NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Leffert's glasses fit.
Stockert sells carpets.
Duncan sells the best school shoes.
Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl street.
Duncan does the best repairing, 23 Main.
Go to night school at Western, Ia., college.
Choice line of toilet articles. Morgan & Dickey.
Pictures for wedding gifts. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.
Girl for general housework at 330 West Broadway. Mrs. S. Snyder.
Morgan & Klein, upholsterers and mattress makers, moved to 19 S. Main. Tel. 548.
Winter term of Western Iowa college is open. Classes forming, enter now.
For any kind of a sidewalk buy your material of Hafer and save money. 'Phone 202.
Eagles' third annual ball Wednesday night in Dodge Light Guards' new armory. Tickets, $1 per couple.
Missouri oak dry cordwood $6 a cord, cobs $1.75 per load, shell bark hickory $7 per cord, delivered. William Welch, 16 North Main. Telephone 128.
W. L. Tuckstun is home from Marshalltown, Ia., where Thursday he gave an organ recital at the dedication of the new organ in St. Paul's Episcopal church.
Abraham Snyder caused the arrest yesterday of Samuel L. Namen, charging Namen with making threats to kill him. Namen gave bond and will have a hearing before Justice Field Monday.
Drugs, paints and prescriptions at Morgan & Dickey.
Charles Bierwith has begun suit in the district court against John Linder, the wholesale liquor dealer, to recover $1,193.15, alleged to have been paid by him to Linder for liquor between August 27, 1902, and May 1, 1904, while Bierwith was in the saloon business.

Cases in District Court.

The suit brought by the Groneweg & Schoentgen company against the city of Council Bluffs in resistance to assessment for a portion of the paving of the intersection of Union avenue and Ninth street has been amicably settled and the case was yesterday dismissed in district court.

The suit brought by Mrs. Elsie Rodgers against Knella & Davis, saloon keepers of Neola, for damages for the alleged sale of intoxicating liquors to her husband, has also been settled out of court and was yesterday dismissed. The personal injury damage suits of George W. Rolph and Mrs. Stella M. Tilligan against the motor company were also stricken from the docket, having been settled out of court.

The following first assignment of law causes for the January term was made yesterday by Judge Thornell:

Monday, January 23—State against Beeman, Nichols & Shepard against Fisher & Asey, Kirkland against Baird, Farlin Bank against Schoening.

Tuesday, January 24—Exchange Bank against Schoening et al, McCormick Harvester Machine Company against Goorman, Swanson against Johnson.

Wednesday, January 25—Dorn & McGinty against Cooper, Wade against City of Council Bluffs.

Thursday, January 26—Plumer against Lewis et al, Estes against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, Consigny against Carter, Way against Aylesworth.

Friday, January 27—Shields against Shafer.

Saturday, January 28—Poole against Woods, Fogarty against Bolton et al, Land against Hollenbeck Brothers.

Monday, January 30—Goldstein against Morgan, Sheriff, et al, Roberts against Moore, Ellsworth against City of Council Bluffs.

Tuesday, January 31—Bromberg against Evans Laundry Company, Geith against Eyeberg, Rafter against Andres.

Wednesday, February 1—Potter, Administrator, against City of Council Bluffs, Potter against City of Council Bluffs, Lampmann against Stubbs et al.

Thursday, February 2—Haefner against Huber Brothers et al, Marks against Huston et al, Cerry, Executor, against Leonard et al.

Friday, February 3—Cherniss against Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge Company, Hawkins against Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge Company et al, Moffett against Union Pacific Railway Company.

Saturday, February 4—Squire & Annis against C. G. & E. Company et al, Oglesbee against Butler.

Monday, February 6—Clatterbuck against Linder, Barker against Forsyth.

Tuesday, February 7—Meneray against City of Council Bluffs, First National Bank against Schoening.

Explosion Wrecks Range.

Frozen water pipes were responsible for the explosion of the water back in the kitchen range at the Broadway Methodist church parsonage on Fletcher avenue, occupied by Rev. James O'May and family. The range was almost entirely demolished by the force of the explosion and Miss Iva Beekman, the church deaconess, who makes her home at the parsonage, was severely burned about the face and hands.

As a precautionary measure against the pipes freezing the faucets had been left open and the water running over night, and for this reason there was no thought of danger from frozen water pipes. Miss Beekman, who was assisting Mrs. O'May in preparing breakfast, was standing over the range when the explosion occurred. The range was shattered. One of the pieces struck Miss Beekman on the arm, fortunately, however, without inflicting serious injury, but a quantity of hot cinders and coal were thrown into her face and eyes, severely burning her. Her hands were also severely burned.

