NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Leffert's glasses fit.
Stockert sells carpets.
The Faust cigar, 5 cents.
M. F. Rohrer returned yesterday from Chillicothe, Mo.
Tigredia temple, Hathbone Sisters, will meet this evening at 8 o'clock.
Pyrography outfits and supplies. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Broadway.
Spring repairs a pleasure if you will but order your lumber from C. Hafer.
J. F. McParland of Rushville, Neb., was in the city yesterday visiting friends.
Grand Ball Saturday, the 12th, G. A. R. Hall, given by Bluffs City Lodge, No. 517.
The art loan exhibit will close Saturday night. Program every afternoon and evening. Lunch served today only.
Mrs. Ed C. Brown and Miss Etna Hillis were called to Dunlap yesterday by the death of their uncle, Robert B. Hillis.
Court Wacondah and Court Council Bluffs, Independent Order of Foresters, will hold a regular meeting this evening in Woodmen of the World hall.
Burlington railroad officials notified the police last night that a car had been broken into at Malvern and a quantity of shoes, a box of dry goods, a bundle of whips and a case of hardware stolen.
Andrew Carlson, who escaped some weeks ago from the Hospital for Dipsomaniacs at Mount Pleasant, has been sentenced to twenty days on bread and water by Police Court Judge Scott for being drunk and disorderly.
J. C. Smoot, a guest at the Revere house, was taken by the police last evening to Mercy hospital on orders of City Physician Houghton. Smoot was said to be suffering from an incipient attack of delirium tremens.
R. D. Herriman, the young man with numerous aliases suspected of trying to pass a bogus $50 bill, was released from the city jail yesterday. The police failed to locate the alleged bogus bill and as this was the only evidence against him the court ordered him discharged.
The police were notified last evening by the authorities at Tabor to be on the lookout for two men with loads of junk, who were suspected of stealing six bicycles and a quantity of tools. They were thought to be heading for Council Bluffs.
A meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club has been called for 1 o'clock this afternoon at the clubrooms to make arrangements to send a committee to Des Moines next Monday to attend the hearing on the Lyons bill calling for the appointment of a commission to relocate the State School for the Deaf within 100 miles of Des Moines.
John T. Hazen, former sheriff of Pottawattamie county and now a justice of the peace at Avoca, officiated at two weddings in the office of the clerk of the district court yesterday, the couples married by him being Harry K. Park and Luella D. Bolt of Macedonia and E. M. Miller and Anne Swoytek of Omaha. Justice Hazen happened by mere chance to be in visiting Clerk Reed's office when the couples arrived for their licenses.

Death of Mrs. Oberholtzer.

Mrs. Lavinia Oberholtzer, wife of H. H. Oberholtzer, 701 Third street, died yesterday morning from paralysis, aged 69 years. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. H. Bloomer and Mrs. J. P. Davis, both of this city, and two sons, Henry of Nebraska City and Clarence of this city. Mrs. Oberholtzer was one of the pioneer settlers of Council Bluffs. She was a native of Oregon, Pa., and was married to Mr. Oberholtzer in 1855 and with him came to Council Bluffs in 1856, where they have made their home ever since. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the residence and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery, Rev. James Thomson, pastor of the First Congregational church, of which Mrs. Oberholtzer was a member, will conduct the services.

Officer Meets Bob Scott.

Bob Scott returned to Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon. He came by way of Omaha and on alighting from a motor car at the corner of Pearl street and Broadway was greeted by Deputy Sheriff Woolman, who escorted him to the county jail. Scott, who is a well known police character, was indicted in 1901 on a charge of larceny from a building, it being alleged that he stole a coat belonging to A. Reed, which at the time happened to have a pocketbook in it containing $35. Scott was permitted to sign his own bond and the case was dropped from the docket by the county attorney. Scott, in return for this clemency, promised to leave the city and stay away. In the event of his return the agreement provided that the case should be reinstated.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported March 9 to The Bee by the abstract, title and loan office of Squire & Annis, 101 Pearl street:

