

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

ASSESSOR HARDIN STRIKES

Refuses to Take the Census for Amount Allowed by the Board.

SAYS IT WOULD BE A LOSING VENTURE

Other Assessors Complain to Board of Insufficient Allowance and Are Granted an Increase of Pay.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday City Assessor Hardin served formal notice that he would decline to take the census of Council Bluffs for the \$500 allowed by the board. In taking this step Mr. Hardin explained that to do the work of taking the census at this remuneration would entail a loss of \$50 or \$60. Up to adjournment last evening the board had taken no action in the matter and it was understood that it desired first to hold another conference with Mr. Hardin. It is doubtful if the board has the power to appoint any person in Mr. Hardin's place, as the law provides that if the assessor refuses to take the census or is incompetent to act, the auditor shall appoint someone to do it.

When the assessors of Pottawattamie county met yesterday at the court house to receive instructions and blanks for making the assessment and taking the state census they promptly decided as soon as they learned the nature of their duties that the compensation which the Board of Supervisors had arranged to allow them was entirely inadequate. They at once set about to modify the plan that they thought the work was deserving of larger remuneration by adopting the following resolution:

Whereas, We, as qualified assessors and taxpayers of the county, find the work of assessing and census taking as outlined by the Board of Supervisors of the state is much greater than that of the previous year and far greater than had been expected; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully petition your honorable body to increase the salaries of said assessors 100 per cent of the amount paid in 1904, with the exception of Council Bluffs.

J. E. Larimore, T. D. Gayle and C. A. Sample were appointed a committee to present the resolution to the board. This action on the part of the assessors was not unexpected for, and the supervisors unanimously voted to grant the request.

In fixing the salaries of the assessors for this year the board first allowed an increase of 20 per cent over the amount paid last year and to this added 100 per cent of the increased amount for taking the census. Under the new arrangement the assessors will receive something over 20 per cent more than originally decided by the board.

J. M. Coons of Macedonia township, A. D. Blakely of James, J. Schonfeld of West, G. J. Miller of Neola and L. C. Ward of Knox were appointed a committee to recommend a valuation to be placed on land. On this committee's recommendation it was decided to assess good agricultural land at \$1.50 acres and leave thin, rough and land subject to overflow to the discretion of the assessors.

The placing of values on personal property and stock was confided to a committee consisting of Paul Beasey of Center township, W. A. Allerton of Silver Creek, M. H. Park of Rockham, A. Armstrong of Valley and J. H. Watson of Waveland. The committee suggested the following figures which were adopted:

One-year-old colts, \$4; 2-year-old colts, \$20; horses 2 years old and over, \$2; 1-year-old geldings, \$12; 2-year-old geldings, \$16; cows, \$20; 1-year-old steers, \$16; 2-year-old steers, \$24; steers 3 years old and over, \$20; cattle in feeding, 1 cent per pound; swine over 6 months old, 4 cents per pound; sheep over 6 months, 2 cents per pound.

The meeting was presided over by Henry Hardin, supervisor of assessment and J. E. Larimore of Armstrong as secretary. Former County Auditor J. M. Matthews explained the duties of the assessors while W. D. Hardin, assessor for Council Bluffs, explained the taking of the census. All of the assessors were present.

Cost of Bridge Work.

The report of the members of the board showing the amount expended on bridge work in their respective territories during last year was as follows:

Bridges, \$1,200,000; total expended, \$1,425,38. Dryden-New bridges, \$1,367,45; total expended, \$1,378,65. Spencer-New bridges, \$4,749,57; total expended, \$4,840,11. Spencer-New bridges, \$386,11; total expended, \$377,31.

Louis Cutler and Charles Lumley, the two local undertakers, submitted a joint bid for the burying of pauper dead at \$12 a case, except in cases of contagious diseases and coroner's cases, \$20, and in case of deaths at the poor farm the county to pay cost of transportation to city.

The report of Superintendent White of the State Insane Asylum at Clarinda showed that Pottawattamie county has nineteen female and twenty-four male patients in the institution.

At the request of County Treasurer Conroy, Messrs. Bowman and Spencer Smith will check up the accounts of that office for the last year.

The board expects to complete the business of the January session today and adjourn.

Hospital is Reincorporated.

Amended articles of incorporation of the Woman's Christian association, as revised upon at the annual meeting last Monday and made necessary by the association transferring the management of its hospital to the local physicians, were filed for record yesterday afternoon. The articles bear the signatures of Mrs. Emma Lucas, Mrs. Zora M. Ross, Mrs. Mary K. Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Butts, Mrs. Ruth Mayne and Mrs. Minnie C. Gaines.

