NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

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WATER COMPANY FRANCHISE

Council Asked to Submit Proposal for Twenty-Five-Year Extension.

CITY HAS POWER TO PURCHASE ANY TIME

Company Points Out that According to Opinion of Attorneys Present Franchise Expires at an Early Date.

At the next regular meeting of the city council, which is scheduled for Monday, but on account of the day being a holiday will probably be postponed to Tuesday, the Council Bluffs Waterworks company will submit an ordinance granting it an extension of its franchise for twenty-five years. This was decided on yesterday by the company, in view of the fact that up to date the negotiations for the purchase by the city of the plant have not resulted in anything tangible.

The following communication accompanying a copy of the proposed ordinance was filed with City Clerk Zurmuehlen late yesterday afternoon:

To the City Council of the City of Council Bluffs—Gentlemen: In the very able opinion of your special counsel, Messrs. Hagi and Tinley, furnished you in July last, they express their judgment that the franchise of the Council Bluffs Waterworks company expires on January 24 next and that in no possible event could it be construed to extend beyond December next.

If your counsel are correct the water company's franchise will expire in less than four weeks. The water company is anxious upon the one hand to avoid illegally operating its works and upon the other inconveniencing the public by failing to operate them. We feel that the city council and the public are even more vitally interested in making such provisions as may be necessary to secure water for public and private use after the date at which your attorneys hold that the franchise of this company expires. Believing this, we submit herewith a proposed ordinance and respectfully ask that your honorable body submit to the people the question whether the same shall be authorized.

This proposed ordinance, by the provision in its fifth section for purchase of the plant by the city at any time, without compensation for the franchise, avoids any interference with the pending negotiations for the purchase by the city or with your plans for municipal ownership, but will simply enable us to legally furnish the city with water until your plans for municipal ownership are consummated.

It will be noted that there is nothing in the proposed ordinance with reference to rates for public or private consumption of water. This is due to the fact that section 725 of the code of Iowa confers upon your honorable body power to at all times fix such rates, irrespective of anything in the franchise.

Inasmuch as any provision upon that subject would be void and the company must under the law rely in any event wholly upon the wisdom and fairness of the council, we have felt that it was useless to insert any such provision in the ordinance.

Should the city council, however, feel that upon this or any other subject the ordinance ought to be modified to more fully protect the city and its inhabitants we will be very glad to confer either with the counsel or any of its committees with a view to the making of said modifications as would make it mutually satisfactory to the city and the company.

Provisions of Ordinance.

The ordinance is entitled, "An ordinance to assure to the city of Council Bluffs a sufficient supply of water from the Missouri river for fire protection and for manufacturing and domestic uses, after the expiration of the existing franchise held by the Council Bluffs City Waterworks company."

Section 1 grants the company the right to use of the streets, avenues, alleys, etc., for its pipes for a period of twenty-five years.

Section 2 provides that the company shall during the life of the franchise furnish an abundant supply of good, clean water fit for culinary and drinking purposes, and requiring the company to keep the city harmless from the payment of damages to its inhabitants by reason of discharge or unusual overflow from its reservoirs.

Section 3 contains provisions as to use of streets for laying pipes, etc., requiring the company to replace all streets in which excavations may be made back in proper condition and requiring the company to lay mains where none may exist to all points where two bonafide consumers will take water to every 100 feet distant from the distributing mains.

Section 4 gives the city the right to enforce all necessary ordinances, penal or otherwise, to preserve the purity of the water furnished by the company and to compel it to live up to the obligations imposed upon it by the ordinance. It also gives the company the right to enter the premises of any consumer at reasonable hours to inspect pipes, make repairs, etc.

Section 5, which is the last, reserves to the city the right to purchase the plant at any time at a fair and reasonable value, as fixed by three thoroughly competent hydraulic engineers of good standing in their profession.

WOODMEN LOOKING OVER BLUFFS

Talk of Locating Here in Case Headquarters Leave Nebraska.

J. C. Root, sovereign commander; John T. Yates, sovereign clerk, and Dr. Potter, chief medical examiner, for the southern jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World, held a conference yesterday with the executive committee of the Commercial club relative to moving the headquarters of the order from Omaha to Council Bluffs in the event of the ruling of the supreme court of Nebraska being adverse to the order in the matter of the taxation of its reserve fund.

