

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockard sells carpets. Cropan enlarging and Broadway. For rent, store room, 231 Main street.

NEW RAILS ENTER THE CITY

Great Western Line is All Laid to the Main Street Crossing.

WORK WILL BE SLOWER FROM NOW ON

Big Machine Which Does the Work of the Invention of a Council Bluffs Man and Made in This City.

The tracklaying machine on the Great Western reached the city yesterday morning and by evening steel was laid up to the Main-street crossing on Ninth avenue.

The work from this on will naturally be slow and it will be several days before the grade will be as far as the transfer depot.

The tracklaying machinery is something new to the people of Council Bluffs, and all day yesterday large crowds watched the progress of the tracklaying on Third street.

The tracklaying machinery consists of a train of cars especially equipped for the purpose. Heading the train is what might be termed the tracklaying machine proper and behind it are a number of flat cars laden with rails and ties.

The train is pushed by an ordinary locomotive, which is stationed between the cars containing rails and those laden with ties. Troughs extend along the sides of the cars, working rollers on the bottom, which are worked by the front engine.

Into these troughs men feed the rails and the ties and they are carried forward to the front of the machine, which has troughs extending twenty feet in front of it.

As the ties reach the end of the trough they are seized and placed in position on the rails by a gang of men, while another gang lay the rails as they are discharged from the trough on the other side of the machine.

As the rails are placed in position men fasten the fishplates to them in an amazing short space of time. The signal given and the ponderous machinery moves forward the length of the laid rail. Following the train is a large gang of men, who drive the spikes.

The big tracklaying machine with its system of movable troughs is the invention of J. H. Roberts and was made in this city a few years ago at the Sprague Iron works under his supervision.

ENTERTAINING THE EDITORS

Informal Lunch Served in the Park and Evening Spent at Manawa.

Council Bluffs did its share yesterday evening toward entertaining the delegates to the National Editorial association and the members of their families.

The visit of the newspaper men in Council Bluffs was short but most enjoyable. The Commercial club, assisted by the citizens generally, did all in their power to make it agreeable.

On reaching Council Bluffs the visitors at once proceeded to Bayliss park, where a delicious lunch was served at two long tables placed beneath the trees.

The entertainment was informal, the guests seating themselves in groups where they wished while partaking of the lunch. Covault's Lake Manawa park, stationed on the north side of the city, was the scene of the party, rendered a number of selections during the time the guests remained in the park.

At the club house the guests were presented with bouquets by a committee of women, and those who desired to view the interior were shown over the handsome building. The club house was tastefully decorated in the colors of the order—purple and white—for the occasion.

To Congressman Walter I. Smith was delegated the welcoming of the guests, which he did in a short but happy address. Garry A. Willard, the retiring president of the association, responded, and then came a number which had not been announced on the program.

Before Mr. Willard could step down from the improvised platform from which he had responded to Congressman Smith's welcoming address he was joined by Mr. E. B. Herbert, carrying a suspicious looking package under his arm. The package, when its green cloth covering was removed, proved to be a handsome solid silver service, which Mr. Herbert presented to the retiring president on behalf of the association.

At 7 o'clock the five large open motors again lined up in front of the park and the visitors were whisked away to spend the remainder of the evening at Lake Manawa.

Everything at Manawa, from merry-go-round to steam launches, and from bowling alleys to bathing privileges, belonged to the newspaper people as soon as they entered the park. A majority of them immediately took to the water, first in boats to cross the lake and then in bathing suits. Master Herbert, son of E. B. Herbert, was one of the most daring of the latter, and after one high dive he had responded to the water. He recovered in a few moments and was none the worse for his experience.

Special cars were waiting for the party at the hotel, and every fifteen minutes thereafter, and as they were, the delegates, without exception, were enthusiastic in their praise of Iowa hospitality and in declarations of the good time they had enjoyed.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, 502. Children Given to Home.

Dolly Chestman, aged 4 years, and her 15-month-old brother, Thomas, were yesterday committed to the custody and care of the Christian home by Mayor Morgan on the application of the Associated Charities in the Crech.

The children were placed in the Crech by the Associated Charities by their father, William Chestman, he agreeing to pay \$3 a week for their care. On April 1 last his payments ceased and all efforts to secure any trace of Chestman in the abstract, this and Ivan office of Squire & Annis, 101 Pearl street.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, this and Ivan office of Squire & Annis, 101 Pearl street.