CITY CLERK WAS SHOT.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram)—The cause for the disappearance of City Recorder Mentzer, who was also clerk of the superior court, who mysteriously left here more than three months ago and has not been heard from yet, has been made known. When he left it was given out that he was perfectly straight in his account, but in the meantime the city council has been deadlocked on the election of his successor and only named a man last meeting. When he went to assume the duties of his office a committee was appointed to check the books of Mr. Mentzer, and it has now been learned that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$25, which the board company has been called upon to pay, and now seeks to find Mentzer.

Another Round with Telephone.

Another round with the Independent Telephone company's franchise ordinance is scheduled for this evening, when a conference will be held between representatives of the company and a committee consisting of Alderman Weaver, Tandy and McMillen and City Solicitor Snyder. At this conference an effort will be made to re-draft the ordinance so as to incorporate the features demanded by the city council.

Water Pipe Explodes.

Prosed pipes caused the water back in a steel range at the home of Sherman S. Green at 25 South Tenth street to explode about 1:30 o'clock yesterday with ter-

SCHOOL TEACHERS BUSIED

by Joseph J. Earle of Company F of that regiment.

National Guard Inspection.

Inspection of the National Guard companies of the state will begin Monday by Captain Frank Lyman, assistant inspector general. The dates of the inspection for the next two weeks are: January 16, Newton; 17, Carrollton; 18, Marion; 19, Fort Dodge; 20, Webster; 21, Ottumwa; 22, Burlington; 23, Fairfield; 24, Centerville; 25, Albia; 26, 27 and February 1, Des Moines; three companies; 2, Waukesha; 3, Toledo; 5, Clinton; 6, Cedar Rapids; 10, Iowa City; 12, Okoboji; 13, Washington; 15, Muscatine; 16, Davenport; 17, Maquoketa; 18, Knoxville; 19, Chariton; 20, Oskaloosa; 21, Corning; 24, Williamsburg; 25, Des Moines.

(From a Staff Correspondent)

DESI MOINES, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Iowa school teachers have been forced out of about 1,000 through the collapse of the Chicago Library union. The institution sent agents all over the state, as well as into Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and other states. It promised for a consideration of \$1 in cash or \$12 in cash and the balance in easy payments, to give an up-to-date reading course in pedagogy, with a lot of reading circle books and a certificate when the course of reading was completed. And that the union agreed to furnish would have cost very much more through any other publisher. Teachers all over the state took up with the work. Some paid in notes that were sent to a central location and the subscribers notified that they were there. The reading course has failed to appear and now it is reported the union has collapsed. Prominent educators in Chicago know nothing of the union.

Supreme Court Decision.

The supreme court today decided with the court of Plymouth county at Sioux City in awarding a verdict for P. F. Dalton in a case against the Milwaukee Physicians Insurance company and a number of other insurance companies. Dalton took a mortgage on a stock of goods with the promise of the owner that he would insure the goods to protect the interests of each in case of fire. He failed to do so to his promise. The lower court, as a result of the suit, ordered that the policies be written to conform to the agreement.

Will Go to Higher Court.

F. A. Marvin and Michael Drady will probably appeal to the supreme court of the United States the case decided against them yesterday by the supreme court of Iowa. Eighteen months ago a committee of the bar association was appointed to review certain alleged contempt proceedings against certain in the district court for contempt on the ground of attempted jury tampering. Of four cases carried to the supreme court the court held with the lower court in those against Marvin and Drady.

Installation at Magnolia.

MAGNOLIA, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Bedford corps No. 28, Women's Relief corps, have installed the following: President, Anna Patterson; senior vice, Elizabeth E. Dewell; junior vice, Anna E. Turner; secretary, Jessie Mills; treasurer, Cornelius A. Ovantis; chaplain, Esther A. Clark; conductor, Jeanette Holden; guard, Emma Creese; assistant guard, Sarah Benson; patriotic instructor, Phoebe Gilkerson; press correspondent, Anna Kult; musician, Pauline S. Carmell; color bearers, Mollie Murphy, May Parshall, Bertha Leach and Effie Patterson.

First Census Returns.

The first census returns to reach the executive council came in today from Ida Grove. The assessor of that county sent in one bundle with the desire to know whether the census was being taken correctly. The official found some errors. In some cases the enumerators all told whether a man is black, white, yellow or red. In others they fail to fill in the blanks as to literacy. The council experts receive many inquiries from the enumerators within the next few days and until the census is well under way. Provision is being made so that when the schedules are incorrect they can be sent back for correction.