The officers were the guests of the executive committee at luncheon at the Grand hotel, during which the matter was thoroughly discussed. Several prominent local members of the order were also present at the conference and luncheon.

The visiting officers explained that Council Bluffs would be a most desirable location for the headquarters in case it was found necessary to leave Nebraska for the reason that a large number of the officers and employes owned homes in Omaha and would be able to still retain and occupy them in the event of the headquarters being transferred to this side of the river. Mr. Root stated that if the headquarters were moved here they would need a site of about a block on which to build a headquarters building and that the order would probably in conjunction with the Woodman Circle, the woman's auxiliary, expend about $150,000 in such a building.

Realizing the need of temporary quarters while building if the change was made the visiting officers looked at the Masonic temple and the Sapp building.

Sunday Services.

At the First Presbyterian church there will be preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. Marcus P. McClure, will take as the subject of his sermon "A Message for the New Year," and in the evening "The Wrestler's Purpose." At 6:30 p. m. the pastor desires to meet the young people of the congregation in the church parlors. A forty-minute service will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the church parlors.

Rev. Harvey Hostetler, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will preach at the morning services on "A Life Question." At the evening services he will deliver an address entitled "In the Holy City," which will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

First Congregational church, Rev. Ottebein O. Smith, D. D., pastor; morning services at 10:30; evening services at 7:30; Sunday school at noon; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Morning subject, "The Aftermath of the Incarnation;" evening, Hon. Shirely Gilliland of Glenwood will deliver an address. Special music morning and evening.

At the First Christian church there will be regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. W. B. Clemmer, will preach on "Success in Evangelism," and in the evening will take as his theme "The Old and the New." Bible school will be at 9:45 a. m. and meeting of the Christian Endeavor society at 6:30 p. m. There will be special music at both services under the direction of Mr. Ned Mitchell, chorister.

At St. John's English Lutheran church there will be holy communion and preaching at 11 a. m., preaching at 7:30 p. m., Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and young people's meeting at 7 p. m. In the morning the pastor, Rev. G. W. Snyder, will take as the subject of his sermon "Our Redemption," and in the evening, "The Closing and Opening Year." Immediately after the regular evening services a New Year's watch service will be held at which Rev. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln and Omaha ministers will assist.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church there will be holy communion at 8 a. m., morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 o'clock, evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Starr will preach at both services on the New Year. Sunday school will be at noon.

At the Swedish Lutheran church there will be preaching services at 10:30 a. m., but there will be no Sunday school or evening services. In place of the evening services the young people will render a program in the church parlors and the old year will be watched out and the new year welcomed in. Refreshments will be served. Monday evening there will be sevices at 7:45 o'clock.

There will be preaching services this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Union Christian church, Broadway and Thirty-fifth street. Sunday school will be at 3 p. m.

The First Church of Christ (Scientist) will hold services this morning at 11 in the Jewish temple on North Seventh street, when the subject will be "Life." Sunday school will be at 12:15 p. m., and the regular mid-week testimony meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Second Church of Christ (Scientist) will hold services at 10:45 a. m. in Woodman hall in the Merriam block, when the subject will be "Life." Sunday school will be at 11:45 and the usual mid-week testimony meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Taxes Certified Up.

County Auditor Cheyne certified yesterday to County Treasurer Consigny the tax collections for 1905. These taxes become payable January 1. The actual valuation of the county is $56,747,400, and the taxable valuation (one-fourth) $14,186,850. The total taxes, not including the city specials, to be collected amount to $667,366.85, as follows:

State tax	$ 52,491.23
County general	56,747.10
County poor	10,640.06
County bridge	29,559.55
County road	14,186.78
County school	14,186.76
County insane	14,186.78
State insane	7,092.87
Soldiers' relief	2,546.17
Teachers	171,260.76
Contingent school	60,642.88
School house	5,074.50
Township roads	36,295.74
Town general	12,879.16
Miscellaneous	18,064.15

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

General fund	46,403.51
Gas and street lights	14,584.20
Water	7,292.10
Bridge	3,646.05
Improvement	14,584.20
Judgment	7,292.10
Library	7,292.10
Park	9,118.13
Waterworks sinking fund	7,292.10
Int. paving and grading bonds	7,292.10
Bond loan	7,292.10
Funded debt	11,584.20
Total, not including specials	$154,944.23