Richard Jessen and wife to Martin Thompson, lots 6 and 7, McGee's sub., w. d.	$ 1,100
Henry Grady to Mary C. McMullen, lot 12 and s10 feet lot 11, block 10, Macedonia, w. d.	750
W. C. Sievers and wife to A. R. Longnecker, e150 feet lot 34, block 4, Hinckley's add. to Walnut Hill, w. d.	550
C. P. Swarm and wife to F. S. Coye, lot 8 and n10 ft lot 4, block 3, Oakland, w. d.	2,500
Peter Harrison and wife to Fred Wood, s½ sw¼ 22-74-39, w. d.	5,000
J. W. Downs and wife to Z. Grayhill, e½ sw¼ 10-76-42, q. c. d.	163
R. T. Wright and wife to F. S. Friend, s½ se¼ 5-77-44, w. d.	6,000
F. S. Friend and wife to L. F. Friend, n81 acres n½ ne¼ 8-77-44, w. d.	3,825
John A. Kirkland and wife to C. H. Deur, se¼ se¼ 23, ne¼ nw¼ nw¼ ne¼ 26 and part sw¼ se¼ 23-77-44, w. d.	4,000
Mabel Venard and husband to Charles Muller, e½ sw¼ 35-76-43, e½ nw¼, 2-75-43 nw of creek, w.d.	1,866
Total, ten transfers	$25,757

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Floyd D. Doner, Treynor, Ia.	22
Cora A. Potter, Carson, Ia.	22
Louis C. James, Council Bluffs	54
Arte J. Hulbert, Council Bluffs	46
David Frank Oglesbee, Neola, Ia.	19
Anne Niemann, Minden, Ia.	18
Harry K. Park, Macedonia, Ia.	21
Luella D. Bolt, Macedonia, Ia.	21
Bernard H. Habrock, Decatur, Neb.	31
Lena Harrings, Council Bluffs	22
E. M. Miller, Omaha	22
Anne Swoytek, Omaha	18

DEMOCRATS NAME A TICKET

School Board Convention Calls Out a Little Bit of Fire.

ONE OF THE NOMINEES DECLINES TO RUN

City Central Committee Immediately Places Dr. Bellinger in Place Vacated by A. T. Elwell's Resignation.

For School Director..... S. S. KELLER
..... JOHN I. LUTZ
..... A. T. ELWELL
For School Treasurer..GEORGE S. DAVIS

This school ticket was placed in nomination last night by the democratic school convention.

Chairman J. J. Hughes of the city central committee, called the convention to order and after reading the call named W. H. Thomas as chairman, Lee Evans was selected as secretary and the temporary organization was made permanent after the gathering had gone through the formality of having a committee on credentials report on the delegates.

Chairman Thomas refrained from making any speech or even going through the old time custom of thanking the convention for "the honor" of being called upon to preside. The feature of the convention was the trouble the chairman had of distinguishing between the informal and formal ballots.

A call of the precincts brought out the following candidates for members of the school board: John I. Lutz, S. S. Keller, P. G. Mikesell. One of these candidates was evidently not to the liking of Major George H. Richmond of the Second ward, as he objected to any candidate being named whose qualification was, as he put it, that he was a resident of a ward which demanded representation on the school board. The democratic party, he insisted, should nominate only men of culture, education and standing in the community for such an office. The party, he said, had such men in its ranks. He was greeted with considerable applause when he resumed his seat.

On motion of J. J. Hughes, S. S. Keller was accorded a renomination by acclamation and then a formal ballot was taken, which resulted in nominating John I. Lutz and bringing out A. T. Elwell and Dr. C. H. Bower. Another formal ballot nominated Elwell by 35 votes against 26 for Dr. Bower.

George S. Davis was renominated for treasurer on the first ballot but not, however, without opposition as Louis Zurmuehlen, jr., received 24 votes.

The convention then adjourned after the city central committee had been authorized to fill any vacancies which might occur. This was deemed necessary as it was not at all certain that Mr. Elwell will accept the nomination.

