

# THE NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

## MINOR MENTION.

**Davis sells drugs.**  
Jeffrey's glassware.  
Stockert sells carpets.  
A store for men—"Beno's."  
Diamond betrothal rings at Lettner's, 209 Broadway.  
14-K and 18-K wedding rings at Lettner's, 209 Broadway.  
Mrs. Mary Miskell is home from an extended visit to Denver, Colo.  
Calendars for New Year's gifts at cost prices, Alexander's, Broadway.  
John Halle has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kane township.  
A young, fresh and gentle cow for sale, J. E. Bredlove, 202 Fourth avenue, Tel. A78.

## FIRE DRILL IN THE SCHOOLS

**Onstem Which Has Fallen Into Disuse is to Be Revived.**

## BUILDINGS ARE ALL TO BE INSPECTED

**Suggestion is Made that Fire Alarm Box Be Placed in Each One and Means of Egress Be Carefully Looked Into.**

The question of having uniform fire drills in all of the public school buildings of the city will, it is expected, be brought up at the next meeting of the Board of Education. Colonel W. J. Davenport, who since the terrible fire at the Iroquois theater in Chicago has given the matter particular attention, will, it is expected, bring the matter before the board.

Some time ago the pupils in the Washington avenue and Bloomer schools were drilled to leave the buildings in case of fire, but it is said the practice has not been continued and that the drill has now become a matter of the past. At the Washington avenue school the pupils a year or more ago were well trained in the fire drill, with the result that at several tests the building, which contained nearly 800 pupils was emptied in perfect order in a few minutes.

Speaking on the matter yesterday Colonel Davenport said: "I am in favor of a uniform and compulsory fire drill in all of the school buildings in the city. This drill should take place at least once a week. Heretofore, as I have said, it is expected, the question of drilling the pupils in this respect has been left entirely optional with the principal. This is not as it should be. There ought to be some uniform regulation on the subject by the board and I am in favor of establishing a rule immediately."

In connection with the fire drill it is said action looking to the placing of fire alarm boxes in all of the school buildings will be taken. As it is now the nearest fire alarm box to some of the schools is several blocks away.

Other members of the board are said to be in favor of a thorough inspection being made of every school house in the city with a view to ascertaining the means of escape for the pupils in case of fire. Last year several of the schools were provided with fire escapes in compliance with the state law, but it is said that if the law was strictly enforced at least one more fire escape should be placed at the Washington avenue building. This building, where nearly 800 pupils are enrolled, has but one outside fire escape, which is on the west side of the building.

It has been suggested that Fire Chief Templeton be requested by the board to make a thorough inspection of every school building in the city.

## CONSIDER BRIDGE CONTRACT

**Sentiment is Developing in Favor of Awarding Work to Home Firm.**

The contract with the Canton Bridge company of Canton, O., for the bridge work in this county will expire April 1 and the Board of Supervisors is expected to take some action in the matter during its present session. Representatives of the Canton company are here looking for a renewal of the contract, but it is understood that the sentiment of the board is in favor of re-advertising for bids. When a year ago the contract was awarded to the Canton company there was more or less criticism of the county board in giving the work to a foreign firm instead of a local contractor. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Commercial club and, while definite action was taken by that body, the members generally expressed themselves as being opposed to contracts being awarded to outside firms so long as there were competent firms to do the work at home.

According to the statement of a member of the county board yesterday, the contract with the Canton company has not proved altogether satisfactory and complaints have been made of delay in the work. This member stated that he for one would oppose renewing the contract.

Considerable business of a routine character was disposed of by the board at yesterday's session. The road and bridge districts of the county were divided among the members of the board as follows:

Supervisor Baker—Crescent, Garner, Kane, Lewis and Rockford townships.  
Supervisor Brandes—James, Knox, Layton, Pleasant, Valley and York townships.  
Supervisor Dryden—Center, Grove, Lincoln, Waverland and Wright townships.  
Supervisor Spencer—Boomer, Hazel Dell, Minden, Neola and Norwalk townships.  
Supervisors Brandes, Bullis and Dryden were appointed the committee on roads and bridges for the east end of the county and Supervisors Baker, Dryden and Spencer for the west end. No member of either committee is to expend over \$100 on bridge work without authority from the committee and no new bridge is to be built except one to take the place of an old bridge unless so ordered by the full board.