Three transfers, aggregating \$3,000. Flirting with Death.

An emigration of the chances that men take with death in order to entertain the great amusement-loving public would be

CUMMINS MAKES A DENIAL

Much Put Out at Report of Letter Concerning the Vice Presidency.

SOME QUEER ANTICS OF THE ASSESSORS

Many Acres of Land Disappear in Some Counties, While in Others There Has Been an Increase.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Cummins declared today that the statements published in Washington that a letter had been sent there written by him in which he had stated a willingness to be a candidate vice president were without foundation.

He has written no such letter and it is not in existence. He declined at this time to further discuss the matter, but indicated that he felt very much annoyed by the fabrication of the Washington newspapers.

Land Area Varies. One of the strange things in connection with the assessment of real estate in Iowa this year, as indicated in the returns which have been made to the state auditor, is that the acreage of farm land assessed varies greatly in different counties from what it was in the time of the last assessment two years ago.

In some counties the assessors found more land than before and in others they found much less. On the whole the acreage, as indicated in the assessors' returns, has materially decreased in the two years. Here are some of the decreases in the counties showing a falling off: Pottawattamie county, 15,906 acres; Warren, 8,235; Sioux, 6,613; Boone, 5,642; Adair, 5,097; Guthrie, 4,120; Polk, 3,096; Wayne, 4,577; Henry, 4,288; Appanoose, 3,534; Grant, 3,388; Harrison, 2,969; Madison, 2,835; Mills, 1,422; Monroe, 1,222.

Other counties that show an increase of acreage are the following: Monroe, 10,854; Hamilton, 6,522; Kosciusko, 5,722; Woodbury, 4,320; Palo Alto, 2,775; Jefferson, 3,099; Jasper, 4,231; Clay, 3,072; Cerro Gordo, 2,447; Emmet, 2,325. Other changes in acreage from the amounts which have been taxed as farm lands heretofore are smaller than these indicated.

The executive council begins assessment work next week and it is probable there will be some inquiry made as to the reasons of these changes in acreage. The losses may be partially accounted for on the ground that a much larger number of soldiers' exemptions were allowed this year than before the passage of the law of the last legislature giving exemptions to all soldiers and their widows without regard to their statements of poverty.

But the members of the executive council are unable to account for the increase of acreage in some counties except on the score of the last legislative act of appropriation, of a desire to have all property assessed.

Amend the Jury Law. A committee of the New Jersey State Bar association, at the head of which is John S. Voorhes of New Brunswick, N. J., is engaged in making an investigation of the manner in which grand and petit jurors are drawn in the different states, with a view to formulating a report on the subject to be presented to the legislature of New Jersey.

Attorney General Mullin is in receipt of an inquiry as to the manner of selection of jurors in Iowa, but his report cannot be very favorable to the adoption of the Iowa system. The jury board heard from the judges that the manner of selecting jurors is not so persistent in securing the best jurists. It is the understanding that the New Jersey Bar association plans for an exhaustive report which will be watched with great interest by the lawyers of this state in readiness for such emergencies as a desire to have all property assessed.

MANSLAUGHTER THE CHARGE

Shelby Amusement Company People Must Answer for Death of Clara Rasmussen.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Millie de Etta was this morning held to the grand jury under a bond of \$5,000 to answer to the charge of manslaughter, as the result of a verdict of the coroner's jury declared her guilty of criminal negligence in connection with the death of Clara Rasmussen, who was killed while attempting a "wild ride" during the Fourth of July celebration here.

The de Etta woman's husband, the head of the Shelby Amusement company, with which the dead girl appeared, is now being held in jail. Martin Wheeler, whom the girl's body struck in falling, and who received a fractured skull and broken collarbone, will recover.

THREE KILLED IN COLLISION

Accident Happens on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Near South Anama.

DES MOINES, July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Joe Dusek, Chicago, brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad last night.

The wreck occurred near South Anama. Two heavily loaded freight cars crashed together. The engines, tenders and many cars were derailed and shattered. Traffic on the line was delayed for several hours.

Boy Drowned While Bathing. DENISON, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Little Johnnie Clark was drowned before the dam in the Boyer river this afternoon at 5 o'clock and his little playmate, Arthur Cushman, narrowly escaped a like fate in an attempt to rescue him.