Dr. Hanchett, who attended Miss Beekman, gave it as his opinion that Miss Beekman's eyesight would not be injured, but that her injuries would confine her to her bed for a few days. An alarm was turned in and the fire department responded, but no blaze resulted from the explosion.

Shock Causes Death.

Mrs. Alice L. Learnard, wife of P. D. Learnard, cashier of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at Trinidad, Colo., died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, A. E. Apted, 115 West Pierce street. Death was due to hemorrhage of the lungs and shock caused by the death of her daughter, Mrs. Apted, whose funeral occurred Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Learnard were called here by the serious illness of their daughter, reaching here Thursday, and were unaware of her death until their arrival. Mrs. Learnard was completely prostrated by the shock, which brought on a hemorrhage of the lungs, from which she succumbed yesterday afternoon. She was 55 years of age. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 115 West Pierce street, and Mrs. Learnard will be buried alongside her daughter in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Harvey Hostetler, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, who officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Apted Friday, will conduct the services.

Night Clerk is Missing.

Joseph McSherry, night clerk at the Ogden hotel, was reported to the police yesterday morning as missing. G. W. Thompson further reported that about $40 from the cash till and cigar stand drawer and an overcoat belonging to Harry Haskins, the day clerk, disappeared at the same time as McSherry.

The missing clerk was a stranger and when he applied for the position was unable to submit any credentials. Needing a man Mr. Thompson decided to give him a trial, and, as he proved capable, retained him. McSherry stated one time that his parents resided in Los Angeles, Cal., but beyond that little is known of his antecedents. The police learned that he had taken one of the early morning cars to Omaha.

$1.00 Visiting Cards, 40c.

Our regular $1.00 English text visiting cards, 40c per hundred during our January printing sale. DeLong's, 406 Broadway.

GRAND JURY ENDS ITS WORK

Indictments Against Bernstein and Arthur for Treynor Bank Robbery.

TRUE BILLS AGAINST NUMBER OF OTHERS

Settlements Out of Court Cause a Number of Cases to Be Stricken from the District Court Docket.

Among the indictments returned by the district court grand jury in its final report made yesterday morning were three against John Bernstein and James Arthur, the suspects arrested for the Treynor bank safe blowing. In one indictment they are charged with "dynamiting of property," and their bonds are placed at $2,000 each. In the second indictment they are charged with breaking and entering the Treynor bank, and on this charge their bonds are also placed at $2,000 each. The third indictment charges them with breaking and entering the blacksmith shop of F. J. Eybery in Treynor, where they are alleged to have secured the tools they used in blowing the safe and breaking into the bank. On this charge their bonds are placed at $1,000, making the total of their bonds in the three cases $5,000.

In his evidence before the grand jury, Thomas Flood, cashier of the bank, placed the damage done to the fixtures, furniture and safe at $600. An important piece of testimony before the grand jury was that of Deputy Sheriff Woolman, who stated that he had a conversation with Bernstein in the county jail. He said he was willing to plead guilty to burglary. I asked him who the other fellows were and he said he would not give them away, even if he went up for fifty years."

An indictment was returned against A. W. Ellsworth on the charge of attempting to set fire to the hotel building at McClelland owned by him. Ellsworth was taken into custody yesterday afternoon and promptly secured his release on furnishing a bond in the sum of $800. The attempt to burn the hotel was made on the night of December 7 last and following the bringing of bloodhounds from Beatrice Ellsworth was taken into custody, but released the next day, as no one filed a complaint against him. Ellsworth retaliated by bringing suit against a number of citizens of McClelland for $20,000 damages for causing, as he alleged, his arrest.

Against Bernard Wagner, charged with stealing numerous articles of jewelry from the store of Herman Leffert, where he was employed as janitor, two indictments were returned. In one indictment he is charged with the theft of a gold watch and thimble which he presented to Mrs. Clara Breckbill and which were recovered by the police. In the other indictment he is charged with the theft of three gold watches and a long list of valuable articles of jewelry and art goods. His bond on each indictment is placed at $800.

More Trouble for Bethers.

An indictment was returned against Nate Bethers, at present serving a sentence for distrubing the meetings at the Pentecostal mission on West Broadway, charging him with murderously assaulting J. N. Miller, one of the persons in charge of the mission. Miller was assaulted Christmas eve and his jaw was broken. The evidence of a number of persons who were at the mission that night was to the effect that Bethers waited outside for Miller and then struck him in the face with some weapon. His bond was placed at $1,000. Other indictments returned were against Walter Goff, charged with breaking and entering the hide house of J. R. Lindsay & Co. on Ninth avenue and Main street January 4 last and stealing muskrat and mink furs. His bond was placed at $700. Joseph Dunn, charged with adultery with Mrs. Annie Moran, placed at $500. Ed Farrell, charged with attempted criminal assault on the 12-year-old daughter of Charles Johnson, a farmer of Garner township, by whom he was employed bond placed at $1,000. Herman Miller, charged with attempting to criminally assault 16-year-old Sophie Verpoorten of Underwood on December 24 last; bond fixed at $800.