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 30 by the Title Guaranty and Trust company of Council Bluffs:

John Maher and wife to Christopher Christiansen, lot 14, block 3, Howard's add., q. c. d.	$ 225
Nels J. and Jens C. Andersen and wives to the Andersen company, lot 1, block 26, Evans' 2d Bridge add., w. d.	1
Same to same, part of lots 4 and 5 in subdiv. of lot 178, original plat, w. d.	1
Same to same, lot 3 in subdiv. of lot 178, original plat, w. d.	1
Mrs. E. D. Summitt to Mrs. Eva Musgrove, lots 12 and 13, block 12, Carson, q. c. d.	1
John L. and Ida Price to Fred Messmore, lot 12, block 2, Quick's park, w. d.	
Same to C. J. Messmore, lot 10, block 2, Quick's park, w. d.	
Same to Grace Messmore, lot 11, block 2, Quick's park, w. d.	
Susie S. Craine and husband to Susie E. Craine, lot 4, block 17, Beers' add., except e18 feet, w. d.	1
Emeline Reed to Edna Augusta Bruce, the lot 60x200 feet, being 142 Graham ave., w. d.	2,100
A. O. Wyland and wife to W. F. Hoffa, lot 9, block 3, Fisher's 1st add. to Underwood, w. d.	400
C. F. Pratt and wife to George Dimmick and John Mahen, n½ w½ ne¼ and ne¼ nw¼, except three acres, in 6-77-43, w. d.	3,920
State Savings bank of Council Bluffs to W. A. Wells, lots 23, 24 and 25, block 8, Mayne's 1st add., w. d.	120
Carrie A. Southard to W. A. Wells, lot 26, block 8, Mayne's 1st add., w. d.	1
J. J. Wells and wife to W. A. Wells, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 8, Mayne's 1st add., w. d.	1
City of Council Bluffs to F. W. Stone, part of alley in block 50, Johnson's add., q. c. d.	73
Sixteen transfers, total	$6,845

Holiday Hours at Postoffice.

Postmaster Hazelton announces these hours will be observed at the postoffice on New Year's day:

Stamp window, general delivery window and money order division will be open from 8:00 until 11:00 a. m. Carriers will make but one delivery, leaving the postoffice at 9:00 a. m. There will be a business collection made in the afternoon, carrier leaving the postoffice at 1:00 p. m. Rural free delivery carriers will make no delivery.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
August Storbeck, Atlantic, Ia.	25
Alice Leonard, Atlantic, Ia.	24
Arthur N. Case, Silver City, Ia.	25
Sadie Maude Anderson, Silver City, Ia.	18
James J. Bockard, Pipestone, Minn.	33
Lillie V. Wallace, Council Bluffs	24

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, L698.

PAST WEEK IN BLUFFS SOCIETY

Homecomings and Holiday Gatherings Are Numerous.

Miss Effie Ellis is the guest of her parents at Little Sioux.

Miss Sprague will spend this week in Sioux City, the guest of friends.

The Misses Lupert of Sioux City are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Gretzer.

Mrs. L. H. Ross of Crescent was the guest last week of Mrs. J. S. Rogers.

Mrs. Waldon Nason of Benton street will entertain at a watch party this evening.

Miss Margaret Henderson is spending her vacation with her parents at Creston, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Copson have as their guest Mrs. E. Boyer of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Shackley of Farragut, Ia., are guests at the home of Rev. Charles Mayne.

Mrs. Knapp of Keosauqua, Ia., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred H. Hill, 823 Third avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morshell of Manning, Ia., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mengray.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piersol of Sixth avenue are visiting friends and relatives in Colorado.

Miss Vermont Reynolds of the Madison Avenue school is the guest of friends at Hancock, Ia.

Mrs. J. M. Williams of Missouri Valley is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Creager on North Eighth street.

Mr. Nilo O. Smith of Grinnell is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Smith.

Miss Laura Gaines of Ninth avenue had as her guest Christmas Miss Augusta Schmidt of Omaha.

Miss Maude Sides of Omaha is the guest of the Misses Edith and Allie Joseph of South First street.