When notified of his nomination, Mr. Elwell positively declined to be a candidate and the city central committee was hastily called together by Chairman Hughes and it filled the vacancy by naming Dr. M. J. Bellinger.

PROVIDE FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

City Council Decides It Can Raise the Money.

The section of the city south of Sixteenth avenue is to be afforded fire protection. This was decided upon at the meeting of the committee of the whole of the city council yesterday, which will recommend that an appropriation of $5,000 be made this year for the equipment and maintenance of an engine house in that part of the city. This appropriation will be made at the time the various amounts for the maintenance of the several city departments for the fiscal year beginning April 1 are appropriated.

In arriving at this decision the aldermen realized the absolute necessity for fire protection in the southern part of the city, one of the strongest arguments for its need being the Twentieth avenue school building of twelve rooms, crowded with children, and completely without protection in case of fire. Further, the fact stared the committee in the face that this section of the city is well built up and largely populated and was justly entitled to what it asked, if there was any possible way at all by which the necessary funds could be raised. After a conference with the city treasurer and auditor the committee decided that the money could be secured in some way or another.

The city will install a combined chemical engine and hose cart with a crew of three men and the people of that section of the city will for their part erect a suitable building for an engine house and lease same to the city at a rental which will give them a fair interest on their money, the city to have an option to purchase the building whenever it deems fit. T. A. Brewick, president of the South Side Improvement club, informed the committee that the people living south of Sixteenth avenue stood ready to put up the building at a moment's notice.

In appropriating $5,000 it is figured that the equipment of the fire station will take about $2,500. A combination chemical and hose cart, it is figured, will cost $1,500; team of horses $460, and other necessary equipment for the house about $500. It is possible, however, Chief Templeton thought, that these figures might be scaled down somewhat and that a saving might be made by building the wagon at home and purchasing the chemical tank separate and putting it on here. The salaries of three men for a year will be $3,160.

Reports from the city treasurer and auditor disclosed the fact that the municipality was better off financially than had been thought. When the appropriations were made for the fiscal year which is now drawing to a close the total revenue of the general fund was estimated at about $71,000. The receipts, however, have exceeded $75,000, while the expenses of the departments maintained out of the general fund will not exceed $70,000. The disbursements from the general fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1903, were $69,201.04, and City Treasurer True stated yesterday that he did not think they would exceed that amount for this year.

When the fiscal year closes on March 31 it is estimated there will be close upon $1,000 left from the amount appropriated to meet the deficiency in the water fund, and this can be used toward defraying the expense of installing the engine house in the southern part of the city. This year about $1,000 had to be appropriated for the expenses of the city election, but during the coming fiscal year this will be one item which will be saved, as the next city election will not be until the spring of 1906. Then again all receipts above the amounts appropriated are at the end of the fiscal year turned into the contingent fund, and it will probably be from this fund that the greater part of what will be needed to provide fire protection in the southern part of the city will be drawn. In any case the aldermen said they felt certain that in recommending the establishment of a fire engine house south of Sixteenth avenue the money would be forthcoming from somewhere.

Indict Neola Postmaster.

The federal grand jury completed its deliberations yesterday and adjourned, after returning one lone indictment. As there are several jury cases for trial this term Judge McPherson ordered that fifteen of the grand jurors be retained to serve as petit jurors.

The one indictment was against George L. Wilkinson, postmaster at Neola, on a charge of illegally detaining a certain issue of the Neola Reporter and refusing to send the papers out on the rural routes. Postmaster Wilkinson's offense is said to have been committed entirely through ignorance of his powers as postmaster. It seems that on December 12 the Neola Reporter, which is a weekly paper, published at Neola, this county, and entitled to free delivery in the county, contained a four-page supplement, said to have been printed by a democratic paper in Omaha. Postmaster Wilkinson was of the opinion that this supplement was not entitled to free delivery and reported to the department at Washington. The department in February notified Mr. Wilkinson to collect the postage on that particular issue of the Reporter, amounting to $24. He failed to collect, so on February 24, in order to force the collection he refused to send out the week's issue until the postage due was paid. In this the grand jury held, evidently, that he exceeded his power and committed an indictable offense. Subsequently, the department at Washington, through the efforts of Congressman Hitchcock, it is said, reversed its former opinion and held that the supplement, although not printed in the county, formed an integral part of that particular issue of the Reporter and was therefore with the rest of the paper entitled to free delivery.

