fifty-two miles east of Perry on the Milwaukee road was burned tonight. At one time the depot was thought to be fast saving, together with a lot of cars on the siding and the grain elevator, but the strong wind died down and by 1:30 the work of a bucket brigade seems to be under control at 1:30. Losses and insurance cannot be had tonight.

Hunter Again Convicted.

OSCEOLA, Ia., April 27.—(Special.)—Matt Hunter was convicted of murder in the second degree, the jury returning a verdict this morning after being out for four hours. The verdict was unanimous, a test vote being taken before the discussion of the evidence and another vote after four hours' deliberation. At 2 o'clock the jury announced that they had reached a decision and the judge, attorneys and prisoner were immediately brought into the courtroom. The verdict was unanimous, a test vote being taken before the discussion of the evidence and another vote after four hours' deliberation. At 2 o'clock the jury announced that they had reached a decision and the judge, attorneys and prisoner were immediately brought into the courtroom. The verdict was unanimous, a test vote being taken before the discussion of the evidence and another vote after four hours' deliberation.

Odd Fellows Observe Anniversary.

ONAWA, Ia., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The Maple Valley Odd Fellows Association here today largely attended, there being about 1,000 Odd Fellows in attendance from Odebolt, Ida Grove, Battle Creek, Mapleton, Castana and Whiting, which towns compose the association. The Onawa band and committee met the incoming delegates at the station and escorted them to the opera house, where a business meeting was held at 11 a. m. There was a grand parade at 1:30 p. m. W. Burgess of Onawa delivered the address of welcome and J. E. McNamara made the principal address of the day. The Rebekahs gave their degree work at 1 p. m. and the Whiting, Castana and Onawa lodges gave their degree work in the evening until 12 m., when a special train with delegates left for the east over the Northwestern.

State Committee Meeting.

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Supreme Court Docket.

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Grant Club Annual Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Grant club of this city was held this evening and the evening was devoted to eulogies of President Grant. The speakers of the evening were Clark Howell of Atlanta, Ga., who spoke "Grant's Life as a Peace Leader"; C. F. Reeve of Ft. City, Neb. who spoke on "Grant's Life as a Peace Leader"; Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, who spoke in general terms of Grant. There were a large number of prominent men of the state outside of Des Moines in attendance and a corps of surgeons from Coffeyville and Independence arrived. The dead and injured were taken to Coffeyville, the latter to be temporarily cared for at the hospital there.

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ELEVEN KILLED IN A WRECK

Stoer Train Grabs Into Work Train Loaded with Men.

BESIDES THE DEAD MANY ARE HURT

Misreading of Orders is Said to Be Responsible for the Fatal Catastrophe Near Buffalo, Kansas.

BUFFALO, Kan., April 27.—A north-bound stock train crashed into a work train just north of this town at 7 o'clock last evening and eleven men were killed and twenty-five injured, ten of the latter seriously, and four probably fatally. All were Greeks and Italians—except one, Peter Frey, who has been living here several years and was a boss on the work train. The cause of the wreck is given as the misreading of orders. The work train consisted of fat cars and a caboose, all filled with laborers. The men on the fat cars escaped by jumping, but hardly a man in the caboose escaped. The work train was backing into town for the night and both were running at good speed. The heavy freight engine did not leave the track, but plowed the work train off the track, leaving little of it except the car wheels and kindling wood. Doctors of Buffalo, assisted by taxmen, did heroic work among the injured until the wrecking train with doctors from Neosho and a corps of surgeons from Coffeyville and Independence arrived. The dead and injured were taken to Coffeyville, the latter to be temporarily cared for at the hospital there.

Pittsburg A City Ashamed

The strange story of a Citizens' Party that broke through one ring into another. By Lincoln Steffens, who wrote the "Shame of Minneapolis," and "Shamelessness of St. Louis."

Miss Tarbell in her History of the Standard Oil Company tells of

The Last Fight

of the Independents with the Great Trust in the struggle for business freedom. Mr. Rockefeller becomes Lord of the Oil Regions. He and his associates are indicted for criminal conspiracy.