The lad, who is but 12 years old, had gone in swimming and waded out beyond his depth. Although a large number of boys were in the water and on the bank no one, on account of the darkness, responded to the cries of the Cushman boy, who plunged in after him with all his clothes on. The drowning boy clung to his rescuer and it was with difficulty that a double tragedy was prevented. Assistance was summoned at once, but it was two hours before the body was recovered from the bottom of the river.

Judge Peake to Be Buried in Onawa. ONAWA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Eliah Peake, who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Rockwell, in Council Bluffs last night, was a resident of Onawa and Monona county the most of the time since 1895. He was elected county judge in 1897 and in 1901 he was representative of the district composed of Ida, Crawford and Monona counties and served one term with credit and ability. He was also a candidate for the nomination for register of the state land office, but was defeated by J. K. Ferguson. Judge Peake was very active for many years in county and state politics and had a very large acquaintance and many friends. He will be buried at Onawa.

Wonderful Claims for New Light. JANEVILLE, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—After many months of experimenting in his workshop, Aquilla Walker announces that he has discovered a light which will as greatly surpass the electric light as the electric does the kerosene lamp. It is cured by means of chemicals he seals within an air-tight glass globe, the illuminating power of which needs no renewing as long as the globe remains unbroken. The light is electric and the electric does not burn. One size of an incandescent lamp placed 1,000 feet above the earth, it is claimed, will shed a light by which a paper can be read on the earth.

Hains Damage Hay. CEDAR FALLS, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Heavy rains have been falling for twenty-four hours and the Cedar river is rising rapidly. Crops will be greatly damaged in Black Hawk county, as much hay is out.

support of the new president of the college. The organized Alumni associations were all working very hard for the election of Prof. Stone as president of the college. Dr. Storms has accepted an invitation to meet with the members here.

The agricultural journals of the state have joined heartily in commendation of the selection of Dr. Storms as president of the college.

Knights Templar Officers. The grand commander of the Knights Templar, in session at Spirit Lake this week, selected the following as officers: Grand Commander—John W. Wells, Marshalltown. Deputy Grand Commander—William Welden, Iowa Falls. Grand Generalissimo—Samuel I. Williams, Charles City. Grand Captain General—Crom Bowen, Des Moines. Grand Senior Warden—George Wambach, Webster City. Grand Junior Warden—A. M. Hough, Newton. Grand Prelate—Rev. W. H. Frost, Oskaloosa. Grand Recorder—D. M. Brownlee, Sioux City. Grand Treasurer—John B. Atkins, Council Bluffs.

Write Life of Prof. Parvin. Joseph E. Morcombe of Cedar Rapids, assistant librarian in the Masonic library and editor of the Masonic Bulletin, will come to Des Moines in a short time and do some diving into the historical material in the state historical collection to assist him in preparing the memorial volume on the life of Grand Secretary Theodore D. Parvin. Mr. Morcombe was delegated by the Masonic grand lodge to do this work and has been gathering material for some time.

Have the Devil on the Run. Queer Ceremony by a Queerer Sect in a Little Town Up in Maine.

At the Temple of Shiloh, the grotesque tabernacle of the strange sect known as the Disciples of the Holy Ghost and Us, on Beulah Hill, in the town of Durham, Me., a peculiar ceremony has been in progress under the direction of Elder Sanford, chief prophet. The ceremony is called a "devil drive" and its purpose is to expel the evil spirit from the temple of the evil spirit, which has been present for a year or more at Shiloh in the form of various diseases, including, latterly, virulent smallpox, says a Bangor special to the New York Sun.

Elder Sanford says he is in direct communication with the Holy Ghost and recently, he says, he had a revelation to the effect that the devil must be driven from Shiloh before the smallpox could be checked. Hence the "devil drive."

Sanford, who formerly was a Free Will Baptist clergyman, organized the Holy Ghost and Us sect eight years ago and at once began the erection upon what used to be known as Sand Hill, in Durham, of the group of queer-looking buildings which are today one of the strangest sights in all Maine. The central temple is 60 feet long, and shelters in its 530 rooms several hundreds of religious fanatics gathered from all parts of the country by Sanford's remarkable powers of exhortation, of conviction of reception into the fold of the faithful is that the convert must give up all worldly possessions and turn over the proceeds to Elder Sanford. In this way the chief prophet of Shiloh has gathered large numbers of many of the converts having been well-to-do.