In its report the grand jury stated that it found the county and city jails in good sanitary condition.

GRAPE GROWERS ARE PROSPEROUS

Annual Meeting Receives Report of the Year's Business.

The reports of the several officers at the annual meeting of the Council Bluffs Grape Growers' Shipping association held yesterday in the county courthouse showed that the association had enjoyed an unusually prosperous year during 1904, and that the business last year had been nearly double that of any previous twelve months.

From the profits the sum of $4,000 was set aside to be paid in dividends, the members taking stock in the building association in lieu of cash. The total receipts for the year were $67,039.86, and the disbursements $61,920.11, leaving a balance on hand of $5,119.75. The amount paid out to growers was $56,066.97.

The amount of fruit sold through the association last year was as follows:

	Cases or Baskets.	Ave. Price.	Totals.
Strawberries	1,040	$1.42	$ 1,476.80
Currants	1,140	1.13	1,289.20
Cherries	5,467	1.04	5,674.20
Cherries (baskets)	21,442	.22½	4,825.95
Black raspberries	2,198	2.44	5,364.12
Red raspberries	449	1.82	810.18
Gooseberries	292	1.17	342.10
Blackberries	2,031	2.02	4,112.20
Plums	171	.46	78.85
Plums (baskets)	14,637	.12½	1,829.70
Pony grapes (bkts.)	285	.10	28.15
Grapes (baskets)	201,546	.15½	32,087.13

These officers were elected: President, Samuel Avery; vice president, Alexander Wood; treasurer, C. Konigmacher; secretary, J. J. Hess; directors, Alexander Wood, William Keeline, William Rich, Frank Hall and Robert McKenzie.

Following the meeting of the shipping association a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Building company was held and these officers elected: President, Samuel Avery; vice president, Alexander Wood; treasurer, Robert McKenzie; secretary, J. J. Hess; directors, Frank Hall, William Keeline and William Rich, in addition to the four officers.

Articles of incorporation were adopted and the capital stock placed at $10,000, of which $4,000 is to be issued at once, this being deemed sufficient to erect the building, which will be located at the corner of Ninth avenue and Seventh street on the tracks of the Great Western railroad.

Fountain Pen Sale.

A genuine discount sale of 20 per cent on high-grade fountain pens at DeLong's this week.

No Settlement with Hardin.

The Board of County Supervisors adjourned yesterday morning without taking any action in the matter of City Assessor Hardin's refusal to take the census of Council Bluffs for the $500 compensation offered by the board. The board will reconvene Monday, January 23, to award the publishing of the board's proceedings to the three papers in the county having the largest circulation and it is understood that the matter of taking the census in this city will be disposed of at that time.

A resolution was adopted providing for withholding one-half of the pay of the assessors throughout the county until their books are found to be correct and ordering that any and all expense incurred in correcting any assessor's books shall be deducted from such assessor's pay.

YOUNG MAN TAKES CARBOLIC ACID

Evidently Case of Suicide, Though No Motive is Known.

Dick Heflin, 21 years of age, son of John A. Heflin, proprietor of a restaurant at 1115 West Broadway, took carbolic acid about 8 o'clock last evening, with evident suicidal intent, although the family is unable to ascribe any reason for the act. The young man went into the kitchen after supper, then went to his room and laid down. When asked if he was sick he said he had taken the acid, but refused to state the reason. He shortly lapsed into unconsciousness and although medical aid was summoned it was thought at a late hour last night that there was no chance for recovery.

He has been working for the Northwestern road and so far as known there is absolutely no reason for his act.

PRISONER BURNS WITH JAIL

Sets Fire to the Building and Loses His Life in the Flames.

CLINTON, Ia., Jan. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The town marshal at Prophetstown arrested David Shue, charged with being intoxicated, and placed him in jail. While the watchman was away at midnight Shue set fire to the jail and was burned to death.

New Electrical Inspector.

AMES, Ia., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Prof. F. A. Fish of the State university of Ohio, has just been elected by the board of trustees of the Iowa State college to succeed Prof. B. S. Lanphear, deceased, in the electrical engineering department. Prof. Fish is expected to arrive today to take up his work immediately. Prof. Fish was educated in the University of Ohio and the University of Wisconsin, and has been engaged in electrical work for a number of years. He also bears the distinction of being the joint author with Prof. Caldwell in the publication of a textbook upon the subject of laboratory methods. Prof. Fish comes very highly recommended.

