

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTIONS.

Davis sells drugs. Stockport sells carpets. Crayon enlarging. Expert watch repairing. Celebrated meat beer on tap. Neumann's Diamond betrothal rings at Leffert's, 429 Broadway.

FORTUNE SLIPPING AWAY

Discovery of Will Adds New Complication to Cronon Estate.

NEBRASKA MAN HAS HAD IT FOR YEARS

If Probate is Allowed California Women Will Support the Daughter and Adopted Daughter.

The recent discovery of a will may prevent Mrs. Maude Snodgrass of Oakland, this county, from inheriting the estate of her late husband, John S. Cronon, by whom she was adopted when a young girl.

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CHANCE FOR FARMER BOYS

Scholarship in Ames College for Best Judge of Oatle and Corn.

LARGE CROWD AT OPENING OF STATE FAIR

People of Clive, a Suburb of Des Moines, Want All Colored Men to Leave the Town and Also Threaten Employers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—One of the most unique contests ever inaugurated here marked the beginning of the actual work at the Iowa state fair today.

The contest was a free scholarship at the State Agricultural college at Ames, based on their ability to judge stock and corn.

There were twenty-four of the boys who appeared on the scene ready for work. They were placed in the judging ring of the big pavilion and shown two classes of horses and two of cattle and these were scored by all the boys, then they had two samples of corn of different varieties and these were judged by the boys.

The same animals and corn were judged by professionals at the same time and their scores reported. The scores of the farm boys will be compared with those of the professionals and the winner gets a free scholarship at the college worth \$200.

The contest was confined to farm boys. The following contestants: Carl Freeman, Norwalk; H. Carl Schnoyer, Pocahontas; B. W. Steele, Winterset; J. B. Mitchell, Des Moines; Mark R. Barton, Roscoe; Clarence W. Robb, Newton; Lee C. Pierson, Elroy; Roy F. Bennett, Ames; Ellis Hall, Birmingham; Fred G. Boland, Williamsburg; Guy S. Gleason, Mechanicville; Mereness D. Kelso, Corydon; Charles R. Stout, Stout; John Hetheraway, Des Moines; Tom S. Bell, Hanceock; John H. Yoder, Ware; Richard H. Stoner, South English; Harry J. Lytle, Okaloosa; Louis J. Andrew, Morse; Marcus B. Barclay, West Liberty; Arthur Jay, Blakesburg; Andrew R. Leffer, Hillsboro; Morris J. Hester, Ames; Ralph Baldwin, Osceola. The result will not be known for several days.

Large Crowds at Start. The attendance today was about the same as on Monday two years ago, last year being a very bad day on Monday.

The railroad men report, however, that many more people had traveled already on account of the fair than in any previous year and that they are handling large crowds for so early in the week.

The program started off very well and with excellent weather. The racing commenced on the track, which was in fine condition. The stock judging commenced in the big pavilion and will commence tomorrow in the small one. The girls' orchestra from the State Industrial school furnished music at the pavilion and Reed's band from Sioux City at the races. In addition to the races there was a series of vaudeville specialties. This evening the Pain's "Ancient Rome" was given in the race ground before a large crowd, and the first pictures shown were those of Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Cummins.

Labor Day Proclaimed. Governor Cummins this afternoon issued a proclamation on Labor day, calling attention to the fact that this is a legal holiday in Iowa and requesting observance of the day. The governor is to speak at Colfax on Labor day.

The articles of incorporation for the Onslow Savings bank were filed with the secretary of state today, capital \$10,000; C. L. Miller, president; and W. J. McCready, cashier. Other articles filed: Hampton Mercantile company, capital \$20,000, by G. F. Best and others; Champion Stock Food company of Clinton, capital \$15,000, by H. C. Joehnk and Hermann Weiss; the Big Eight Mining company of Iowa, capital \$10,000, by John Hatton and J. B. Wiseman.

Robbers Are Very Bold. Mrs. A. Samuels, living on Cherry street, had an exciting experience with a burglar at her home this morning. The burglar, who was a colored man, had entered the house through a window and was in the act of blowing out the night light when Mrs. Samuels awakened. The man seized her by the throat and threatened to kill her if she made an outcry, but she made so much noise that her son in an adjoining room was awakened. The young man went outside his yelped for help and the negro made his escape at once. He dropped his hat and secured his valuables. The woman was badly frightened, but not injured. She thinks she would be able to identify the assailant.

William Harmon and John Hopper are being held under arrest in connection with the robbery of Samuel McCarty Saturday night. McCarty was quite sure that Harmon was one of the men, but both are being held until he recovers sufficiently so as to make a clear statement. He is 74 years old and may not be able to identify the men very well.

Kirby Feud Continues. There is an interesting feud on between doctors at Grand Junction and it has broken out in court again. Last year a case was taken through the courts to make a test of certain phases of the quarantine law as related to smallpox cases, and Dr. Kirby, who violated a quarantine, was the subject of the prosecution. The supreme court has since ruled that Kirby was not guilty, because there was a flaw in the proceedings and the papers had not been properly signed to establish a quarantine. Now Dr. Kirby has brought suit for damages against W. H. Harker, mayor of Grand Junction, claiming \$1,000 damages, because of the quarantine suit in which he was involved.

Colored Men Are Warned. Isaac Anderson, a colored man employed as a section hand on the Milwaukee railroad and living at Clive, a junction point a few miles from Des Moines, is a victim of an organized effort to drive colored men out of the town. He recently moved a broken farm to court again. Last year he set it up in Clive and had it repaired. A few nights ago a small charge of dynamite was exploded under one corner of the house and a section of the chimney was blown off. It is now alleged that two weeks ago an effort was made to burn the house. This morning he found posted on the door the following notice:

All negroes are warned to "git." They are not wanted in Clive, and any white man employing them are liable to have "something happen" to them. Section foremen employing negroes are "git" them at once, or there will be trouble.

This alarmed Anderson and he made the matter public and called for protection from the county authorities. There are several negro families living at Clive.

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