Supervisor Brandes was authorized to make all purchases of supplies for the courthouse at Avoca. The contract for the printing of blanks, books and furnishing other supplies for the several offices in the Council Bluffs courthouse was awarded to the Nonpareil company, without competition, at the prices which prevailed last year. The contract for similar supplies at Avoca was awarded to the Avoca Tribune at the same prices paid the Nonpareil company.

A bill of the Nonpareil company, amounting to \$24, for publishing the register current notice last October was turned down, the county attorney giving an opinion that the law provided no authority for the county paying such a claim.

The county auditor was instructed to have a telephone installed in the main building at the new county poor farm as soon as completed.

The complaint of Superintendent H. W. Rother of the State School for the Deaf and others that the road crossing Mosquito creek near the Locust officials of the Milwaukee and Rock Island railroads, was in a dangerous condition was referred to Chairman Baker with power to act.

## LITTLE DELAY IN SESSION

**All Unite in Saying Some Shift Will Be Made to Accommodate Legislature.**

## BLAME ELECTRICAL WORKER FOR FIRE

**Necessity of Heavy Appropriation for Capital Likely to Cut in on Amount for State Institutions.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
DES MOINES, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—There will be no long postponement of the legislative session on account of the state house fire. This is reasonably certain now. In some way temporary provision for the house will be made and it will be in the state house.

"I still adhere to my view," said Governor Cummins, "that unless there is some structural weakness in the building due to the fire, the house chamber can be fitted up in a short time so that it can be used for the session. I can see that the most difficult problem in the case is that of insurance, but I am ready to express an opinion as to the use of the house chamber at all and will not do so until I have the results of the combined wisdom of all the experts who make an examination of the walls and roof."

When the commission got out the desks of the house chamber today it was found that nearly all of them can be used with repairs and practically not one was completely destroyed. The desks for the speaker, clerk and reporters are badly burned.

But all the legislators agree that if it is possible to do so the house should meet in the capitol building. It has been suggested that for the first week, which is generally wasted, the senate and house meet in the same chamber, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, and when the first rush of bills is over adjournment be taken for two weeks. On reassembling the house chamber could be occupied. But all talk of going to a church or library building or theater is discounted by the members and state officials.

A large portion of the membership of the legislature is now here and all are anxious to get to work. The governor's message will be ready on the opening day. The inauguration will take place as scheduled, and immediately after the count of the vote, declaration of the election and the organization of both houses. It is expected the caucus of the legislature for the selection of minor positions will be held Friday evening of this week. Organization will be easily effected. The vote will be counted in the senate chamber by both houses acting together. The election of state printer and binder and of the regents of the university and other positions may be done by both houses early next week.

**Settle on Cause of Fire.**  
The State Executive council this evening issued a statement as to the cause of the state house fire of last Monday, placing the blame upon a workman named Frazer, employed by an electrical construction company. He admitted having used a candle in the state house, which originated and the state officials decided that he certainly caused the fire by his carelessness.

A caucus of the legislators is to be held tomorrow evening to consider what is to be done in regard to a meeting place. Appropriations May Be Reduced.  
It is anticipated by the members of the legislature that the fire at the state house will cause a reduction of the regular appropriations for the current period, and that many of the state institutions will have to go with very little extra money for new work. It is regarded as very probable that the School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs will have to continue in the present buildings until another legislature meets because of the necessity for reduction of the general appropriations. At best the work ahead of the appropriations committee was heavy and the estimates would have to be pared a great deal. Now that there is need of a large sum for the rebuilding of a portion of the state capitol the appropriation matter assumes a new phase.

**Garst for Governor.**  
Senator Warren Garst of Coon Rapids arrived in the city. He will be chairman of the committee on appropriations in the senate, and is understood to be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. Before starting for Des Moines his neighbors and friends in Carroll county gave him a complimentary banquet, at which the suggestion of the senator for governor was made and it is expected his boom will reach considerable proportions during the session.