CASTS HIS WIFE ASIDE

Prominent Chicago Man Accused of Securing a Fraudulent Divorce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Casting his wife aside by the aid of a divorce obtained fraudulently in order that he might marry his stenographer, is the charge made in the superior court against Joseph V. S. Church, western manager for the Electrical World. From England the divorced wife, Mrs. Annie Laura Church, has sent an appeal for justice and has denounced the proceedings by which her husband secured a legal separation as fraudulent. Government officials of both England and America are interested in the case and are aiding Mrs. Church to secure a hearing of her side of the story.

The court today granted Mrs. Church permission to file an answer to her husband's original bill, charging desertion. The interests of Mrs. Church are being looked after in Chicago by the British consul.

In her plea for a rehearing of the case Mrs. Church asserts that she never received a notice of the divorce suit brought by her husband and that it was only through friends that she afterward learned of the separation and the subsequent marriage of Church, who is one of the most prominent men in electrical circles in the west. Although the court records show that he secured his divorce on the charge of desertion, Mrs. Church declares that she never left her husband, but that he sent her to London, England, where she now lives, to care for a sick daughter and that Church promised to follow them to England. A copy of the letter upon which Church gained his decree was sent to the wife in London, and she declares that not only did she never write the missive, but that it is not her handwriting and that she has no knowledge whatever of its origin.

TROUBLE ON PENNSYLVANIA

Trainmen Demand Higher Wages and a Vote is Being Taken on Question of Striking.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Differences between the Pennsylvania Railroad company and some of its employes, as developed by the grand lodge officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in conferences with W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the company, are expected to reach another turning point by the middle of next week. By that time the referendum vote upon the questions presented to the men by the grievance committee, of which W. G. Lee, vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, is chairman, should be completed.

The ballots are for or against a strike. Upon the question of the threatened strike, W. W. Atterbury today authorized the statement that he expects and hopes there will be no strike; that some of the accounts appearing in the newspapers have been somewhat exaggerated and that when further explanations are made all chance of trouble will be averted.

From what can be learned the actual membership of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen among the Pennsylvania employes bears a relatively small proportion to the entire number of men in the service. East of Pittsburg and Erie, which is the territory in which the differences exist, the total number of men employed is between 100,000 and 105,000. It is believed that not more than 7,500 men belong to the brotherhood.

PASSENGER RATE AGREEMENT

Roads Running East from Chicago Form an Ironclad Compact to Fix Fares.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—With the exception of the Michigan Central, all of the railroads extending eastward from Chicago have decided to fix passenger rates absolutely by agreement. The Michigan Central has withheld its vote until the opinion of the general counsel regarding the legality of the agreement can be had. The agreement entered into is with respect to the joint rate sheets and is as follows:

No passenger fares or rates either special or regular shall be inserted in the Chicago eastbound and southbound rate sheet, where an objection of the directly interested lines is registered and submitted in writing to the compiler and it shall be the duty of the compiler to see that no such fares or rebates are inserted without the assent of the line or lines making the objection. The line tendering the objectionable fare or route shall have the right, however, to submit the question to arbitration, action being deferred until the question in dispute shall be arbitrated and a decision rendered.

If you have anything to trade advertise it in the For Exchange column of The Bee want ad page.

EXAMINERS ARE UNDER FIRE

Candidates for Mine Inspector Charge Politics and Favoritism.

GOVERNOR IS INVESTIGATING THE CASE

County Boards Cut Down Allowance of Assessors and Officials Refuse to Take the State Census.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—That politics existed in the Board of Examiners for state mine inspectors was shown by the hearing today before the governor. H. Booth of Knoxville, president of the board, while on the stand stated that D. C. Phillips in 1903 stated that it would be his political death if Mr. Isaac passed the examination. The next year at the examination in March, 1904, he was very anxious to have Mr. Isaac pass the examination, and said he would do all he could for him. It was partly for this reason that the board did not accept the questions offered by Mr. Phillips for the examination. T. T. Isaac and William Abram of Hiteman and R. D. Owen of Beacon, the three men who asked for the investigation, finished offering their evidence this morning. Briefly summed up, they claimed to show that four of the members of the board had adopted questions that could not be answered in the limit of time given; that they changed the rule or custom of marking questions so as to make the examination harder; that John Owens of the board had said before the examination was well begun that none would pass; that Caldwell of the board had said they did not owe anything to Isaac, one of the candidates; that they marked the papers arbitrarily, so as to give less credit than the candidates were entitled to.