Master Carroll Mikesell of Avenue C is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. H. J. Chittenden, in Sioux City.

Mrs. R. W. Bixby entertained at tea Thursday evening in honor of Miss Keenan of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Mrs. Valdimer Johnson of Seventh avenue entertained at dinner Friday evening. Covers were laid for eight.

Mrs. E. H. Doolittle, 107 South Seventh street, has issued invitations for a card party Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Rose Ward entertained a number of friends Thursday evening at hearts. Dainty refreshments were served.

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Mrs. John Moran, 1026 Fifth avenue, arrived Friday from Chicago, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. H. Carse and son Earle have gone to Iowa City to spend New Year's at the home of Mrs. Carse's mother, Mrs. Daniels.

Mrs. William Osborn has returned to her home in Buchanan, Mich., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bliss of Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cartwright, who have been the guests of their daughter, Mrs. L. M. Shubert, have returned to their home in Burlington, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Danforth of Norway, Me., arrived Friday and will be the guests of their nephew, Mr. Frank T. True, and wife, for the winter.

Mrs. W. W. Peaslee has returned to her home in Portland, Ore., after a three weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crane of Park avenue.

Mr. Stanley VanBrunt entertained thirty of his friends at cards last evening in honor of his 21st birthday. A most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greizer celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Thursday evening. Twenty-five were present. A four-course luncheon was served.

Mrs. J. C. Mitchell and daughter left yesterday on a visit to relatives in Chicago.

Miss Shirley Castetter of Blair, Neb., is the guest of Miss Frances Keeline of South Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Zurmuehlen, jr., 305 Willow avenue, entertained the U. T. C. club at cards last night. High five was the game of the evening. A dainty luncheon was served.

Mrs. Victor E. Bender and children arrived home Friday from Galesburg, Ill., where they had been visiting relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bender's sister, Mrs. Nevin C. Lescher.

Miss Florence Squires entertained about twenty of her friends Thursday evening. Prizes for the musical guessing contest were awarded Miss Elizabeth Crane and Mr. Rice. Luncheon was served.

The Economical Card club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Spare. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Roxey Davis and Mrs. George Roberts. Mrs. Roberts will be the next hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Beck, who were married Wednesday afternoon at Burlington, arrived home Friday and for the present will reside at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck, 447 Park avenue.

Miss Nina Meyers gave her friends a delightful afternoon at high five Thursday. The rooms were decorated in red and green. The prize was won by Miss Agnes Wickham. A course luncheon was served. About twenty were present.

The Council Bluffs Rowing association gave a dancing party at the Grand hotel Christmas night. The hall was very pretty in its decorations of red and green, and there was a large crowd present, the younger set dominating.

The Dodge Light Guards gave one of its popular dances in its new armory Friday evening. The crowd was not very large, but was select, and the dance was one of the most enjoyable of the season. About thirty-five couple were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rosche, 740 Mill street, entertained about twenty young people at a "fake" party last evening. The main feature of the evening was a fake Christmas tree, upon which rested various mysterious bundles. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. M. E. Patterson, 1101 Seventh avenue, entertained a party of fourteen at Christmas dinner. Among the guests was Miss Marcy of Malvern, Ia. In the evening Mrs. Patterson had about twenty guests. The evening was spent at games and music. Refreshments were served.

Miss Grace Spearman and Mr. C. A. Poulter were united in marriage Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spearman, 200 Seventh avenue, Rev. W. B. Clemmer officiating. The young couple will make their home in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brightman, 718 Madison avenue, entertained at their home Christmas eve twenty-three out-of-town guests. The affair was a surprise to both hosts and guests, as it was entirely unplanned and unexpected, and they made the best of the situation by appropriating all the spare beds in the neighborhood.

Mr. Myron Van Brunt gave a stag dinner at his home, 822 First avenue, Thursday night. A six-course dinner was served. Covers were laid for Messrs. Roy Smith, Ward Price, Jay Cleaver, Jack Baldwin, George Phelps, John Lydon, George Camp, Will Cutler, John McAtee, Russell Nichols, Roland Otis, Charles Hart, Roger Coker, Ray Eldridge of Omaha and Myron Van Brunt.