Historic Cannon Ball.

One of the first cannon balls ever fired at the Third Iowa Infantry was taken from the office of the adjutant general today and placed in the historical building for its final resting place. It was fired at the regiment in Monroe, Mo., and was secured by H. M. Shubert.

New Bank Officers.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The First National Bank of Missouri Valley has elected the following officials: President, George A. Kellogg; vice president, E. F. Kimball; senior vice, W. H. Kimball; director, W. A. Smith; V. J. Burke; John Young; H. R. Coulthard and H. M. Shubert.

Mobile Bank Elects Officers.

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Remington Typewriter.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITER CO., Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Remington Typewriter Co. has appointed the following officials: President, George A. Kellogg; vice president, E. F. Kimball; senior vice, W. H. Kimball; director, W. A. Smith; V. J. Burke; John Young, H. R. Coulthard and H. M. Shubert.

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Little Sioux Lodges Install.

LITTLE SIOUX, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Little Sioux Rebekah lodge has installed the following officers: Noble grand Dame Thigge; vice grand, Alta Seymour; recording secretary, Miss McAdam; financial secretary, Phil Gibson; treasurer, Jessie Alton; Little Sioux lodge No. 16, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Have been installed the following officers: Noble grand Dame, Mrs. C. C. Clark; vice grand, H. C. Smith; secretary, F. C. Bean; treasurer, George A. Foss.

Unnatural Father is Convicted.

EDNEY, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—In the case of Lewis Perry the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, after being out about an hour. The prosecuting witness was a daughter of the accused, 11 years of age. Her mother died when she was 11 years old, and she testified that her father had been unusually intimate with her ever since she was 11. She is soon to become a mother. It is one of the most revolting cases ever tried in the Sidney courts.

Town Bank Changes Hands.

PISGAH, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The private bank operated at this place for more than a year past by the Pisgah Banking company has been sold to H. M. Bowdick, cashier of the First National bank of Woodward. It will be transformed into a savings bank with \$10,000 capital. The Pisgah Banking company in the fall of 1903 succeeded the Bank of Pisgah, a private institution owned by Edgar C. Hutchinson which failed.

County Papers Selected.

LOGAN, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Board of Supervisors of Harrison county has selected the following as Harrison county official papers for 1905: Logan Gazette, circulation 1,000; Logan Observer, circulation 200; Woodbine Chronicle, circulation 200; The Woodbine Tribune, with 25 circulation, and the Missouri Valley Tribune, with 15 circulation, also com-

Mulet Petition Withdrawn.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—After being out all night, the jury in the case of perjury against Mrs. Susan Gallagher returned a verdict of not guilty. She with Charles Hollidae, was indicted for the murder of her husband. On her testimony that she did not see Hollidae that night and was asleep in bed when her husband was shot she was acquitted. She was charged with perjury and convicted, but the supreme court reversed the case. In the new trial she has now been acquitted. The case was tried at Marengo on a change of venue because of local prejudice.

Two Go to Penitentiary.

SIDNEY, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Sheriff Klem took two prisoners to Fort Madison this evening, Lewis Perry, who was given ten years for incest, and George Booten, for horse stealing, whose sentence was five years. Judge Greene sentenced the criminals and gave both the full limit of the law. Booten stole a horse shortly before the middle of December last.

Telephone Increases Capital.

MODALE, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Interstate Telephone company of Modale has increased its capital to \$20,000 and will greatly enlarge its business and construct many new lines.

NEW YORK GAMBLERS FLEE

Pool Rooms and Handbook Houses Are Raided—Jerome and Meadoo Active.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clark will tomorrow night celebrate their golden wedding. Their five children are William K. of Fort Dodge, Mrs. S. E. Bates, Mrs. C. M. Wyndham, Byron and Mary Clark of this city. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, the two latter being the children of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Murphy of Des Moines. Relatives from Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Chicago, New York and Dubuque will assist the citizens in honoring the occasion.

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Four-fifths interest in ore extracted from the Michael Devil mine by the Ore Purchasing company.

These units are in addition to a number of others sold from Mine No. 1 which aggregate millions of dollars and is a continuation of the fight between Helms and the Bute & Bowes company for valuable copper mining property in the vicinity of this city.

SUES FOR ORE ALREADY MINED

BUTE and BOWES COMPANY DESIRES CASH FROM AN ORE PURCHASING COMPANY.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 11.—Two complaints against the Montana Ore Purchasing company and associated interests have been filed in the federal court here by the Bute & Bowes Mining company for claims aggregating \$1,000,000. The complaints claim

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