**Pardon Papers Arrive.**  
The pardon papers in the case of L. R. Van Dusen of Chickasaw county, serving a life sentence for murder of his wife and sent to the penitentiary in 1896, have been filed with the governor, along with a transcript of the evidence in the case and records covering all the preliminaries. He was 22 years old when incarcerated.

There was filed with the secretary of state today the articles of incorporation of the Phoenix Trust company of Ottumwa; capital, \$150,000; C. H. Merrick, president. The Frost Cement Stone company of Dows was incorporated, with \$50,000 capital. The C. M. Norris Coal and Mining company of Centerville, with \$100,000 capital, was incorporated. The Tremont company of Marshalltown, with \$5,000 capital, was organized to manage a hotel. The Maloney Cigar company of Council Bluffs changed its name to the Reliance Cigar company.

**Court May Change Location.**  
The supreme court is considering a proposition to hold the January term in the federal court room downtown. The room was tendered to the Iowa court by the custodian of the building, with the consent of the authorities at Washington. The supreme courtroom will not be fit for use for some time, and may be needed by the legislature. A telegram has been received from President MacLean of the State university offering the capitol building for use of the court for a time. It is now a part of the State university.

Mayor James M. Brenton has appointed a committee to investigate the condition of opera houses in the city, in accordance with a resolution of the city council Monday, and will wait until he receives the report before further action. Verbal instructions will be given the committee to investigate churches and other audience buildings in addition to the opera houses and embryo facts in their report.

J. M. Emory, state insurance examiner, has commenced the examination of the insurance securities in the office of State Auditor Carroll, with a view to making a statement as to the actual amount of the deposits on hand. The insurance reports are coming in now and the auditor will have to take note of the value of the securities as compared with the business done.

**Water Power Supplies Steam.**  
CARBON, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—New machinery being installed by the Carson Milling company on the banks of the Mis-

sonia river to operate the dynamo of the Carson Electric Light company. Water power is considered cheaper than steam, which was formerly in use.

**Will Let Ditch Contract.**  
ONAWA, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The Monona county Board of Supervisors gave a hearing on the report of the appraisers this afternoon on the big Monona-Harrison ditch. P. A. Sawyer of Sioux City appeared for petitioners and Judge Addison Oliver of Onawa read fifteen pages of a typewritten brief for the objectors, claiming the action of the auditor and

board was illegal and void, also in violation of the constitution of the state and United States in confiscating property without process of law. The board decided to establish the ditch as prayed for and will let it in sections. The work is regarded as the most important improvement ever undertaken in the county and is expected to reclaim 5,000 acres of land at a cost of nearly \$100,000.

**Count the County's Cash.**  
LOGAN, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Monday the Harrison county Board of Supervisors was organized by electing A. Edgcomb of

Missouri Valley chairman. The accounts of auditor and treasurer were checked up. All the county money was presented by the county banks and was carefully counted, amounting to \$56,535.62.

**Cowboy Killed by Horse.**  
BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., Jan. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—John Hartman, a cowboy, aged 23 years, was thrown from a horse this afternoon which he was attempting to break, and from the resultant injuries died within an hour. His stall was crashed and several of his bones broken in the fall.

**Removal of Railroad Changes.**  
That the Milwaukee Railroad company was planning to abandon its local passenger depot in this city was a rumor current in local railroad circles yesterday. It is said that the Milwaukee has been figuring on this for some time past and that negotiations are pending between it and the Rock Island for the joint use of the latter's passenger depot. Local officials of both railroads, while admitting that there had been some talk of the Milwaukee using the passenger depot of the Rock Island, stated

they had not been informed that any arrangement looking to this end had been made between the two companies.

In connection with the report that the Milwaukee intended to abandon its passenger depot and use that of the Rock Island it is said that both railroads are planning on a joint use of their tracks between Council Bluffs and Neola. It is said that one of the tracks will be used jointly by both roads for its passenger trains and the other jointly for its freight trains. As the tracks run parallel to Neola such an arrangement, it is said, could be easily effected and would work to the advantage of both roads.