Dr. D. P. Cooper and Miss Winifred Rose Liles were married Sunday noon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Liles, 815 Twenty-third avenue, Rev. D. R. Chambers of the Latter Day Saints church officiating. Dr. and Mrs. Cooper are spending their honeymoon visiting in Kansas City, and will return shortly after the new year to this city, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shugart, 332 Glen avenue, entertained at dinner Christmas day. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Elizabeth Smith of Malvern, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Shedd, Miss Vern Shedd, Mr. and Mrs. Turk, Mrs. M. A. Rice, Miss Rice, Miss Edith Shugart, Masters Harry and Charles White of Malvern, Mr. Rice Shugart, Miss Mildred Shugart and Mr. and Mrs. Shugart.

Miss Florence Lougee, 660 Oakland avenue, entertained about forty of her girl friends at a "contrary wise" party Thursday night. The program of the evening was carried on just opposite to the regular custom, the guests upon arriving being greeted with "good night," and the luncheon was served the early part of the evening. Games and music furnished the amusements of the evening.

Miss Elizabeth Day was home to a number of her young girl friends Thursday afternoon. Those present were Misses Elizabeth Crane, Ruth Felt, Edith Shugart, Helen Walker, Venia Binder, Margaret Metcalf, Flora Cooper, Nellie Mayne, Mary Wadsworth, Eveline Edgerton, Hazel Manderson, Helen Flickenger, Margaret Flickenger, Gertrude Reed, Sara Beseley, Hazeltine Covert, Gertrude Hulette, Maude Meyers and Virgie Meyers.

The marriage of Miss Alida May Loring and Mr. Irving A. Benedict occurred Christmas afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Loring, 815 Sixth avenue. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white voile and real Irish lace. The bridesmaid, Miss Carrie Homan of Omaha, carried a bouquet of red roses. Mr. F. H. Jones of Omaha acted as best man and little Miss Elizabeth Annis filled the part of ring bearer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Herring of Omaha, the young couple standing under a beautiful arbor of Christmas decorations. After the ceremony a five-course wedding supper was served to the immediate friends and relatives who witnessed the ceremony. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Belle Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict will make their home with the bride's parents at 815 Sixth avenue and will be at home to their friends after January 1.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Stockert sells carpets.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Dr. Luella Dean, Brown Bldg. Tel. 909.

Drs. Woodbury dentists, 30 Pearl street.

Woodring-Schmidt, undertakers. Tel. 329.

Leffert's improved toric lenses give satisfaction.

Picture framing. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway. Tel. 366.

Girl wanted to assist with housework. 322 South Seventh street.

Cash prize waltz Thursday evening, new armory, only 25c. Whaley's orchestra.

Results Our Specialty—Eclipse Collection agency, offices 103 Pearl St. Phone 1474.

Big mid-winter term Western Iowa college opens Tuesday, January 2, 1906.

Empire renaissance gold moulding, pictures and frames. Borwick, 211 S. Main. Tel. 683.

Get your upholstering, feathers, mattresses and repairing done at Morgan & Kline's, 19 South Main street.

The Carnation Dancing club give their New Year's dance on Monday night, January 1, 1906, at the new armory. Refreshments. Whaley's orchestra.

Mrs. Amanda H. Collins died yesterday at her home, 1461 Avenue G, from pneumonia, aged 47 years. Her husband, one daughter and two sons survive her.

Justice Field performed the marriage ceremony yesterday for August Storbeck and Alice Leonard, both of Atlantic, Ia., and Arthur N. Case and Sadie Maude Anderson, both of Silver City, Ia.

Walter Pollard, a coal teamster, was fined $5 and costs in police court yesterday for violating a city ordinance by driving over a sidewalk and using unparliamentary language to Mrs. W. Shadden, who expostulated against his doing so.

Herman Whittland, son of Gottlieb Whittland of Keg Creek township, had his right hand so badly crushed in a corn sheller yesterday morning that it was found necessary to amputate the member between the wrist and elbow.

Mile Koskey filed original notice of suit in the district court yesterday against the Nebraska Telephone company for $1,800 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by him owing to negligence of the defendant company.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lucinda Jane Strong will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, 1108 South Seventh street, and interment will be in Fairview cemetery. Rev. Charles Mayne, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will conduct the services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Edwards will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. Burnett, 315 Twenty-third avenue, and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Charles Mayne of Trinity Methodist church.