Royal M. Zimmer, a former rural route mail carrier at Dunlap, charged with embezzlement of funds entrusted to him for the purchase of postal orders, was tried yesterday and found guilty. Judge McPherson sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in the county jail at Red Oak.

Today will be begun the trial of the three suits against the Burlington railroad for damages, aggregating $150,000, for injuries alleged to have been received by Mrs. John W. Lowder in a wreck in May, 1901. One suit is brought by the husband, a second by the husband as administrator and the third by H. W. Proctor, guardian of Mrs. Lowder, who is claimed to have gone insane as the result of her injuries. In each of the three suits the damages were placed at $50,000. By agreement yesterday it was decided to combine the three suits for trial.

Matters in District Court.

Howard W. Hall has brought suit against the Illinois Central railroad, by which he was formerly employed as a brakeman, for $15,000 for injuries alleged to have been received while in the performance of his duty at Sherwood, Ia., February 25, 1903. Hall was thrown from the top of a car while the train on which he was working was switching in the yards at Sherwood and suffered a fracture of the left leg just below the knee. He sets forth in his petition that he was earning then $75 a month and was in line for promotion, but since the accident he has been unable to do any work.

Owing to the case of Mrs. C. W. Keeline against A. A. Clark still occupying the attention of the court Judge Thornell was unable yesterday to hear the motion for a new trial in the case of W. C. Rogers, and continued it until this morning. Assistant County Attorney Hess stated yesterday that he is well provided with a number of counter affidavits in rebuttal of those filed by Rogers' attorneys.

Assails Tax Ferret Law.

Mrs. Annie Jefferis, against whom suit was brought by County Treasurer Consigny to enforce the collection of back taxes on property said to have been omitted and unearthed by the tax ferret, has brought suit in the United States court to restrain such collection on the part of the county treasurer. Mrs. Jefferis attacks the tax ferret law as being unconstitutional. Delinquent taxes to the amount of about $3,000 were claimed against Mrs. Jefferis and the Jefferis estate, of which she is the administratrix.

Mrs. V. Badollet Dead.

Mrs. Caroline Claypoole Badollet, wife of Vigo Badollet and a resident of Council Bluffs for forty-one years, died last evening at her home, 162 Glen avenue, aged 73 years. Besides the husband two daughters, Levina and Sue, the latter principal of the Madison Avenue school, and two sons, Perry of this city and Francis of Philadelphia survive her.

PRIVATE BANK GOES TO THE WALL.

Deposits Sixty Thousand and Assets Largely Real Estate.

CLARINDA, Ia., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Bank of Coin, a private banking institution owned exclusively by Luther Van Arsdol at Coin, Page county, assigned today to Ed F. Rose and Charles Hart for the benefit of its creditors. The schedule of deposits is nearly $60,000. The assets include real estate in different states. The claim is made that the depositors will be paid nearly or quite all due them, but there is also a belief that they will not fare so well. Considerable of the bank's business has been going to a rival institution.

Farmers' Sale a Success.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The third farmers' sale and exchange held in Missouri Valley today was a marked success. Several thousand dollars worth of farm stuff and live stock was offered by the farmers, for sale or exchange by the Commercial club. Buyers were present from the live stock markets and stuff brought good prices. Farmers are well pleased with the plan, as it creates the best possible home market for their surplus stock and other stuff.

Girl Eludes Her Mother.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Jessie Sherman of this city is supposed to be in Omaha somewhere, but her mother has been unable to locate her. She ran away from home and after an exciting chase, in which cabs were brought into play, eluded her mother and took the train for Omaha. She is 18 years of age and both the girl and her mother are well known in this city.