Before the hearing had fairly begun Governor Cummins informed the candidates that if they could show that bad faith had been shown on the part of the members of the board or that they were incompetent, such members would not remain in office twenty-four hours. In the hearing D. C. Phillips, who was a member of the board at the time the examination took place, stated that the 1902 examination had not proceeded far till it became evident that the questions had been in the hands of the candidates before they came to the examination. It was freely conceded on both sides that the governor had had no knowledge of the conditions. It was sought by D. C. Phillips, the ex-member of the board, and the candidates who failed to pass, to show that because of politics the board had made the examination so hard that none had passed. The hearing was concluded this afternoon. The governor reserved his decision till he has looked over the evidence.

Trouble with Assessors.

Trouble is in store for the state census that is being taken at this time. The state law provides that the census shall be taken by the assessors and shall be paid for by the counties. The supervisors shall fix the limit of the number of days in which the assessors can do their work and they are allowed $2 a day. The taking of the census will take five or six times as much time as the taking of the assessment. Some supervisors have failed to allow increased time for the taking of the census. In one county the assessors have struck aid in several more they threaten to. If they should do the work under the conditions they would receive but a few cents a day for their work. Attorney General Mullan was asked for his opinion and stated that under the law if the assessor refuses to do the work the county auditor must at once appoint an eunmerator to take the census and he shall be paid a fair compensation by the county, if the auditor fails to act or secures incompetent enumerators the executive council has the authority to send enumerators to the county. It is feared that many of the assessors will fail to do the work because of the failure of the supervisors to recognize the amount of extra time it will take to secure the census.

Governor Divides Reward.

Governor A. B. Cummins today announced that the reward offered by the state for the capture of James Lobbins for murdering Henry White in Oskaloosa in September, 1903, should be divided, $200 to Sheriff C. E. Case of Fairbury, Neb., who captured the man, and $100 to Detective W. A. Bentley of Lincoln, who helped to bring him to Iowa.

Attacks Charity Policy.

Judge C. A. Bishop of the supreme court at a meeting of the Associated Charities attacked the policy of the organization in refusing direct help and seeking to furnish work and employment. He said the elevation of the poor should be left to the school and that his trained eye could judge the worthy of the beggars. He had no answer to the argument that the beggar had a trained eye to match his.

Pardon for Sarah Kuhn.

Senator Jamieson, who was in the city today, stated that he was studying up the case of Sarah Kuhn, who was convicted of giving her husband, a crippled old shoe maker, a dose of poison in his beer and that an effort would probably be made again at the next session of the legislature for her pardon. Her case has been one of the most conspicuous before the legislature in years.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The supreme court today handed down the following decisions:

Grace Hoon, appellant, against Rush Hoon; Cedar county; action in equity to declare a trust in favor of plaintiff in certain real estate; affirmed.

Jane Barber against Bernetta Maden, appellant; Toma county; suit to recover for services rendered the defendant; affirmed.

R. C. Nocks against Town of Whiting, appellant; Monona county; action to recover damages for accidental injury to horse; affirmed.

Elda M. Whitney against Thomas McLeod, sheriff, and F. Z. Whitney, appellants; Lee county; action to enjoin sale of certain lot under execution; reversed.

Frank Berkey against W. G. Thompson, judge, defendant, and E. Lafebure & Sons, appellants; proceedings in certiorari to review taxing costs of report's notes; annulled.

UNION MINERS ARE MEETING

Possibility of Trouble in the Anthracite Coal Region is Being Discussed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—Miners of bituminous and anthracite coal are arriving for their national convention, which will begin Monday morning. The national tellers will be able to report early Monday the re-election of President Mitchell, Vice President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Wilson. It is anticipated that precautionary preparations for another great struggle between the anthracite coal operators and the United Mine workers will be laid. The convention will devote a part of its time to planning for a war footing for the organization so it would be able to meet and make demands of the anthracite operators on April 1, 1906. The miners want:

Recognition of the union.

A joint contract such as exists in the principal bituminous districts, covering at least a year.

The adoption of the check-off system by the anthracite companies by which they, as the bituminous operators now do, will collect the union dues at the mine.

The plans to put the organization on a war footing provide for a full $1,000,000 treasure fund, a thorough organization in the anthracite districts and the pitting of the bituminous operators of central and western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, West Virginia, Maryland, Michigan and the south and west against the anthracite operators.