The police were much surprised to learn through the columns of the Chicago Inter Ocean of a recent date that the city jail had been blown up by dynamite and that W. J. Davis, the sole prisoner, had his life saved by a miracle. The article also states that Davis was in jail on the charge of dynamiting a restaurant.

Mrs. W. B. Fisher received word yesterday that her brother, Russell Whittlesey, formerly of this city and now located at El Reno, O. T., had been seriously and possibly fatally injured by a fall from a railroad bridge, the construction of which he was superintending. The letter received did not give any particulars as to her brother's injuries.

The motion for a new trial in the suit of Keller against the park commissioners was overruled by Judge Scott in the superior court yesterday. This is the suit in which Keller sought to enjoin the park commissioners from building a cottage for the caretaker of the park adjoining his residence. The cottage has been built and is occupied.

In the superior court yesterday Judge Scott decided the controversy between the parties in the suit of Chrisman and others against the motor company involving the fencing in of certain streets at Manawa, over the costs of the commission appointed to survey the boundary lines. He held that the plaintiffs should pay one-third and the motor company two-thirds of the expense, which amounted to about $130.

The remains of James Hughes, who died in Kansas City from pneumonia, arrived here yesterday and were taken to the residence of his brother-in-law, T. P. Lindsey, 100 Fifth avenue. Deceased, who was a former resident of Council Bluffs, was 36 years of age, and is survived by his wife and one child. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Francis Xavier's church, and interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The officers elected by the Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church at the annual meeting Friday afternoon: President, Mrs. George Phelps; first vice president, Mrs. L. C. Empkie; second vice president, Mrs. I. N. Flickinger; secretary, Mrs. J. T. Beach; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Clark. After the meeting the music committee decided upon the engagement of a quartet choir for the ensuing year, and elected Mrs. Warner Welch, soprano; Mrs. N. C. Ayard, contralto; W. J. Stevens, tenor, and C. W. Coker, bass.

J. Morrissey and E. Neary of Sioux City were arrested in this city yesterday morning and later turned over to Chief Dineen, who took them back. They are charged with assaulting a Hebrew woman and seriously injuring her. The assault is alleged to have been committed Friday night during a quarrel on the street between Morrissey and Nearey and two men and two women. After the trouble they took the first train to Council Bluffs. They were arrested while calling for mail at the postoffice.

NEW YORK REAL ESTATE FRAUD

Former Resident of Iowa City Must Show She Signed No Deed.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—After having paid taxes on property she had purchased in Clord county, Kansas, in 1895, for eight years, Mrs. Louisa T. Brown, formerly of this city, was informed by the recorder of the county that she had transferred the property while she was living in Lockport, N. Y., that year and that she no longer held any interests there. Upon investigation she discovered that a deed to her property had been executed in Lockport and sworn to by a woman giving her name, which transferred the property to a man by the name of Scott. The records of the county show that Scott had sold the property within a few days after he received it under the New York deed to a man by the name of Ripple, who still occupies the place.

As soon as the investigation had shown those facts, Mrs. Louisa T. Brown, who was formerly a resident of the city, and who now lives at Boulder, Colo., began taking steps to show that she had never been in New York state at the time that the deed was made. That, in fact, at that time she was a resident of Boulder and that she is the real owner of the property. Local people have been appealed to for testimony and affidavits which will be forwarded. The theoretical explanation of the alleged crime is that some woman, in the interests of Scott, made the deed at Lockport, N. Y., using the name of Mrs. Brown. This deed was then forwarded to Scott, who had it recorded and then sold the land to an innocent party.

Iowa Boy Missing.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Frank Zetek, the 17-year-old son of Joe Zetek, a prominent resident of the city, has disappeared from the city and at the present time his whereabouts are unknown. For the last three years the boy has been working on the farm of Jake Baker of this county. Two days before Christmas he paid the boy the last installment of his wages, amounting to $61, and he left Lone Tree, presumably for Iowa City. From that time forward he has not been seen or heard of, and as there was no reason for his desiring to run away there is considerable fear that he has met with fould play. A general alarm has been sent over the county and unless he shows up within the next few days a more thorough search will be made.