Selling Water at Waterloo.

DES MOINES, March 9.—Because of the typhoid epidemic distilled water is selling on the streets of Waterloo at 5 cents per gallon. E. M. Cudderbeck, a suburban drayman, disposed of 3,000 gallons of pure water there today. Waterlooans would rather pay for water than drink the tasteless boiled quality they have been forced to drink.

Employers Will Adopt Scale.

IOWA CITY, March 9.—(Special.)—On the night of March 16 the newly formed Employers' Protective association holds its second official meeting and it will at that time adopt a scale of wages which will make a material reduction in wages at this place.

LEGISLATORS GO TO AMES

Object is to Familiarize Themselves with Work of State College.

RECALL REAPPORTIONMENT RESOLUTION

Exemption Bill Coming Up in Another Form, but Chances Are It Will Meet Same Opposition as Predecessor.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, March 9.—(Special.)—The members of the Iowa legislature went on a special train to Ames this afternoon, where they inspected the state college there and were entertained by the Commercial club of Ames. The purpose of the visit is to enable the new members to become more familiar with the work that is being done at the college. Nearly every member of both houses went on the excursion.

Senator Young of Lee, this morning introduced a bill in the senate, having for its object the abolishing of the State Board of Railway commissioners. The reading of the bill created a ripple of excitement. It comes as the result of petitions which have been received recently by members of both houses, in which the declaration is made that the railway commission is of no value to the people of the state and should be abandoned.

Senator Hughes' resolution for election of United States senators by popular vote was adopted.

The joint resolution providing for an amendment to the state constitution, so as to permit the reapportionment of the state in representative and senatorial districts, giving each county in the state at least one representative, was called back from the governor for consideration. Before attaching his signature to the resolution, which had already passed both houses, Governor Cummins discovered a defect in the title. It was to correct this that the resolution was recalled. Members of the senate, remembering the experience of recent years in regard to the biennial election constitutional amendment, insisted that the resolution be again referred to the judiciary committee for thorough inspection. This action was objected to by Senator Jamison, who felt it might mean the killing of the resolution in the committee. After assurance, however, that all the senators were favorable to the bill, he withdrew his objection and the reference was made.

Senator Gilliland's bill amending the code so as to apply the same laws to the collection of assessments for permanent sidewalk improvements, as now apply to assessments for paving and sewer work, was adopted.

The senate also passed a bill permitting the sale of the Iowa building at the St. Louis fair by the commission.

The members of the house of representatives today recognized the presence in the city of the members of the Pioneer Lawmakers' association and extended an invitation to that association to meet in the house chamber tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for a special session with the legislators. The motion to that effect was by Mr. Kendall, who was made chairman of a committee with Messrs. Maben and Willson to prepare a program for the occasion.

An Even Division.

The house came up against its first tie vote on any proposition. The report of the committee on railroads on the bill to require that telegraph operators must have certificates if they are to be in responsible positions on railroads was presented recommending indefinite postponement. The report failed on a tie vote. The division was:

Ayes:

Bealer,	Stanberry,	McCreary,
Bixby,	Washburn,	McCulloch,
Buckingham,	Weeks,	McDole,
Clary,	Wright,	Martin,
Conn,	Wyland,	Mattes,
Cross,	Flenniken,	Morris,
Leech,	Frudden,	Teachout,
Lister,	Geteva,	Temple,
Nichols,	Hambleton,	Welden,
Prevo,	Hume,	Willson,
Skinner,	Jones,	Wise,
Spaulding,	Lamkin,	Speaker Clarke—58

Nays:

Bailey,	Hanna,	McAllister,
Calderwood,	Harris,	McClurkin,
Carstensen,	Olson,	McElrath,
Cassel,	Peet,	McNie,
Cheney,	Robinson,	Manning,
Cobb,	Whitmer,	Maben,
Dashiell,	Helea,	Mott,
Davis,	Hollenbeak,	Offil,
Doran,	Kendall,	Saylor,
Dow,	Kling,	Shaffer,
Gregory,	Laird,	Sommers,
Hakes,	Landt,	Whiting—36.