RIPLEY MAKES EXPLANATION

Santa Fe Acts as Collecting Agent for Fuel Company and Price of Coal is Included in Freight Rates.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, in further explanation of his telegram to the Interstate Commerce commission regarding his withdrawal of a request for a rehearing of the case in which it is alleged his company gave rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company on coal shipments, this evening made the following statement:

The statements which have been made relative to the recent hearing of the commission for the purpose of investigating New Mexico coal rates indicate an utter misconstruction of the facts disclosed by the testimony, which are as follows:

The mining industries in Arizona and Old Mexico, located upon the El Paso & Southwestern railroad and its connections, have long been important customers of the Atchison company by reason of their large consumption of bituminous coal. The favored coal, by reason of its quality for steam purposes, is that mined in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. All the mines situated upon the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad producing this quality of coal were owned or controlled by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. Some two years ago the Atchison company, in competing for this business, was confronted with the necessity of making a specific freight rate which would encourage the industries mentioned to use coal instead of oil, which was then being considered and had become a practicable and cheap fuel in consequence of large discoveries of oil in Texas and California. As a result of various negotiations an arrangement was arrived at whereby the Atchison company agreed that it would carry coal from the mines to Deming for $2 per ton, and would there deliver the same to the El Paso & Southwestern company, collecting in addition to its own freight rate of $2 the sum of $1.10 for the Colorado Fuel company, as was the custom of all roads in that territory.

Through some inexplicable mistake the joint rate which was put in force to cover this arrangement, and which should have shown upon its face that the rate included the price of coal, failed to disclose such fact, and as a consequence it is possible there may have been unintentional violation of the law, but it is obvious that no one was injured thereby, because the Colorado Fuel and Iron company received under the arrangement nothing more than the contract price for its coal and there were no other shippers in that field.

The absurdity of the current reports to the effect that rebates were paid the Colorado Fuel and Iron company is clearly shown by the fact that the fuel company had no interest whatever in the freight rates, all of which were paid by the consumers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—One phase of the Santa Fe and Colorado Fuel and Iron case will be heard in the supreme court of the United States on January 22. Attorney N. B. Field of the Caledonia company, who was in Chicago today on his way to Washington, declared that the $400,000 suit for damages which his company is prosecuting in the courts will be heard in Washington on a motion to compel the Arizona courts to assume jurisdiction.

B. S. Baker, formerly judge of the Second judicial district of New Mexico, and who was removed by President Roosevelt, it appears, refused to recognize service of papers in the suit made upon E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe when Mr. Ripley was passing through the territory. Judge Baker held that Mr. Ripley was not stopping in the territory, but simply passing through and that the service therefore was not legal. From this decision an appeal was taken to the supreme court, where the matter will be heard January 23.

The $400,000 damages asked of the Santa Fe is because of the alleged fact that the Caledonia Coal company was ruined and driven out of business by the rebates paid by the railroad company to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

MUCH WANTED DYNAMITER

Man Arrested at Philadelphia Believed to Be Crank Who Tried to Blow Up the Umbria.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Detectives from New York and Washington are expected here tomorrow for the purpose of identifying Gessler Rosseau, the man who was arrested here yesterday with an infernal machine in his possession. Inspector McCluskey of New York was in communication today with Captain of Detectives Donaghy of this city, and asked for forty-eight hours to prepare his claim for the prisoner, whom the New York authorities are positive is the man who attempted to blow up the Cunard line steamer Umbria in May, 1903.

Captain Donaghy also heard from Washington by long distance telephone and was informed that photographs of Rosseau had been identified there as those of the crank who had attempted to destroy the statue of Frederick the Great by hanging an infernal machine on the fence surrounding the statue.

Captain Donaghy notified the officers of both cities to send representatives here and the man would be turned over to the city presenting the strongest evidence against him. As yet the photographs sent to Colorado have not had time to reach their destination, but Captain Donaghy is expecting to hear from Denver authorities that Rosseau is known there. His reason for thinking this is that Rosseau wore a hat made by a Philadelphia manufacturer and sold by a Denver firm. Rosseau's coolness and nerve does not desert him. He sits quietly in his cell at the city hall and never complains. He was very anxious to get the morning newspapers, but these were refused him.

He is a man of more than average intelligence and education. His answers are civil, but dignified and firm, and he cannot be induced to answer a single question about himself.

"I made a mistake," he said to Captain Donaghy today, "but I have nothing further to say. If you want to know anything about me you will have to find it out for yourself. I can't help you."

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A cab driver named Rooney is also said to have identified the picture of Gessler Rosseau as a photograph of the man who is alleged to have sent the infernal machine to the steamer Umbria in May, 1903. Rooney, whose stand is at Thirtieth street and Ninth avenue, says he was employed by Rosseau when the latter lived at a boarding house in West Thirty-first street.

SHERIFF-ELECT GOES TO JAIL

Detroit Official Charged with Collecting Fraudulent Fees from the State While Coroner.