Superintendent Slicer of the Rock Island was in the city yesterday, but local officials of that road deny that his visit here had any connection with the proposition of the Milwaukee to use the Rock Island passenger depot and that he was here looking after matters in connection with the recent districting of the road for operating purposes.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of Squire & Annis, 101 Pearl street:  
William A. Myrner, trustee and executor, to R. V. Innes, lots 5 and 6, Auditor's sub sec. 2, and lots 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, in sec. 24, 24-76-14, and lot 1 in sec. 24, 24-75-13, q. c. d. \$50  
C. E. Denton and wife to trustees of Grove township, part sec. 24, n.w. 16-74-20, w. d. \$100  
Trustees of Christian Church, Grove township to C. E. Denton, part sec. 24, n.w. 16-74-20, w. d. \$100  
Elizabeth Lewis and husband to Orion G. Miller, sec. 23, n.w. 24, n.w. 23-74-20, w. d. \$5,400  
Rothschild Grain company to Louise Harsch, 79 feet lot 6, block 1, Mission, w. d. \$250  
Trustees of Grove township to trustees of Christian Church, Grove township, part sec. 24, n.w. 16-74-20, w. d. \$100  
Six transfers, aggregating \$3,708

**Marriage Licenses.**  
Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:  
Name and Residence. Age.  
J. A. Kirkpatrick, Council Bluffs. 27  
Noma Sheer, Council Bluffs. 20  
W. W. Wolfe, Des Moines. 20  
Florence Cooper, Dumfries, Ia. 20

**INTEREST IN STOCK JUDGING**  
**More Than Five Hundred Students From Eighteen States Enrolled at Ames.**  
AMES, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Interest in the stock judging course conducted by the Animal Husbandry department of the Iowa State college is still increasing and notwithstanding the fact that the first three days has been on sheep-concerning which Iowa farmers know least, the attendance has been a record breaker and every indication points to a total enrollment of nearly 1,000. Both live stock pavilions are taxed nearly to the limit and it may be necessary to make still further divisions to accommodate all students.  
This year classes are being given in both beginning and advanced work, being taken by those who were here at previous short courses. The work so far has been confined wholly to sheep. On Monday afternoon classes in pig raising were given to both beginning and advanced classes. On Tuesday the beginning classes continued the work on fat sheep, judging from a comparative standpoint; while the advanced classes were given regular judging work on Shropshire, Cotswold and Suffolk downs. The characteristics of the different breeds were taken up in full and considered in placing the animals. On Wednesday the beginning classes were given work on judging breeding classes of long wool, medium wool and fine wool sheep. The advanced classes considered Leicester, Cotswolds, Dorset and Rambouillet sheep. Unusual interest was manifested throughout the sheep judging and there are many who will start in with small flocks in the near future.  
For the first time in live stock work women are enrolled in the regular stock judging classes and they are doing their work as well as any of the men. This marks a new step in the animal husbandry work, but it is probable that regular classes will be instituted for women in the near future. It is essential that the farmer's wife or daughters should know what constitutes a good animal as it is for the farmer or his sons; and it will undoubtedly make the farm home far happier when all take an active interest in the live stock.  
Work on draft horses will be begun on Thursday morning, January 7. The Percheron stallions sent in by Fry of Ames and the earload of Percheron, Belgian and French coach horses, contributed by Dunham, Fletcher & Coleman, Wayne, Ill., have all arrived and the work in horse judging will be carried on as never before. The Dunham, Fletcher & Coleman consignment includes the champion stallion and champion Percheron mare of America.  
Work in cattle will be begun next Monday, January 11, and the work in pig slaughter test will be judged on that day.