The life at Shiloh is one of labor and prayer, interspersed with frenzied orgies of singing, supplications and fantastic manual exercises on special occasions, as "devil drive." The chief prophet says he possesses the power to heal the sick and even to raise the dead, and his control over the disciples is absolute. Ever since August, 1901, however, Shiloh has been a veritable pest spot of contagion, and the disciples have died at an alarming rate, so that the chief prophet's reputation for power over all things earthly has lately been in danger. Something had to be done, and so the "devil drive" was ordered. The ceremony is thus described by one of the faithful:

"In the upper hall of the temple, known as the Army of David, the hosts of the saints first armed themselves with shields and bucklers that were hanging on the walls in readiness for such emergencies as this. They then descended in solid phalanx to the main hall of the temple and met the devil upon their knees.

"It was then necessary to dislodge the evil one from each of these individual saints. When finally he was without cover where he could hide himself, the saints moved in a body upon their knees, forcing the foe before them to the western door. Every corner of the temple was well beaten with bibles, that the devil might lurk nowhere.

"On their knees, and keeping solid front to the west, the saints descended the broad steps, whacking their palms with their bibles and shouting anthems of the feeble devil. During all this time saints were stationed at the open windows in the three stories of the temple, each with a bible in hand, to prevent the devil from eluding his pursuers and re-entering the tabernacle."

The chief prophet has been consulting the situation at Shiloh, are not sanguine as to the effectiveness of the "devil drive," and may have a drive on their own hook, for with a death rate exceeding that of Bangor by 500 per cent, Shiloh, with all its boldness, is regarded as a menace to the surrounding settlements.

Mysterious Disappearance. About January 1 a man representing himself as a real estate agent, and that of George Binion, of Rapid, Brainerd at the office of the Associated Charities in the Loan and Trust building and sought room that he needed, so they subject to the board of directors of the bank. He paid a month's rent in advance and remained at the desk several days. Then he went away. Occasionally a letter bar came addressed to him and these have all been left on his desk, but to this day nothing has been heard from the man. He has disappeared completely from the face of the earth, so far as anyone here can discover. The detectives have been making some inquiry to find out about the man or to determine if he had any relatives, but nothing has been developed. He gave the name A. Sherry, but it is believed this is not his name. He was a stranger to every one about the office where he located himself and no person in the city knows where he came from or what was his business.

Dedicate Soldiers' Building. About 200 old soldiers were from Des Moines to Marshalltown today on excursion and to visit the State Soldiers' home. Governor A. B. Cummins, who had just returned from South Dakota, accompanied them. The occasion is the dedication of the new chapel and hall of the state home for soldiers, which has recently been completed. The new hall is a very fine one and has been arranged for entertainments as well as for chapel services. A fine flagpole was also to be erected.

Rob Cobra of Snake Meal. Zoo Keepers with Forceps Pull Out Little Reptile Eaten by Big One.

One of the big hooded cobras in the Bronx Zoo park, says a New York dispatch, attempted to prove today that two bodies could occupy the same space at the same time by swallowing a smaller companion. Both were trying to swallow the same rat that had been given them for supper. Soon the jaws of the more powerful cobra were engulfing the head and neck of its pug-nosed antagonist. They worked rapidly, pulling the seamy neck inch by inch out of sight.

The smaller snake was game to the last, but he finally disappeared and the victor stretched his jaws into shape again, and called to await the digestion of his heroic meal.

When the keepers became alive to the situation it was decided to try to rescue the swallowed snake. Keeper Snyder used a fat stick under the serpent's body and lifted him upon the passageway. The snake expanded its hood and struck at the men, but the keeper quickly pressed its head to the floor with a stick and grasped it by the neck with a nerve-racking fashion, open and shut in a nerve-racking fashion.

The rebut at once began. Reaching down the snake's throat with a pair of elongated forceps, the reptile curator located the tail of the victim and drew him into view. Evidently the cannibalistic reptile in the cage, all attention was concentrated on the small cobra, which was bathed and massaged, but in vain. It was dead.