Editors to Meet and Talk.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The program for the annual meeting of the Upper Des Moines Editorial association, which will be held here January 18 and 19, is practically complete, according to advices from James E. Downing of Fort Dodge, president of the association. Well known newspaper men throughout the state have agreed to attend, and many will deliver addresses on various topics of present day interest. Special preparations are being made to entertain the largest number of delegates in the history of the association, as nearly 200 newspaper people are expected.

Tramps Make Murderous Assault.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Three crippled tramps, angered by the refusal of citizens to provide them with beer last night, violently attacked ex-Alderman Theodore Fautz, Constable Matthes and Jacob Krupp with knives and crutches. The assaulted men were almost killed by the tramps and officials had a hard time preventing mob violence by the infuriated citizens. The three men were arrested after a desperate struggle and are now in jail charged with assault with intent to commit murder. Matthes was severely hurt and Krupp was badly cut. The tramps were also used up in the struggle.

Gray Becomes General Freight Agent.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—Archibald Gray has been promoted from the position of assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern railroad in Sioux City to the office of general freight agent in St. Paul. He will succeed to the place made vacant some time ago upon the promotion of W. W. Broughton to be freight traffic manager. Gray's successor in Sioux City has not been announced.

Rushing Work on Ashland Line.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 30.—The Great Northern road has issued orders to rush work on the extension from Sioux City to Ashland, Neb. Track laying on the north end has been completed to the end of the southern boundary line of the Omaha Indian reservation.

Boy Accidentally Shot.

WASHINGTON, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Crossing a creek on a log while returning from a hunting trip today, Frank Cannott fell off, his gun exploded and his right lung was pierced by the bullet. His father found the 20-year-old boy dead in the creek. He is almost crazed by the accident.

Iowa News Notes.

IOWA CITY—Frank Conott, a prominent farmer living near Wellman, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting. He tripped over a log.

LOGAN—The local chapter of the Eastern Star has elected the following officers: W. M., Mrs. Esther Kennedy; W. P., Mrs. J. P. Creager; E. M., Mrs. Abbie King; secretary, Fannie Ford; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Wood; conductor, Mrs. B. F. Huff; assistant conductor, Mrs. L. P. Duvall.

DUNLAP—John P. Morton died here Wednesday evening and the funeral will occur Sunday morning from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The deceased was born August 5, 1845, at Mount Vernon, O.; came to Dunlap in 1874; married Catherine Brady on September 19, 1877, and was the father of nine children, eight of whom survive.

WOODBINE—A meeting of Woodbine citizens interested in the new public library was held here this week. M. A. Reed was chosen chairman and George W. Coe acted as secretary. Prof. Kinney reported that $400 had been subscribed. A committee of six was appointed to carry on the work and is as follows: M. A. Reed, H. A. Kinney, Mrs. Jennie Coe, G. R. Rigg, F. J. Howe and Mrs. L. W. White.

WOODBINE—The local Independent Order of Odd Fellows' election have resulted as follows: Subordinate lodge—N. G., E. Mefferd; V. G., C. J. Shorett; secretary, G. N. Young; treasurer, S. M. Blackman. Encampment—C. P., J. C. Arnold; H. P., J. W. Beverness; S. W., M. F. Savage; J. W., C. N. Emilton; scribe, H. A. Humphrey; treasurer, W. H. Tuttle. Rebekahs—N. G. Mrs. Emma Giddings; V. G., Grace Dumond; secretary, Mrs. Ollie Evans; financial secretary, Mrs. Libbie Mefferd; treasurer, Mrs. Landee. Canton—Captain, E. Mefferd; lieutenant, J. C. Arnold; ensign, H. B. Kleng; clerk, F. M. Rugg; accountant, D. M. Kinnis.

Filling Army Vacancies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The president and secretary of war have decided to commission as second lieutenants the nineteen enlisted men who successfully passed examinations recently and became eligible for appointment, the secretary having found that there will be a sufficient number of vacancies by the time the next class at West Point graduates to provide places for the graduates.

Queer Sensations

in stomach, back or bowels, are signs of certain dangers, which Electric Bitters are guaranteed to cure. 50 cents. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

GOOD PLACE AND NO TAKERS

Five-Dollars Day Job in Legislature Overlooked by the Hungry.