**FINDS SACK FULL OF PENNIES**  
**Master Hanson of Bell is Reported to Have Found Mysterious Riches.**  
DENISON, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A boy named Hanson, living at Bell, while playing around an old elevator which several years ago was abandoned, last week found a sack containing 5,185 pennies under an old scale. The boy kept his find to himself until yesterday, when he took another in partnership, and together they took the sack to Dow City, where they sold it to the bank for \$53. The pennies were mostly all of the 1903 coinage and were securely tied up in a cement sack. The sack weighed about forty pounds. After the bank carefully counted the pennies they found they had exactly 5,185.  
Just how the pennies came there and by whom may never be known, but the presumption by many is that they were stolen from the Madison bank, which was robbed several months ago, the thieves evidently hiding their plunder there for fear of being detected or not wishing to carry forty pounds of pennies around with them.

**MONDAMIN BOY IS DROWNED**  
**W. J. Brown's Son, Andrew, Skates Into Air Hole in Ice on Round Lake.**  
MONDAMIN, Ia., Jan. 6.—Andrew Brown, the 15-year-old son of W. J. Brown, was drowned in Round lake, two miles north of town, Tuesday afternoon, by skating into an air hole. Though other skaters were near by and saw the boy disappear through the hole in the ice, they were unable to locate his body for nearly an hour.

**Sues City for Damages.**  
MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The city authorities have been served with notice of a \$2,500 damage suit by Lewis Skelton, who claims that amount for injuries received on a defective sidewalk the fore part of November. The city has but recently had to pay damages in two cases. One for \$500 and another for \$2,000.

# PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF THREE DAYS

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**Matters in District Court.**  
Henry L. Forsyth, manager of the Union Transfer company, against whom suit was recently brought alleging misappropriation of about \$16,000 of the funds of the company, yesterday filed a motion in district court asking that the attorneys for the plaintiff in the suit against him be required to show by what authority they so appear and their authority for bringing suit.

Forsyth in asking also a dismissal of the action contends that while the suit was brought in the name of the Union Transfer company there was no authority to do so, and that in fact O. P. McKesson, one of the stockholders, was and is the actual plaintiff in the action.

In support of the motion there was filed an affidavit from Forsyth to the effect that the Union Transfer company, of which he is general manager, never authorized the bringing of the suit.

But little business of interest was judged Thorneil spending the day in hearing minor matters and granting two divorces. Mrs. Johanna Pederson was granted a divorce from Peter Pederson and the custody of their minor children. Mrs. H. G. O'Connor was given a divorce from Thomas O'Connor and in the divorce suit of John M. Jangferman against Ora Jangferman, the defendant was awarded \$100 temporary alimony.

Among the cases on the equity docket appeared for hearing today six of the injunction suits brought by Benjamin & Fowler against saloons controlled or owned by the Stora Brewing company of Omaha.

**Open Hotel—Rooms with or without board; steam heat; free bath; public parlors.**

**County Officers Report.**  
Captain L. B. Cousins, retiring sheriff of Pottawattamie county, completed yesterday his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1903. The total fees taxed were \$17,747; total fees collected, \$5,049.53; mileage, \$324.40; leaving \$4,725.13 due the county. Out of the balance was paid the salaries of the sheriff and his deputies, amounting to \$2,670.43. The amount turned over to the treasurer consistency to balance the account was \$1,054.70.

Freeman Reed, clerk of the district court, completed yesterday his report of fees collected for the seven months from June 1 to December 31, 1903. The total fees collected for the seven months amounted to \$2,069.20, 11 of which was turned over to the county treasurer. The fees for the entire year for filing of new cases in the district court at Council Bluffs amounted to \$538. The fees for marriage licenses issued during the year at Council Bluffs amounted to \$65 and in Avoca to \$129. As each license costs \$1 there were 764 marriage licenses issued in the county during 1903.

Both of these reports will be filed with the Board of County Supervisors during its present session.

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**Graduates All Girls.**  
The mid-winter class, the first in the history of the institution, which will graduate from the high school Thursday, January 11, is composed entirely of young women. They number ten and their names are: Jessie McCannoy, Mabel Lacey, Pearl Gore, Emma Burke, Mary Johnson, Margaret Billing, Jessie Fallbrick, Katie Wesley, John Eptman and Alice Hansen.

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