

CURRENT COUNCIL BLUFFS

VACANCIES IN SCHOOL BOARD

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GORMAN AND HESS LIKELY TO BE ELECTED

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Conflict of Firemen's Dates. At the meeting of the Maple Valley Firemen's association in Carroll last week it was arranged to hold the tournament of

the Maple Valley district on the same days as the state tournament will be held in this city. This is done owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Maple Valley firemen as to the date the state meeting was to be held here.

Condition of School Finances. Secretary Dillon Ross of the Board of Education stated yesterday that the financial condition of the school district is, as a matter of fact, far better than the statement issued by the finance committee and published Sunday would indicate.

Secretary Dillon Ross stated further that it would be possible to do with a smaller levy for the maintenance of the schools for the ensuing school year. He gave it his opinion that the district, in addition to being able to pay off \$10,000 of its outstanding bonds, would be able to get along with \$10,000 less revenue.

Woman's Club Calendar

This is the Woman's club calendar for this week: MONDAY. Art Department Council Bluffs Woman's Club—Club rooms, 7:30 p. m. TUESDAY. Tuesday Club—Home of Mrs. Saunders, 2:30 p. m. Ideal Club—Home of Mrs. Southard, 2:30 p. m. Atlas Club—Home of Mrs. Houghton, 2:30 p. m. WEDNESDAY. Woman's Club—Home of Mrs. Wright, 2:30 p. m. University Club—Home of Mrs. Nelson, 3 p. m. THURSDAY. Household Economics Department, Council Bluffs Woman's Club—Club rooms, 2:30 p. m. Every Thursday Club—Home of Mrs. Wright, 10 a. m. FRIDAY. Oakland Avenue Reading Club—Home of Mrs. Miller, 2:30 p. m.

Methodist Conference Meets Here.

An announcement was made in the Methodist churches of this city yesterday that a conference would be held here May 6, 7 and 8. Preliminary arrangements are under way, but the final details have been left to Presiding Elder A. E. Griffith. Just prior to the conference there will be a state gathering of Methodists in Lincoln, Neb., and afterward an Interstate conference at Sioux City, so it is thought that a number of prominent churchmen who will attend these gatherings can be present at the conference here.

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churches. The reception which was to have been tendered him Saturday evening at Broadway church will be postponed until after the weather is more favorable. The funeral of the late William P. Officer, announced to have been held yesterday afternoon, was postponed on account of the severity of the weather until this afternoon. It was held at 2 o'clock from the residence of the mother, Mrs. Thomas Officer, on South Seventh street, and will be followed by a service in the Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. W. S. Barnes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services, and these have been selected to act as pall bearers: W. E. Cooper, H. C. McGee, J. H. Moore, William Cooper, Ned Empire and Frank Keys. Mr. Officer was 41 years of age and is survived by a son.

Y. M. C. A. CAPTURES MUSCATINE Largest and Best Convention Ever Held in State

MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The most successful convention of the Young Men's Christian association ever held in the state closed here this evening. The first meeting was a farewell service held at the First Congregational church. The afternoon was filled with interesting events from a Young Men's Christian association standpoint. It included a boys' meeting at the local association rooms, a women's meeting at the First Methodist opera house, and the evening event of the afternoon and in point of attendance was a record-breaker in this city.

This morning every pupil in the city was filled by the visitors. This convention is the best ever had in the state, according to the delegates, who are enthusiastic for the outlook for Young Men's Christian association work in Iowa in the next biennial period.

EYES ARE FROZEN SHUT Wandering Tragedian Has Narrow Escape from Death Near Sioux Falls.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Exposed to the elements until his eyes were frozen shut and bewildered while out on the open prairie, with a fierce northerly wind blowing and the temperature considerably below the zero mark, was the experience of a Spanish tragedian who has been entertaining the people of some of the smaller towns of the state.

The tragedian gave a show in the Epiphany opera house, but the proceeds were not sufficient to pay his way on the cars to the next town, so he set out on foot, notwithstanding that the day was one of the coldest of the season.

Olson's Death Accidental. SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—After making a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the mysterious death of Lars Olson, a farmer whose home was located near the north end of Sioux Falls, and whose body was found near his wife, who was in a critical condition, the coroner's jury summoned in the case has returned a verdict to the effect that Olson's death was caused by hemorrhage, induced by asphyxiation by soft coal gas.

Shock Causes Paralysis.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Ole T. Moe of Hills, east of Sioux Falls, is in a critical condition as the result of discovering the death of his wife, who lay in bed beside him. Bernhard O. Hoff, the comrade in question, who roomed with Moe, died in the night of heart trouble. In the morning Moe discovered that his friend was dead beside him, and the shock of the discovery was so great that he suffered a stroke of paralysis. There is practically no hope of his recovery.

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PUBLICITY IN DIVORCE CASES

Judge Whiting Will Conduct No More Cases in Chambers.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Judge Whiting of the Ninth judicial district when shown a recent dispatch from Sioux Falls stating it was rumored he was seriously considering the discontinuance of the practice of hearing divorce cases in chambers, instead of in open court, confirmed the rumor. Judge Whiting states that in future all divorce cases instituted in his circuit will be tried in open court at regular terms of court in the counties in which they are commenced. In cases where he is satisfied that there are reasons why certain cases of this kind should be tried in chambers the rule may be deviated from.

CHANGES AT HILL CITY.

HILL CITY, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—So soon as the weather will permit the five-stamp mill now in the Sunnyside mine will be moved to the Gopher property. It has already been dismantled and the machinery and material made ready for change of location, which will involve hauling about three miles. To these five stamps the company will add fifteen, as the machinery of the old mill is of sufficient horse power to meet the increased duty. In a test run made by the company in this mill last summer on ore from the Gopher, however, it is said that on the lower levels a strike of good free milling ore has been made and will be easily worked, and that the ore there still carries free gold.

NEW STAMP MILL AT CUSTER CITY.

CUSTER CITY, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Work on the ten-stamp mill of the Ru-