The bill to increase the salary of the assistant attorney general to $1,800 a year was passed.

The house failed, 20 to 58, to pass a bill providing that in case a majority of the signers to a druggist's liquor permit withdraw their names from the same it shall be void.

The committee bill to provide for transportation of pupils and closing of the schools in rural districts under certain limited conditions was defeated 45 to 35.

A bill to provide for township cemetery funds and the care thereof was passed; also a bill in regard to appointments to the State Board of Health so that doctors may succeed themselves; and three legalizing bills.

New Bills.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to provide for a good roads and drainage commission for the state, and a bill was put in by Nichols changing the time of the annual school meeting from September to July.

Senate Bills—Garst, investment of funds of insurance companies; Young, Lee, to abolish board of railway commissioners; Bruce, to amend law relative to working roads; Jackson, on street improvements and special assessments therefore; Young, Washington, increasing salary of commandant of Soldiers' home from $1,800 to $2,000; Gilliland, relating to divorces; Turner, relative to school years and regular meetings of boards; Turner, regulating running of steam engines on public highways; Bruce, settlement of estates and release of mortgages.

Roads Bill to Come Up.

The bill to repeal the new road law, or to change it so as to leave it optional with townships to return in part to the old system of subdistricts and working out the roads in the old manner, has been made a special order in the house for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. There are two reports on the bill and the matter will be fought on the floor. The friends of the law as it is now are in favor of preventing any modification at this session and declare that the law has not as yet had a fair chance to show what it will accomplish. They are therefore in favor of postponing all matters relating to a change.

A hearing is to be given next Monday on the proposal to appropriate for the completion of the Iowa historical building. This building has been partially completed for a number of years and is now over-crowded, but the legislatures have failed to provide money to continue the work.

Change in Exemption Bill.

The bill which was defeated for exempting only a part of the wages of workingmen from garnishment is to come up in another form in the house. The new bill provides for a flat exemption of $40 a month in the wages and all above this to be subject to garnishment. It has been changed in the committees so that in case garnishment actions are brought where it is shown that the wages attached were not exempt, then the costs should fall on the creditor. But even in this modified form the bill will be strongly opposed in the house. It is urged by the retail grocers and other merchants of the state.

The senate committee on schools has indorsed the bill to provide for teaching the rudiments of agriculture in the common schools of the state, also the bill to provide for the examination of the papers of teachers seeking certificates by the State Board of Educational Examiners.

Court Changes Its Ruling.

The supreme court today filed an amended decision in the case from Dallas county, involving back taxes on the estate of L. Cardell. The court had previously held that the back taxes could be collected by Webster, Kossuth and Dallas counties under the tax ferret system. Now the court finds that in the case of Dallas county the treasurer had never in fact made the actual assessment of the property before commencing suit, a fact overlooked by the court before, hence that as to Dallas county the taxes are void. A large sum is involved in the taxes on this estate.

In a case involving a contest for county treasurer in Mahaska county the court disposed of the question of costs by directing that the defeated county treasurer who held onto his office after the other man was elected should pay the costs and not the county, which was made a party to the suit.

The court's decisions were:

State against Harry Wagner, appellant; Van Buren county, Judge Vermillion; affirmed by Weaver.

Contest of Wilford Hull, appellant, against W. W. Eby; Mahaska county, Judge Scott; affirmed by Ladd.

Anna M. Jacobson, appellant, against Nina M. Smith; Polk county, Judge Holmes; affirmed by Bishop.

J. A. Thornburg, treasurer, against Leander Cardell; Dallas county, Judge Applegate; rehearing; reversed in part by Deemer.

American Trading and Storage company, appellants, against Frank Gottstein; Polk county, Judge Prouty; reversed by McClain.

Francis Kane, appellant, against John Grady; Johnson county, Judge Byington; reversed by Sherwin.

Elevator Accident Verdict.

