

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Devis sells drugs. Letters' glasses fit. Stocker sells carpets. A store for men—'Beno's.' Diamond betrothal rings at Lettner's. 43 Broadway. Calendar for New Year's gifts at cost prices. Alexander's, 222 Broadway. A young fresh and gentle Jersey cow for sale. J. H. Breche, 322 Fourth av.

SALOON FIGHT GROWS ACUTE.

Injunction Against Stora Places to Be Pushed to a Station. LATTER FIRM PREPARES TO RETALIATE.

Fixing Up Its Places to Comply with Milet Law and All Other Places Will Be Forced to Do Likewise.

The saloon war emanating from the attack made on the places owned by the Stora brewing company of Omaha in this city has reached an acute stage. The hearing in the six suits in which Benjamin and Fowler seek to enjoin saloons owned by the Stora company from selling liquor which had been assigned for yesterday in the district court, was not reached and the cases went over until today. It was stated that Attorney Benjamin intended to carry the injunction through and that no settlement of the controversy was in sight.

Fix Treasurer's Salary.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday after considerable discussion decided that County Treasurer Consigny should receive the same compensation as his predecessor in office had; namely, \$500 per annum and the fees of the office, to be paid by his deputies and all clerical help. The fees of the office average annually between \$200 and \$250. The treasurer has two deputies and one clerk, whose salaries he has to pay.

LABOR ORDINANCE IS FAULTY.

Aldermen Think City Interests Are Not Protected as It Now Stands. That the ordinance granting a franchise to the Council Bluffs, Taber & Southern Electric Railway company lacks a number of essential provisions and safeguards for the city's interests is the opinion of several aldermen and other city officials and when the measure comes up at the meeting of the city council next Monday night a large number of large sized holes picked in it.

Mysterious Shooting Afloat.

The police yesterday were investigating without result a mysterious shooting afloat which had taken place about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the alley back of the Grand hotel between Pearl and Sixth streets. Sound of a revolver shot and the cries of a woman were heard by passersby on Pearl street and residents in the vicinity, but upon investigation no one could be found. One man, who claimed to have witnessed the tragedy but whose identity was not learned by the police, is said to have told a story to the effect that a man and woman occupying a buggy drove into the alley from Pearl street; that they appeared to be quarreling over a dog which the woman held in her lap. The man seized the dog and threw it out of the buggy and the woman jumped after it. Then the man shot, either at the woman or the dog, and the woman screamed. The man who witnessed this much said he then went to find an officer and when he returned the buggy and its occupants had disappeared.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of Squire J. Annis, 161 Pearl street: Henry Besson and wife to Fritz Stern—beings 72 1/2 acre in sec. 33, T. 12N., R. 12E., S. 4E., 43 1/2 acres in W. 1/4, S. 7-13, 1/4, w. d. 36, 42 1/2 Michael Thomas McBride to S. A. Tamm—beings 1/2 acre in sec. 33, T. 12N., R. 12E., S. 4E., 43 1/2 acres in w. 1/4, S. 7-13, 1/4, w. d. 36, 42 1/2, 40 acres in lot 2, in sub. of sec. 26, T. 12N., R. 12E., S. 4E., 43 1/2. 5,000 Merton, w. 22 feet lot 3 and 22 feet lot 5, block 11, Grimes' add. w. d. 1, 1, 1 1/2.

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WAR! WAR! WAR!

The Russian government is buying meats for her army in anticipation of war with Japan and prices are going up every day. But we are still selling the best meat at the very lowest possible prices. Best round steak, per lb. . . 8c Boiled Beef, per pound . . . 2 1/2c Best porterhouse steak, lb. . . 10c Here are a few specials on smoked meats and provisions. Best breakfast bacon, lb. . . 12c Picnic hams, per lb. . . . 6 1/2c Best salt pork, per lb. . . . 5c Best skinned hams, lb. . . 10 1/2c Look these prices over carefully and see if they are not the lowest prices for the BEST meats in town.

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RIVALS GIVING AWAY PAPERS.

Lincoln Publication Introduces Gift Method to Cut in on The Bee.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Just before Christmas a number of business men of York received a letter from the Nebraska State Journal saying that for thirty days that paper would send to them without charge. A large per cent of those receiving free copies of the Journal are subscribers of the Bee. Receiving both papers has given many readers the opportunity of learning the superiority of the news service of the Bee. The Bee has a large number of paid subscribers here and its lists are increasing.

Few Changes in Court House.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—There were only a few changes in the force at the court house today. J. M. Cruickshank, clerk of the district court; George J. Colington, treasurer; W. J. Arnot, superintendent; A. Bauman, jr., sheriff; and A. H. Briggs, county judge, were their own successors and will have the same clerks and deputies. C. O. Boe succeeds George Murrel as county clerk and has appointed James A. Donahue deputy. Dr. F. H. Hurley, J. P. Hancock, who now that office is vacant, P. J. Flannagan, succeeds Parker on the county board, its political complexion, however, remaining the same. William Chetnut, who was elected one of the constables of the city, failed to qualify. J. P. Hancock, who was elected by the office, filed a hold-over bond and claims to be still entitled to serve papers. This matter will probably be settled in the courts.

Woman Dangerously Burned.

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A telegram from Center, Neb., says that Mrs. Benjamin Saunders, widow of the clerk of the district court in Knox county, was nearly burned to death in the night. Carrying a lamp upstairs, she stumbled and fell, spilling kerosene over her gown. It quickly took fire and the woman, wrapped in flames, ran about two weeks, where the breeze fanned the flames and by the timely assistance of her husband the fire was smothered before death came. Mrs. Saunders will recover. She is quite badly burned.

