

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

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MINOR MENTION.

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Peterson, gun and locksmith, 499 E-way.
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Irrigated lands produce immense crops, which bring good prices.
Masquerade Ball by Lady Macabees, Thursday, February 25, Macabees Hall.
Medium priced material is what C. Hafer can sell you as good as higher priced articles. Phone 262.

The Associated Charities will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the room at the rear of the Illinois Central city ticket office.

In the irrigated ground an ideal climate, mild winters, sunshine 300 days in the year, fine fruits, good churches, good schools, live trading towns.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to C. Carl, aged 37, and Albatina Madin, aged 28, both of Omaha. Justice Carson officiated at the wedding.

Scott Wilkins, proprietor of a Broadway pool room, arrested Friday evening on complaint of his wife was charged in police court yesterday morning. His wife retained and declined to prosecute.

The hearing of charges Langdon, Chester and Harold Egbert, charged with the theft of bed quilts from Pearson's store on Main street, was continued in police court yesterday until Monday.

Irrigated Land—L. W. Tufts, 162 Main street, Council Bluffs, has been awarded the largest irrigated land company in the United States. Lands at reasonable prices and on very liberal terms. Large opportunity for men with small or large means. Full information for the asking.

A pleasing feature of the program promises to be the playing of Miss Mary Mackenzie Cahill, violinist, recently of Boston. Miss Cahill is said to play with great delicacy and purity of tone and this will be her debut in concert before a Council Bluffs audience.

The Broadway Methodist church choir is working diligently on the program of the free concert which it will give Thursday evening, March 18, in addition to the cantata "Ruth," which will be given with an augmented chorus and several soloists, there will be a few miscellaneous numbers.

The city council in committee of the whole yesterday morning visited the Second Precinct and decided to recommend that the change of grade asked for be granted on condition that the abutting property will sign waivers of all claims for damages.

W. Anderson, a stranger to the police, was arrested last evening charged with the theft of a sackful of miscellaneous groceries belonging to Charles Clark, living a short distance outside the city. Clark, the groceries in his wagon while making further purchases when Anderson happened along, saw the sack and stole it. He had just disposed of the booty for 50 cents when Constable Alberu overhauled him.

Matters in District Court.
James Rowan filed original notice of suit yesterday in the district court against the Union Pacific Railway company for \$5,000 damages for permanent injuries. Rowan is alleged to have been run over August 14, 1902, in an accident at Hawley, Wyo. At the same time Rowan's attorneys filed a lien of \$12,500 on whatever judgment their client may secure against the railroad company.

A motion for a new trial was filed yesterday by the defendant in the suit of J. E. Ault against the Potomac & Atlantic Coast Fair association of Avoca, Ia. This is the suit in which the plaintiff secured judgment for the amount of the prize money in a horse race during the county fair at Avoca on July 4, 1901.

The following assignment of law cases was tried at the conclusion of the trial of W. C. Rogers, charged with the murder of Saloon Keeper Forney, has been made by Judge Thornell:

Tuesday, February 16—Baker against Matheson, Clark against Company, Dryer against Motor Company.
Wednesday, February 17—Long against Faerber, McCoy against Benson.
Thursday, February 18—Smith against Motor Company.
Friday, February 19—Doran and McGinty against Cooper.
Monday, February 22—Jacobs against Edstrom, Jorgensen against Christensen.
Tuesday, February 23—Henderson against Meyer, Harrison against Downs.
Wednesday, February 24—Turk against Illinois Central Railroad Company, Hurlst against Illinois Central Railroad Company.
Thursday, February 25—Dean against Citizens Gas and Electric Company, Gates against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company.
Friday, February 26—McLaughlin against Kimball.

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Rob Railroad Ticket Office.
The company's detectives are investigating the mysterious disappearance of \$100 from the ticket office at the Rock Island depot during the noon hour Friday. Agent Burns left the money, \$150 of which represented ticket sales and \$50 belonging to the express company, in the drawer, instead of placing it in the safe, while he went to dinner. When he returned he found the door to the office open, the cash drawer forced open apparently with a chisel or some similar instrument and the money gone.