Six Short Stories

"The End of the World," a powerful story, yet a scientific prediction, by Simon Newcomb, the famous astronomer. "A Little Surprise," a domestic story by Mary Stewart Cutting. "The Argument for the Defence," a love story by Grace S. Richmond. "The Happy Day," by Mary E. Wilkins. "Dead and Down," an episode of Indian life, by John R. Gill. "The Banshee's Halloween," a lively Irish story by Hermine Templeton.

May McClure's

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PLANNING FOR LONG AHEAD

Iowa Politicians Confer on Governorship Two Years from This Fall.

SIoux CITY, Ia., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Allison, Governor Cummins and Hon. George D. Perkins held a conference in Chicago Sunday at which it was alleged plans were laid for the state campaign two years from this fall. It is alleged that an understanding was arrived at that Mr. Perkins is to be the candidate for governor on the republican ticket two years hence, to succeed Governor Cummins. This is taken to be a compromise between the two elements of the republican party in the state on the tariff question.

Needs Help Himself Now.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., April 27.—(Special.)—Dick Dickerson, who was found guilty of assisting prisoners to escape from the county jail, was sentenced to three years in Anamosa prison at hard labor and to pay the cost of the prosecution, and W. F. Crisman, who was convicted on the same charge, was sentenced to six months in the county jail, and fined \$500 and costs.

Farm Work Delayed.

CRESTON, Ia., April 27.—(Special.)—Farm work is somewhat backward here this spring. There was but little fall plowing done and the ground has not been in shape to plow yet this spring, though about one-half the farmers have already plowed for corn. There were few potatoes planted yet.

Assures a Sugar Factory.

WHEATLAND, Wyo., April 27.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of the farmers of the Wheatland colony and business men of Wheatland was held in Carey hall last evening and pledges received for the balance of 6,000 acres of beets demanded by the promoters of the sugar factory. At

Railroad Surveyors in Field.

BUFFALO, Wyo., April 27.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that a party of surveyors is in the field running surveys across Powder river in the vicinity of the H. W. Davis ranch. It is understood that the work is being done by the Colorado & Southern, which company proposes to build an extension from Orin Junction through the Powder river country to the Big Horn basin, and on to Montana, Douglas, Buffalo, Ten Sleep, Thermopsis, Metcalf and Cody City are said to be on the line of the proposed route.

Strike at Fort Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Fort Pierre on the west side of the river is indulging in a builder's strike. Several buildings are in course of erection and the laborers, about fifty in number, refused to go to work this morning with an increase of 50 cents per day, increasing their pay to \$2.50. As labor is scarce they will probably win out.

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Plumbing and heating, Sisk & Son. Real Estate Transfers. Leonard James and wife to Al Riche, lot 8, block 1, Bayliss & Palmer's add., q. c. d. \$125. M. Morrison to Mary Morrison, lot 12, block 1, Bayliss & Palmer's add., n.w. 1/4, 11-16-44, w. d. \$235. Al Riche and wife to William Hill, lot 8, block 7, Bayliss & Palmer's add., q. c. d. \$100. Lucinda Carter to William J. Rive, w. 1/2 lot 4, block 1, Carter's add. Hancock, w. d. \$30. Henry Urbahn and wife to Theodore D. Urbahn, triangular piece of land south of block 11, Minden, w. d. H. J. Smith and wife to H. J. Smith, 56 acres in s.w. 1/4, s. 1/4-43, w. d. \$100. C. W. Coker and wife to Myrtle L. Pryor, lot 4, block 8, Mullins' add., q. c. d. \$250. Margaret L. McCrete and husband to W. J. Coker, lot 4, block 8, Mullins' add., q. c. d. \$200. Total, nine transfers..... \$3,421.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Residence. Age. E. H. Bratton, Council Bluffs..... 24 Ella Mae Neil, Warrensburg, Mo..... 20 C. A. S. Hazy, Minneapolis, Minn..... 20 Ada Frances F. Hersey, St. Paul Park, Minn..... 25