Waives Trial in Liquor Selling Case.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Carl Seimmon of Center, Neb., who was under examination in justice court this morning on the charge of selling liquor without a license and gave bonds for his appearance before the district court at the next term. This is the second time within a year that Seimmon has run up against the Siobomb law.

Creco Woman is Killed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—A. Garfield of Hurley, Wis., today shot Pearl Guyot of Creco, Ia., and killed himself. It is said the two have been living together for the last two weeks as man and wife and that they quarreled over her. They had a quarrel which culminated in the murder and suicide.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER.

Promise of Fair Friday and Saturday in Nebraska and Iowa. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Fair Friday and Saturday. For Iowa—Fair and colder Friday; Saturday, fair. For North Dakota—Fair; warmer Saturday. For South Dakota—Fair Friday and Saturday. For Kansas—Fair Friday and Saturday, except rain Saturday in south portion. For Montana—Fair Friday and Saturday. For Illinois—Fair Friday; Saturday, increasing cloudiness, rain in extreme portion, brisk west to northwest winds. For Missouri—Fair Friday; Saturday, rain. For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair Friday and Saturday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU. OMAHA, Jan. 7.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years: Maximum temperature 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901. Minimum temperature 34, 34, 35, 36. Precipitation 41, 24, 25, 22. Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day since March 1, 1903: Normal temperature 32. Excess for the day . . . 3 inches. Total excess since March 1, 1903 . . . 38 inch. Deficiency for the . . . 38 inch. Excess since March 1, 1903, 31 inches. Total rainfall since March 1, 1903, 31.32 inches. Excess since . . . 2.75 inches. Deficiency for cor. period, 1903, . . . 7.77 inch. Deficiency for cor. period, 1902, . . . 6.32 inch.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table showing weather conditions for Omaha, Valentine, North Platte, Cheyenne, Rapid City, Huron, St. Louis, Chicago, and other locations. Columns include temperature, precipitation, and wind direction.

MRS. HAZLETON COLLAPSES.

Believes Her Husband Was Murdered, Robbed and Thrown into River Seine.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE.

As announced we intend to start invoicing Monday and in order to dispose of the unusual number of broken lines in our stock, which were left over from our extensive holiday trade, we are giving a Special Cash Discount of 33 1-3 Per Cent Until That Time. This discount includes everything in our store except diamonds, watches and sterling silver ware. If you desire anything in the jewelry line we feel certain that you will not soon have an opportunity to buy such a profusion of really artistic articles of intrinsic value at such a great discount. Cut Glass or Hand Painted China, Leather Goods, Ebony Brushes, Combs and Mirrors, Clocks, Candelabras, Silver Plated Ware, Stick Pins, Brooches, Locketts, Watch Chains, Chains and Emblem Pins, Pobs, Bracelets, Suit Sets, Jewels, Sterling Silver Novelties, Flasks, Ink Wells, Pen Bon Dishes, Gold Pens, Umbrellas, Canses, Writing Boxes, Fountain Pens, Smoking Sets, Cake Dishes and hundreds of other things. All Sterling Silver in Our Stock at a Discount of 20 Per Cent. We can show you the greatest variety and quote you lower prices on Diamonds than any house west of Chicago.

Metcalfe & Metcalfe ANNUAL PRE-INVENTORY SALE 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON PRICES OF ALL Men's Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats and Trousers and on Men's Sheepskin Lined and Blanket Lined Coats and Overcoats 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON PRICES OF ALL Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Night Robes, Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets This Sale Will Last Until After We Have Finished Taking Our Inventory.

PANIC ON BROOKLYN ELEVATED.

It Follows a Collision Which Kills Three Trainmen and Starts a Fire. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Three trainmen were killed today by a collision of two trains on the Brooklyn elevated railroad. One of the dead was hurled from the structure to the street and nearly every bone in his body broken, while another had his head crushed between the bumper of the engine, which was rammed by a motor train, and the front car of the one drawn by steam power.

RUTH CLEVELAND IS DEAD.

Daughter of Former President is Called Very Suddenly by Diphtheria. PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 7.—Ruth Cleveland, the eldest child of ex-President Cleveland, died at the Cleveland home here today very unexpectedly, the immediate cause of death being a weakening of the heart action during a mild attack of diphtheria. Dr. Wilcox, the attending physician, said that Miss Cleveland had been ill with a mild form of diphtheria for four days and that the heart affection was not anticipated. She was 15 years of age.

FIREMEN SAVE FIFTY LIVES.

Women and Children Huddled in Tenement House Narrowly Escape Death in Flames. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Two incendiary fires early today imperiled the lives of hundreds of persons living in tenement houses at Seventh avenue, Thirty-first street. In one of the crowded buildings the tenants distinguished the blaze in the basement place got such headway that the firemen had to carry fifty half frozen women and children down the fire escapes.

SWIFT COMPANY CONSOLIDATES.

Decides to Increase Stock and Take Over Transportation and Distributing Concerns. CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Swift and Company today it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000. A resolution was adopted that the directors be authorized in their discretion to purchase the whole share distribution markets in New England, New York and New Jersey, now belonging to Swift and Company, a corporation of the state of Maine, and those in Great Britain belonging to the Swift Beef Company (limited), a corporation of England. The directors were also authorized to purchase the refrigerator and other cars used in the business of Swift and Company, now belonging to the Swift Refrigerator Transportation Company, a corporation of the state of Maine.

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