There was nothing to show that the door to the office had been forced, so it is supposed the thief opened it with a key, or else that it had been left unlocked. A passenger who happened to be in the waiting room adjoining the ticket office stated that he heard some one walking about in the ticket office and afterward saw a man leave the office and deposit and cross the street. He presumed that the person was an employee of the railroad.

Real Estate Transfers.
These transfers were reported to The Bee February 13 by the abstract, title and loan office of Squire & Annis, 101 Pearl street:

John F. Bloom and wife to Mary A. Shumaker, lot 7, block 19, Dalewood, \$75.
S. C. Pooto to Dave Carlie, lots 1 and 2, block 18, E. City, w. d. c. \$50.
F. H. Worrall and wife to Frank A. Mesemore, north 16 feet lot 3, Hunt, section 3, add. W. d. c. \$200.
Three transfers, total, \$325.

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READY FOR THE ELECTION
Voters to Say Whether Tabor Line Shall Have the Franchise Asked.

CITY CLERK NAMES THE POLLING PLACES
Location of Registration Booths and Dates for Registration Also Announced by the City Officials.

All preliminary arrangements for the special election to be held Monday, February 22, at which time the ordinance granting a franchise to the Council Bluffs, Tabor & Southern Electric Railway company will be submitted for the approval of the people of Council Bluffs, have been practically completed. The registration and polling places in the different precincts have been selected by City Clerk Phillips as follows:

REGISTRATION PLACES.
First ward, First precinct, Jennings' barn, No. 218 East Broadway.
First ward, Second precinct, Sheely & Lane's marble shop, No. 217 East Broadway.
Second ward, First precinct, city hall on Bryant street.
Second ward, Second precinct, drug store of H. M. Smith, on Pearl street.
Third ward, First precinct, Chicago House, No. 135 South Main street.
Third ward, Second precinct, Depot hotel, No. 107 South Main street.
Fourth ward, First precinct, Farmers' hall, court house, on Pearl street.
Fourth ward, Second precinct, Kelly house, No. 122 South Main street.
Fifth ward, First precinct, county building, corner Fifth and Locust streets.
Fifth ward, Second precinct, residence of C. O. Hamilton on Locust street, near Fifth street.

POLLING PLACES.
First ward, First precinct, No. 132 East Broadway.
First ward, Second precinct, No. 207 East Broadway.
Second ward, First precinct, No. 23 Bryant street.
Second ward, Second precinct, No. 132 West Broadway.
Third ward, First precinct, No. 101 South Main street.
Third ward, Second precinct, No. 807 South Main street.
Fourth ward, First precinct, Farmers' hall in court house.
Fourth ward, Second precinct, No. 612 Twelfth avenue.
Fifth ward, First precinct, corner Fifth and Locust streets.
Fifth ward, Second precinct, No. 131 South Main street.
Sixth ward, First precinct, Corner Avenue B and Twenty-fourth street.
Sixth ward, Second precinct, Magnusson building, corner Fifth and Locust streets.

ENGINEER ONLY ONE KILLED
Cars of Milwaukee Limited Badly Smashed in a Collision at Peru.

Engineer William Johnston, who was killed in the head-on collision between the Milwaukee Limited and the Overland Limited No. 2 and freight train No. 65 near Peru Friday night, was a former resident of Council Bluffs, where he has several relatives living. His home is at Perry, where the body was taken.

Brakenham Chris Peterson of 227 South Seventh street, this city, who was reported injured, notified his family yesterday that he had escaped unhurt and remained with his train.