The jury called by the coroner to investigate and report on the accident at the state house when two women lost their lives in an elevator reported this afternoon and made a report which divides responsibility. The primary responsibility was placed on the state for the method of operating the elevators and from the fact that the men who run the elevators are selected for political reasons and not because of skill in such work; but the direct responsibility was divided between the operator, who has since resigned and been supplanted by another employe by resolution of the general assembly, and the two women who were the victims. The jury confined itself largely to a statement of the facts as they were found.

State Federation of Labor.

The call has just been issued for the annual meeting of the Iowa Federation of Labor at Marshalltown, May 10. The representation is the same as in the past. The reports will show a considerable increase in the business of the labor organizations and advance in membership. A. L. Urick of this city is the president of the federation and has devoted his entire time to the work.

Iowa Pioneer Convention.

With Judge Joseph R. Reed as president the Pioneer Law Makers of Iowa began their biennial meeting this forenoon in the hall of history at the Iowa State Historical building. There was an attendance of nearly fifty of the men who years ago were the movers for the progress which has made Iowa a notable state. Governor Cummins delivered the address of welcome praising the former lawmakers for the durability of the structure which they had started. His address was responded to by Former Lieutenant Governor Warren S. Dungan, who recited much of the history of the state government.

The reports of the officers of the various districts were made at the afternoon session and several papers read, including one by George D. Perkins of Sioux City on "The Influence of the Press in the Development of Iowa." Judge S. H. Fairall of Iowa City was on the program for a paper on "The North General Assembly" and a memorial was paid to Gideon S. Bailey, the last surviving member of the first legislature, by Judge P. M. Casady.

FIGHT FOR BLACKBIRD ISLAND.

Residents of Monona County in Court to Settle Title to Land.

ONAWA, Ia., March 9.—(Special.)—Judge Gaynor of the Monona county district court, today granted a temporary writ of injunction against George F. Phillips and William L. Johnson, restraining defendants from taking possession of what is generally known as Blackbird Island in the Missouri river, claiming that it belongs to the Omaha Tribe of Indians and has been in their possession since 1854.

The title of the case filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of Monona county, is Lizzie Wiekershaw against George Phillips and Williams L. Johnson, defendants, and is entitled, "Petition of Intervention of Omaha Tribe of Indians." The petition covers three pages of typewritten matter. Paragraph No. 1 recites that since about 1854 said tribe has been in possession of certain lands set off to it by the United States government, and including lands in sections 29 and 30, township 85, north range 10, east sixth principal meridan in the state of Nebraska; that said lands, or a portion thereof, are held in common by the members of said tribe of Indians and in part are set off in security to certain members of said tribe, and same thereof have been patented to certain members of the tribe. Paragraph No. 2 says that one Karns held leases of certain tribal lands in said vicinity and paid rent therefor to the proper officers charged therewith; that said Karns sublet said lands by verbal lease to the defendants; that pursuant to said sublease, said defendants, about 1901, went into possession of said lands; that since taking possession they have paid rent through said Karns to the officers charged with collecting rent for said tribe. Paragraph 3 says that said lands are sometimes called Blackbird island; that so-called island is not an island in fact, but is firmly, and has been for years attached to the Nebraska mainland and until the actions of defendants hereinafter set forth was considered a part of the state of Nebraska, and in anywise was included within the aforesaid Indian reservation. Paragraph four says that falsely and fraudently and with intent to deceive the government officials and to deprive said tribe of Indians of the title to said land, the defendants secured a survey of the so-called island and adjacent lands; that this was done by fraudulent misrepresentations on the part of defendants, and the lands opened for public entry at the United States land office, Des Moines Ia.; that December 3, 1903, said defendants filed homestead applications for said lands; that they accompanied said applications with false affidavits, stating that they had lived on said lands, for the purpose of taking a homestead, for five years, whereas, in fact, they were subtenants and had paid rent for said lands. Paragraph 5 says that defendants have cut timber; placed sawmills thereon, and are now engaged in cutting timber and selling timber from said lands, etc. Henry H. Griffith and Hiram Chase are attorneys for the intervenors.