Senator Renominated. In a convention at Northwood, State Senator James A. Smith of Osage was unanimously renominated for the state senate by the republicans. The district is composed of Worth, Winneshiek and Mitchell counties. At the same time the representative convention for Worth and Winnebago was held and Andrew Miller of Forest City was nominated.

The articles of incorporation for the Iowa Condensed Milk company were filed today with the secretary of state. The headquarters are at Muscatine and the capital is \$50,000. Other new corporations are Hills Floral company, Des Moines, capital \$10,000; Elks' Building company, Atlantic, capital \$10,000.

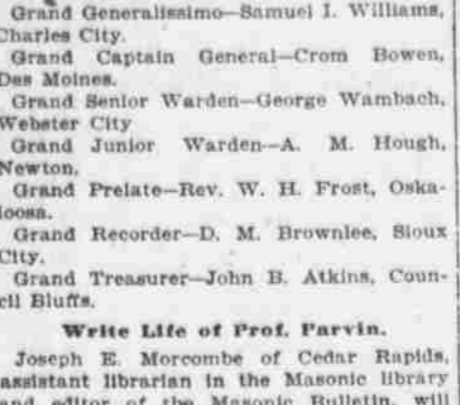
Extreme Hot Weather. The last four days have been unusually hot ones owing to the great amount of moisture in the air, the suffering has been great and many prostrations have been reported. Today the temperature reached only 85, but the air was heavy laden with clouds and the sun shined downwards. One size of an incandescent lamp placed 1,000 feet above the earth, it is claimed, will shed a light by which a paper can be read on the earth.

Local Will Hold Meeting. The local Alumni Association of the Iowa State college has arranged for a reunion in this city July 20, when there will be an effort made to reunite the divided factions and get the alumni together in

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The above are some of the Burlington's cheap excursion rates this year. If you are going anywhere you had better write or see me, as I can probably offer suggestions that will save you money.

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FLOOD IS CAUSE OF WRECK

Trestle at St. Louis Weakened by Effect of Water.

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

Rails Spread and Train Heavily Loaded with Passengers Leaves Track and Goes Over into the Ditch Below.

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—One person, a girl, was killed, four were seriously injured, at least one of whom will die, and a score slightly hurt in a wreck on the Terminal Railroad association's line between Granite Hill and Madison, Ill., today.

The dead girl, whose name is not known, and the slightly injured were left in Madison, while those more seriously hurt were brought to St. Louis.

Among the latter are: Evert Winkler, both legs severed below knees, will die. Evert Hastings, left leg and arm broken and head cut. George Fry, right foot crushed and left arm broken. George Brown, left leg broken and right ankle crushed.

Most of the men injured and the other passengers on the train were employees of the Commonwealth Steel company at Granite City, Ill., and employees of the National Enameling & Stamping company.

Many on the Train. Six hundred workmen who were on the wrecked train and on others immediately following returned to St. Louis after the wreck instead of going to work. Many of them returned on the relief train with the injured.

The terminal passenger train which left St. Louis at 6:25 a. m., consisting of nine coaches loaded with workmen for the factories of the tri-cities, jumped the track on a small trestle just north of the American Car & Foundry company's shops at Madison.

One coach rolled over onto the tracks of the Chicago & Alton, striking the baggage coach of a passenger train passing in the opposite direction. The derailed car was badly crushed. The Chicago & Alton train was not wrecked.

Spreading of the rails of the trestle, which had been weakened by the flood, is believed to have caused the accident.

Deadly Amusement Novelty. The spectacle of a man on a bicycle "looping the loop" no longer sufficiently shocks and thrills the crowd. Some new sensation involving peril to human life is demanded. So a young man named Zimmerman tried at Indianapolis to supply the deficiency by undertaking to make a circuit of the loop on a pair of roller skates. In order to bring his center of gravity close to the point of contact he had constructed a pair of skates weighing 100 pounds. But even with this aid the chances were infinitely against him, for by placing the greatest weight at the base of the tall column presented by his frame he lessened his opportunity for balancing. So when he was making his trip Thursday night he lost his pose when at the highest point of the loop and fell to the ground, his skull being crushed. He died shortly afterward. There are many varieties of this life-risking enterprise now on view, all of which should be pronounced illegal and prohibited. They add nothing to the public knowledge and the entertainment they afford is nerve-racking and productive of an abnormal taste for horrors.—Washington Star.

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