Johnston was engineer of the freight train and is said to have been responsible for the collision. The passenger train was waiting on the main track for the freight to take the siding, and Leonard, his fireman, says that Johnston applied the air at the one mile post, but for some reason, which will never be known, released it, and the train, going at a high speed, crashed into the waiting passenger train. Brakenham jumped and escaped with slight injuries to his knee. Engineer Dailley and Fireman Welsh of the passenger, when they saw the collision was unavoidable, also jumped and escaped injury. Johnston's body was terribly mangled.

Both engines were totally wrecked and the buffer and baggage car were badly damaged, necessitating their being taken to the repair shops. Another engine and baggage car were sent out as soon as possible from Council Bluffs. The Union Pacific wrecker was sent to the scene of the wreck early yesterday morning. The collision occurred just east of Peru, about forty miles from Council Bluffs. The passenger train was shaken up, but none was injured.

Turn a Trick on Carter.
The Omaha police, with the assistance of the local authorities, turned a neat trick on Tom Carter yesterday and he was taken across the river despite his habeas corpus proceedings, to answer to the charge of assisting in the holdup and robbery of the Goldenberg & Hornstein grocery store on Gumbel street.

Carter was being held under an information filed in Justice Ouren's court by the Omaha police, charging him with being a fugitive from justice. To secure his release from being detained on this charge Carter brought the habeas corpus proceedings. In the meantime the Omaha authorities secured the requisite extradition papers for Carter, but could not use them because the habeas corpus proceedings were pending.

In order to get around this obstacle the Omaha officers yesterday dismissed the case against Carter in Justice Ouren's court and he was ordered released from the county jail, the very thing that Carter had sought by resorting to habeas corpus proceedings. His liberty, however, was short lived. The moment Carter stepped from the county jail he was rearrested on the strength of the requisition papers and despite his protests was hurried across the river to Omaha.

When Carter's attorney learned of the stratagem resorted to by the Omaha authorities to secure his man he threatened all kinds of vengeance and will bring the matter to the attention of Judge Thornell in district court Monday. Carter's attorney contends that both the Omaha and Council Bluffs officers acted in contempt of court in removing Carter from the jurisdiction of the district court here pending the hearing of the application for a writ of habeas corpus. County Attorney Kilpatrick, on the other hand, takes the position that the habeas corpus case was to all intents and purposes settled as soon as Carter was released and the case against him in Justice Ouren's court, on which he had been held, dismissed.

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J. M. Murphy Dead.
City Detective J. M. Murphy, who was committed to St. Bernard's hospital February 2, died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, death being due directly to paralysis. After being committed to the hospital he began to fail rapidly and when a few days ago he was stricken with paralysis

self hoped for his recovery were given up. J. M. Murphy, or as he was familiarly known as "Pat" Murphy, was 46 years of age and is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons. He had been a member of the police force for upwards of ten years, having served under Chiefs Carey, Scanlan, Canning and Tibbitts during the administrations of Mayors Rohrer, Macrae, Lawrence, Cleaver, Carson and Morgan. As a police officer he was known all over Iowa.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Latter Day Saints' church on Pierce street and Glen avenue and interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Murphy was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

All members of Bluffs council No. 27, uniform rank Knights of Pythias, will report at council headquarters Monday, February 15, at 1 p. m. in full uniform to take part in the funeral of Mr. Knight J. M. Murphy.

Members of Bluffs council No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will meet at Castle hall on Monday, February 15, at 1 p. m. to attend the funeral of J. M. Murphy. All members of Concordia lodge No. 52, and visiting knights—Shadokiam temple No. 84, Dramatic Order Knights of Kohrasnan and members of camp 12, Modern Woodmen of America—are especially invited to attend.

Church Announcements.
There will be no services today in St. Paul's Episcopal church. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. The Episcopal church there will be morning prayer and sermon by the rector, Rev. T. J. Brooks, D. D., at 11 o'clock. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a missionary service. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. W. C. Lemmer, pastor of the First Christian church, will take as the subject of his morning sermon, "The Victory of Faith." In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be revival services, with special music, at which the pastor will preach on "Why Be a Christian?" Bible school will be held at 9:45 a. m.