DETROIT, Jan. 14.—Former Coroner John T. Hoffman, one of the most prominent politicians of Detroit and Wayne county, who was elected sheriff at the November election and has since January 1 been vainly endeavoring to secure possession of the jail and sheriff's office, was tonight locked up in the jail as a prisoner, a jury in the recorder's court having found him guilty of collecting fraudulent coroner's fees from the state. Motions to get a stay of proceedings and to admit the defendant to bail were denied by Judge Murphy.

The charge against Hoffman was collecting fees from the state for inquests in which the victims were residents of the state.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Changes in City Charter Are Now Being Talked Over.

REPRESENTATIVE FITLE HEARS OPINIONS

Matter of Mud Creek Sewer is the Main Point Under Discussion, but Some Other Things Are Considered.

Frank J. Fitle, a member of the legislature, elected from South Omaha, was in the city yesterday conferring with city officials in regard to charter amendments. "There has been considerable talk," said Mr. Fitle, "about a sewer bond amendment to the charter, and I am here for the purpose of conferring with the officials and want to ascertain just what is wanted. I have talked to W. P. Adkins, president of the council, and Mr. Adkins told me that he would be in Lincoln within a few days with some sort of a definite idea of what is needed regarding the extension of the sewer system. I find that there is some opposition to the building of a Mud creek sewer to the river. Some property owners think that if such a sewer is constructed the packing houses and stock yards should pay the cost. On the other hand, Mr. Adkins tells me that the yards and the packers pay about 65 per cent of the taxes and that they are entitled to some consideration."

Continuing, Representative Fitle said that he would call upon Mayor Koutsky, City Attorney Lambert, Treasurer Howe and other officials and endeavor to find out just what is wanted in relation to charter changes.

"I can see from my knowledge of city affairs," said Mr. Fitle, "that the charter is cumbersome in some respects. It is my opinion that by making some changes the running expenses of the city can be reduced. I am willing to admit that a better sewer system is needed in South Omaha on account of its rapid growth. When Mr. Adkins or the city attorney send to the legislature a definite proposition I will spend some time in South Omaha making a thorough investigation."

Improvement Club Meeting.

Friday night the Highland Park Improvement club held a meeting at the Lincoln school. President C. W. Miller was in the chair. The committee appointed some time ago to take up the matter of opening Twenty-fifth street to the boulevard reported that as a result of its efforts the city council of Omaha had under way condemnation proceedings against the narrow strip of ground between A street and the boulevard. Messrs. Fitzgerald, Broadwell and Powell will act as a committee to see that the proceedings be pushed as rapidly as possible.

A committee composed of Messrs. Brewer, Miller and Fitzgerald was appointed to consult with City Attorney Lambert and the council in regard to charter amendments. At the request of property owners south of G street the southern boundary line of the club was extended to J street. The ungraded streets south of G and north of J are now to receive attention from the club.

A resolution was adopted petitioning the city council to take whatever action necessary to secure for the public transfers to and from all car lines within the city and also to work for the abolition of the telephone tolls between the two Omahas.

The club expressed emphatic opposition to increasing the salaries of any city officials at the present time.

Cottage Prayer Meetings.

A schedule of cottage prayer meetings has been arranged by the pastors of the Protestant churches of South Omaha for Tuesday evening of this week. These cottage meetings are held in order to prepare for union evangelical meetings, which commence on Sunday evening, January 22. Meetings will be held on Tuesday night at the following residences: M. Mabery, Twenty-fifth and D streets; O. K. Paddock, 1515 North Twenty-eighth street; F. A. Cressey, Twenty-second and G; Miss Ross, 2216 J; A. A. Thurlow, 725 North Eighteenth; Bruce McCulloch, 839 North Twelfth; H. M. Wells, 414 North Fifteenth; J. W. Cress, 605 North Nineteenth; Mrs. Terrell, Twenty-third and M; N. M. Graham, Sixteenth and Missouri avenue.

It is expected that arrangements will be made for cottage prayer meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

Gas Company Pays Royalty.

Saturday noon the Omaha Gas company, through Local Manager Davis, paid to City Treasurer Howe $1,421.91 as royalty on the company's franchise for the year 1904. When the franchise was granted to the Omaha Gas company the stipulation was made that a certain per cent of the receipts be paid to the city annually as a royalty. The amount of the royalty paid yesterday exceeds that of a year ago by a little over $200. Under the ordinance franchise this royalty must be paid to the city treasurer not later than January 15 each year. The net cubic feet of gas consumed and paid for in 1904 was 28,438,200.

Call for Bank Statements.