NATURAL GAS TO BE PIPED TO DES MOINES

Grand Jury Scores City Council and Holds It Responsible for Long List of Crimes Committed in Capital City.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A lucrative office in the gift of the legislature is going begging. It pays $5 a day, including Sundays, and thus far there is no applicant for it, and the legislature but a week away. The office is that of assistant clerk of the house, and the duties are to call the roll and read the bills. L. E. Corlett was the assistant clerk at the last session, but he is deputy county clerk of Mahaska county, and will not be back to claim his old position. This fact it is presumed has not become generally known, or there would have been applicants for the position before this. The duties are light and the position is considered one of the best in the gift of the legislature. It is required that the person who fills the position be quick, accurate and with a very godd enunciation and clear voice. It is not expected that the legislature will have to do any searching to find a man to fill the place. The fact that no one has applied for the position is probably due to the understanding that old employes would have their positions back and to the fact that it was not known but that Corlett would be back.

Pipe Gas to Des Moines.

A local paper today publishes an interview with Representative H. M. Letts of Columbus Junction, in Louisa county, to the effect that the newly discovered gas in that county may be piped to Des Moines and other cities of Central Iowa. The distance from the gas field is 120 miles. The gas wells have not been fully developed, and it is believed there is a big supply there, sufficient to answer to an enormous demand for many years.

Lawyer is Indicted.

A. L. Steele was today indicted for embezzlement. This is the result of a compromise between the grand jury and County Attorney Miller, the latter at first refusing to draw the indictment. Steele is a candidate for county attorney.

Will Issue Census.

The executive council today decided to bind but a few copies of the census report and in these to insert a sheet making the corrections as found by the district court of Cass county in the count for the city of Atlantic. It is believed that the supreme court will reverse the district court and the council will therefore have bound only enough copies of the census report to supply the legislators and the state officials. The rest will be held awaiting the decision of the supreme court.

Des Moines Girl Found.

Miss May Jones-McCowan, who some months ago was reported to have been kidnaped in Paris, has been located and was married a few days ago at Los Angeles, Cal., to William Wheeler of that city. Miss McCowan formerly lived in Des Moines and went to Los Angeles, where she taught music and conducted the music in one of the large churches. She was sent by the church to Paris to study music and while there was lost sight of and the report was spread here that she had been kidnaped. Soon after her disappearance in France Henry Antrobus, a wealthy Los Angeles citizen, willed his fortune to be used in searching for her.

Grand Jury Scores City Council.

In the report of the grand jury to Judge A. H. McVey today the city council of Des Moines was held responsible for the lax enforcement of law and for the large number of holdups, murders and lawlessness in the city of the past few months. The report states that it has been found that numerous saloons in the center of the city are rendezvous for thugs and that the attention of the city council was called to one such and the promise was made that it would be closed up, but the promise was not kept. The report states that thugs follow citizens from these saloons and rob them.

BREWERS DECIDE UPON BEER

Cincinnati Workmen Accept Their Usual Liquor in Lieu of Shorter Workday.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—Nine hours as a day, with free beer, won over a demand for an eight-hour day presented by the employes of nearly forty breweries in this city. The matter has been acted on by the men at the different breweries and the vote in several instances being unanimous will probably be ratified at the full meeting of the Brewery Workers' union tomorrow. Several weeks ago the brewery workers presented a demand that when the present contract expires on February 1, a new contract providing for an eight-hour day be accepted. In reply the employers said they were willing to concede the eight-hour day, but it must be without the customary allowance of free beer. However, they offered to continue the beer free with a nine-hour day and this proposition has been accepted.

Threatened Trouble Averted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Advices received at the State department are to the effect that threatened trouble between Colombia and Venezuela has probably been averted.

OVERSHOES

Men's Pure Gum Arctics, for	1.75
Men's Boston Arctics, for	1.50
Men's common Arctics, for	1.25
Ladies' Arctics, 2 buckles, for	1.50
Ladies' Arctics, 1 buckle, for	1.00
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Ladies' Alaskas, for	75c

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$1.00 Hood's Sarsaparilla	79c
$1.00 Ayer's Sarsaparilla	79c
$1.00 Canadian Malt Whisky	79c
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