At the First Congregational church there will be preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. James Thomson, will take as the subject of his sermon, "Divine Power Exercised for Our Salvation." Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. The church service and the Christian Endeavor society meeting will be at 6:30 p. m.

A memorial service in memory of Miss Frances E. Willard will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Scandinavian Baptist church, corner of Seventh street and Seventh avenue, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

"Christian Education" will be the subject of Rev. Harvey Hostetter's sermon this morning at the Second Presbyterian church. In the evening he will deliver one of his series of illustrated sermons.

The First Church of Christ (Scientist) will hold services at 11 a. m. in the Sapp building, where the subject of the lesson will be "Mind." Sunday school will be held at the close of the services. The regular midweek testimonial meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Second Church of Christ (Scientist) will hold services this morning at 10:45 o'clock in the Woodman hall in the Merriam block. The subject of the lesson will be "Mind." Sunday school will meet at the close of the services. The regular testimonial meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Organ Hotel—Rooms, with or without board; steam heat; free bath; public parlor.
Packing Proposal Hanging Fire.
The proposition of the American Dressed Beef company to establish a packing plant and stock yards in Council Bluffs is still hanging fire and nothing further has been done in the matter by the executive committee of the commercial club.

At the meeting of the committee yesterday H. H. Van Brunt reported that he had been advised that the financial backers of the packing company would be in Council Bluffs the latter part of the week to look the ground over. The contract between the Commercial club and the American Dressed Beef company, which was drawn up by the club's attorneys, has not yet been submitted to the officers of the packing company and will not be until after the visit of the company's financial backers here this week.

F. Hopkinson Smith.
F. Hopkinson Smith, the most talented and versatile of all lecturers, will appear Thursday evening, February 18, at high school auditorium, being the fourth number in the Elk's entertainment course. This will be Mr. Smith's first appearance in this city and his entertainment is anticipated with much pleasure. No seats will be reserved. Tickets may be secured at the door.

Closing Out.
Having bought the Star grocery stock, we will close out the entire stock at a bargain. Furniture, horses and wagons for sale. FRANK PETERSON & CO. Tel. 271. Broadway and Fourth streets.

For Rent.
Store room, 331 Broadway. Inquire C. E. Alexander & Co., 33 Broadway.

PAST WEEK IN BLUFFS SOCIETY
Reception by Mrs. H. A. Quinn Most Pretentious Affair of the Period.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipe entertained at euchre Tuesday evening.
Dr. Donald Macrae, Jr., is home from a visit to Rochester, Minn.
Mrs. William Barker entertained informally at cards Thursday afternoon.
Dr. and Mrs. Jackson entertained informally at cards Wednesday afternoon.

Colonel W. J. Davenport will leave this week for Mexico in hopes of recuperating his health.
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hazelton of Oakland avenue entertained at a large dinner party last night.

Mrs. J. N. Baldwin and daughter, Miss Genevieve, entertained at a course luncheon yesterday afternoon.
A number of Council Bluffs people attended the reception given by Mrs. Frank Haller of Omaha at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will give a card party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Brunt.
Mr. and Mrs. Hafer will give a reception Monday evening in honor of their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hafer of Medford, Ore.

Miss Adah Sargent entertained at a luncheon Tuesday afternoon. The decorations were pink and white. Covers were laid for thirty.
Miss Edith Runyon of Park avenue entertained at luncheon Thursday afternoon. The decorations were pink and green. Covers were laid for thirty.

Miss Agnes Wickham will entertain the girls' club Tuesday afternoon in honor of a number of young women who are visiting in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell entertained a few friends at cards Friday evening. Prizes at cards were won by Mr. W. S. Adams and Mrs. M. T. King.