Friday the Treasury department issued a call on national banks to show the standing of the banks at the close of business on January 11. The three banks at South Omaha issued printed statements Saturday. Deposits at the three banks here at the close of business on January 11 amounted to $5,789,505.95. Loans amounted to $4,373,606.91. Cash on hand, $2,507,409.04. The previous call was made on November 10. These calls are made about every seventy days.

Workmen Install Officers.

Tuesday evening, January 17, South Omaha lodge, No. 66, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will install officers. Jacob Jaskalck, grand master workman, will act as installing officer. Judge A. L. Sutton is to be installed master workman. There will be good music, good speakers and refreshments during the evening. Just who the speakers will be has not been made public, but as Judge Sutton has charge of this portion of the entertainment there will doubtless be a number of well known speakers on hand. This lodge now has a membership of 850 and is the strongest workman lodge in the state.

Magic City Gossip.

Coal—J. B. Watkins & Co. Tel. 31.

Dr. William Berry is reported to be ill with the grip.

Mrs. Andrew Renwick is reported among the indisposed.

Ralph Sage is recovering slowly from a serious attack of the grip.

James A. Heath is confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Hard coal. See Howland Lumber Co., 43 North Twenty-fourth street. 'Phone 7.

St. Vincent's guild will give a musicale at the residence of T. J. O'Neil Tuesday evening.

The severe weather kept all of the plumbers in the city on the jump Friday and Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Wheeler will preach morning and evening today at the First Presbyterian church.

Hive No. 15, Ladies of the Maccabees, will install officers Wednesday afternoon at Masonic hall.

Dr. W. H. Slabaugh has been elected vice president of the Douglas County Medical society.

Superior lodge No. 193, Degree of Honor, will give a dancing party February 22 at Workmen temple.

Charles C. Stanley, for many years a resident of South Omaha, has moved his family to Chicago.

Tribe No. 55, Improved Order of Red Men, will give a dance at Workmen temple on Friday evening.

This week we will sell men's 50-cent four-in-hands for 25 cents. Nebraska Shoe and Clothing House, South Omaha.

Upchurch lodge No. 2 and Superior lodge No. 185, Degree of Honor, held a joint installation of officers [illegible]

Rev. C. V. Cissell of Omaha will deliver an address at the Young Men's Christian association rooms at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Robert Williams of the Armour company has been transferred to the Sioux City plant, where he will have charge of the telegraph room.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will give a ball at Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will give a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murdock, 2515 E street, Wednesday afternoon.

The South Omaha Young Men's Christian association now has a membership of 425. The average daily attendance at the rooms during December was 125.

Mrs. William Bretschneider, Twenty-third and P streets, died yesterday at the age of 63. The funeral will be at 8:30 Monday morning at St. Agnes' church.

Judge Lindsey will speak on Tuesday evening at the Board of Education rooms in Omaha. Members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union are urged to attend this meeting.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will meet on Thursday afternoon, January 26, at the home of Mrs. C. M. Rich, 1614 North Twenty-third street.

Dr. Mary Andrews, president of the Omaha Woman's club, will address the South Omaha Century Literary club on Tuesday afternoon. Her subject will be "Transcendentalism." Each member of the club is privileged to bring a guest.

ROBBERY ON FIFTH AVENUE

Masked Man Holds Up Four Persons in New York Mansion and Makes His Escape.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—It developed today that for nearly a week the police have been searching for a man who, masked and armed with a revolver, forced his way into the residence of Ernest G. W. Woerz, a wealthy brewer on Fifth avenue, held up three servants and Mr. Woerz's daughter and forced the brewer himself to pay tribute in the sum of $100 before he would consent to leave. The robber then rushed from the house and although the police were promptly notified not a trace of him has been found.

Mrs. James Steele, Mr. Woerz's daughter, says that the young man, well dressed and wearing a mask over his face, called at the house Monday evening and when the maid answered the bell covered her with a revolver and stepped into the hall.

"I want money and I want it quick," he said. "If I don't get it I'll kill someone."

He then rushed past the maid and running up the stairs met Mrs. Steele and a woman friend in an upper hall. The revolver was pressed almost against Mrs. Steele's face as he repeated the demand made to the servant. Whn Mr. Woerz, attracted by the sound of loud voices, came on the scene the robber turned the weapon upon him. "Give me all your money, and give it to me quick. If you don't I'll kill you," he said.

Mr. Woerz drew a roll of bills, amounting to about $100, from his pocket. The man with the gun seized the money and with a parting threat to shoot if any outcry was raised dashed down the stairs and out of the house.

PLAN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

National Council of Congregational Churches Will Hold Extensive Series of Revival Meetings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A committee composed of the Revs. Newell Dwight Hillis of Plymouth church, Washington Gladden, Francis E. Clark of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and Frank W