Mrs. Brooks assisted by Mrs. Harcourt and Mrs. Fuller, will entertain the women of Grace Episcopal church at fifteen tea Tuesday afternoon at the rectory.
Mrs. W. A. Mauer entertained the members of the Tuesday Euchre club at her

home Wednesday. Prizes were won by Mrs. Berensheim and Miss Bennecke.
Mrs. William Pyper entertained the members of the Euchre club at her home Tuesday afternoon. Prizes at cards were won by Mrs. J. C. Keeline, Mrs. Tinley and Miss Groneweg.

Mrs. Lewis Cutler entertained the members of the Oakland avenue Euchre club and the members of the Ideal club at a luncheon given at her home on Fourth street Thursday afternoon.
The members of the Evening club were also entertained Friday evening by Mrs. Lefter.

The card party given by the women of St. Paul's Episcopal church Monday afternoon at the Royal Arcanum hall was one of the largest attended affairs of the season. Six-hundred euchre was the game chosen, fourteen prizes being awarded to the successful players.

The members of the adult classes of the Chamber Dancing academy enjoyed the annual valentine contest Friday evening at Royal Arcanum hall. Several new figures were introduced by the members of the academy. The music for the occasion, about 200 young people were in attendance.

Mr. J. K. Keith, who will leave shortly to join his husband on the Pacific coast, was tendered a pleasant farewell reception Thursday afternoon by the members of the Ladies' Aid society of Trinity Methodist church at the home of Mrs. Jones on High street. The affair was presided over by Mrs. Keith, who was presented with a handsome set of china by the members of the society.

Mrs. H. A. Quinn received at her home on Oakland avenue Friday afternoon from Mrs. J. C. Keeline, Mrs. Tinley and Miss Groneweg. Mrs. Quinn was assisted by Mrs. A. J. Packard and Mrs. Arnold of Woodbine. Mrs. Quinn was formerly a member of the Council Bluffs schools. She is now in the Council Bluffs schools, where she is teaching. She is also a member of the Council Bluffs schools.

Meat Producers Organize.
LOGAN, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—This week the Cattle and Meat Producers' association was organized at a meeting held at the Logan opera house. The officers are: F. F. Beebe, president; S. M. Blackman, vice president; C. W. Hunt, secretary; W. E. Elbert, treasurer; directors, B. B. Barry of Allen, Sidney Coe of Lincoln, H. N. Lawrence of Magnolia, Ed Yager of Boyer, W. P. Campbell of Douglas, C. W. Yager of Taylor, Walter Latta of Calhoun, William Carty of Jefferson, E. P. Greenfield of Cass, W. A. Jones of St. John, B. A. Dwell of La Grange, L. L. Allen of Union, J. S. Stoker of Washington, Patrick Grady of Harrison. G. W. McCoid was chosen to represent Harrison county. The association is to institute legislation to compel Iowa railroads to render more rapid transportation to live stock shipments and to require return passes to the shippers.

Marriage of Mutes.
LAMONI, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A quiet ceremony was witnessed last evening at the home of Elder E. A. Seaman of this city, when his daughter, Betta, was married to Mr. Clark Robinson. Both of the contracting parties are deaf mutes and Rev. W. H. Kelley performed the ceremony by the use of an interpreter, a sister of the bride, who repeated on her fingers the questions of the ceremony. The groom is a prosperous young man, whose farm and comfortable home near Odell, Ia., awaits his bride, who is an exceptionally pretty and popular young woman. Both these young people are well educated, having graduated from the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs, at which place they first met and found their happiness. They start tomorrow for their home, intending to stop at Council Bluffs and visit their alma mater en route.

Elect Institute Officers.
LOGAN, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The officers of the Harrison County Farmers' Institute have been elected as follows: President, Homer C. Caldwell of Logan; vice president, J. E. Kirkwood of Missouri Valley; secretary, Mrs. Arthur F. Rice of Woodbine; executive committee, W. A. Jones of Missouri Valley, Mrs. E. E. Beck of Logan, G. B. Hewitt of Woodbine, Miss Tillie Perry of Logan, Milton Merchant of Logan, Mrs. Fred Schwertley of Missouri Valley.

Arrested for Old Murder.
FARMINGTON, Ia., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Charles Cackley is under arrest for a murder committed thirty-six years ago. He was caught in Missouri, according to telegraphic reports and will be brought here for trial. Cackley was accused of stealing a horse and while in jail shot and killed a constable, escaped from prison and disappeared. Recently he applied for a pension under the name of John Beck, and through the investigation of that department government officers got track of him and he will also be prosecuted for fraud.

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The statement indicates that the savings banks have been calling in their loans and adding to their reserve, for their item of bills receivable decreased in the same time by \$1,498,022. This showing of added strength to the savings banks is in striking contrast to the showing of last November. It is also noticeable that the number of banks has materially increased.

Other items in the summary of the savings banks reports to the state auditor are: Capital stock, increase \$27,300; deposits, increase \$53,117; sums due banks, increase \$4,893; surplus, increase \$10,000; undivided profits, decrease \$23,773; total assets, increase \$125,595; overdrafts, decrease \$46,728. The increase in the item of undivided deposits is highly gratifying, as at the last report there was a decrease shown.

Court Decides Tax Ferret Case.
The supreme court of Iowa today decided the tax ferret case from Hardin county involving a private and secret contract made by the Board of Supervisors with C. E. Albrook, a lawyer, under which he secured \$5,000 for collecting the discovered back taxes. He divided this with the tax ferret, which had been paid, received a like amount. When the fact was discovered the taxpayers rose in arms and drove the auditor out of office for hiding the contract and brought suit against Albrook. The suit was the direct cause of all the political troubles in the county last year, which resulted in a revolution there. Today the supreme court affirms the lower court in its position that the contract was entirely illegal and even if legal there was no work actually done to warrant any such payments and affirms the judgment to recover the amount from the attorney or the firm of tax ferrets.

Right to a Child.
In deciding a case from Monroe county, that of Dunkin against Belfert, the supreme court laid down the rule that considerations of wealth and comfort cannot be allowed to weigh against the natural right of a parent to his child. The plaintiff, on the death of his wife, had allowed his mother-in-law to take his child to Colorado, but insisted on its return. She resisted and claimed the child had been given her with consent of the father. The court finds nothing to support this contention. It was also contended that the interests of the child would be promoted by leaving it with its grandmother. But the court finds that it is not a controlling consideration that the grandmother is a woman of considerable means. "If it were admitted," says the court, "to be such, then no poor man could hope to retain the nurture, comfort and companionship of his own child against the claim of a rich neighbor who may be inclined to offer it a home. At between persons claiming with equal right, the advantages of wealth and opportunity may have weight; but as against a man who has never abandoned or surrendered the custody of his child, who is able and willing to give it decent support and is morally

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(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The savings banks of Iowa have been putting themselves into better condition for a hard winter than the national banks. The statement from Washington as to the condition of national banks in Iowa under the call of the comptroller January 22 showed a decrease in the legal reserves held by these banks. The savings banks of Iowa at the same time reported to the state auditor under a simultaneous call for reports and a tabulation of these reports shows that the reserve in the savings banks of Iowa was increased between November 9 last and January 22 by \$1,498,022.

The statement indicates that the savings banks have been calling in their loans and adding to their reserve, for their item of bills receivable decreased in the same time by \$1,498,022. This showing of added strength to the savings banks is in striking contrast to the showing of last November. It is also noticeable that the number of banks has materially increased.

Other items in the summary of the savings banks reports to the state auditor are: Capital stock, increase \$27,300; deposits, increase \$53,117; sums due banks, increase \$4,893; surplus, increase \$10,000; undivided profits, decrease \$23,773; total assets, increase \$125,595; overdrafts, decrease \$46,728. The increase in the item of undivided deposits is highly gratifying, as at the last report there was a decrease shown.

fit to have it in charge, the wealth or position or moral worth of an opposing claimant is of little moment.</