

NEWS OF THE COUNCIL BLUFFS

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MINOR MENTION.

Devis, drugs. Clark's sodas. Blocker sells carpets. Fine engravings at Leffler's. Ed Rogers' Tony Faust beer. Get those new photos at Schmidt's. Plumbing and heating. Hixby & Son. Lewis Cutler, funeral director, phone 85.

PHONE QUESTION UP AGAIN

Bell People to Be Asked to Supply the High School Free of Charge.

LIVELY DEBATE IN BOARD OF MATTER

Independent Forces Are Out to the Meeting, but the Bell People Remain Away—Plumbing to Be Inspected.

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several years ago before going further west. He returned to Avoca Friday night and inquired for his former employer at the house. He was told to live in Avoca. He was dressed and while there was no money found on the body there is no known reason for his taking his life. Craige's home was in Michigan and his father arrived in Avoca yesterday in response to the news of his son's death. The burial will probably be in Avoca.

Two Cautions of Beds for One Firm. The Peterson & Schoening Company has just received two large cartloads of beds. The shipment consists of beds made in beautiful brass and iron beds. The styles are strictly new and the finish is produced by the latest and most improved methods. It is fine. You are cordially invited to inspect this new stock of beds.

The famous Acorn stove; nothing in the market like it for heat, economy, durability and neatness. We make the most reasonable price on stoves in the city, considering the quality. We handle a large stock of cast-iron stoves and of cloth. D. W. Keller, 140 South Main street.

For imported wines, liquors and Budweiser beer go to L. Rosenfeld, wholesale liquor dealer, 219 South Main street.

MRS. WALTER SMITH SERIOUSLY ILL. Attnck comes while in Omaha and she is taken to hospital.

Mr. Walter E. Smith, president of the Central National bank, is seriously ill at the General hospital in Omaha. She was in Omaha Saturday afternoon when taken suddenly ill, and Mrs. W. E. Smith of this city, who was with her, called a physician, who decided that it would be unsafe to move Mrs. Smith to this city and had her conveyed to the General hospital there.

Congressman Smith was out in the state during political engagements and did not reach home until midnight Saturday, when he first learned of his wife's sudden illness. Inquiry at the Smith home last night elicited the information that, while Mrs. Smith had passed a bad night Sunday, she was somewhat improved yesterday and that the attending physician thought she would be sufficiently recovered to be brought home the latter part of the week.

Don't miss seeing the wonderful Cole's colored steel hot blast range. It's made heavier, made better, does a wider range of work, does it better, does it with less expense, than any other range. Don't fail to come and investigate this wonderful range at Fodlock's Hardware Co., the best place to buy stoves.

Odd lace curtains at less than cost. We tried to get rid of them to make room for others. We still have some remnants of lace curtains and mattress covers, 22 to 260 door mats 60 to 75. Stockert Carpet Co.

CENTRAL FLOUR-MILL. Every sack warranted. Central Grocery and Meat Market. Both phones 24.

Matters in District Court. According to the decree handed down yesterday by Judge Macy in district court, Mrs. Minnie B. White is allowed \$3,000 as her share of the estate of her deceased husband, Henry White. At the time of his death White owned 400 acres in Mills county, 121 acres in Pottawattamie county and three lots in Council Bluffs. George H. White, administrator of the estate, is authorized to negotiate the property, but is not to pay the widow the \$3,000, and John P. Organ and W. E. Mitchell, \$1,750 as attorney fees in connection with the settlement of the estate. The sum allowed Mrs. White is in lieu of all other claims and no further allowance is to be made to her.

After hearing the evidence in the divorce suit of Martha McGill against Edward H. McGill, Judge Macy denied the relief asked for. Mrs. McGill charged her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment of her. At the time of the death of their daughter, Alice, McGill laid claim to \$1,000 which the daughter had on deposit in one of the local banks and had been placed in the bank in the name of the daughter. The court ordered that McGill be deemed the owner of the certificate of deposit covering this sum.

After disposing of the McGill divorce case Judge Macy adjourned court to November 1, on which date Judge Green will convene the October term.

MALONEY CIGAR CO., 30 PEARL ST., COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA., DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE ROBERT BURNS CIGAR AND LITTLE BONAHE, OLD TIMES AND ERRIS CIGARS.

If you want the best lights to be had by your burners and mantles at W. A. Mauger's. Lidsday burners complete, 7c.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to the Recorder October 29 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs: J. W. Squire and wife to J. B. Long, lot 4, block 2, in Voorhes' ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$1,250. J. W. Squire and wife to J. B. Long, lot 5, block 2, in Voorhes' ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$1,250. Mrs. William O. Russell, lot 7, block 1, in Voorhes' ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$1,250. George D. Haven and wife to Isaac H. Johnson, lot 1, block 36, in Railroad ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$400. Mrs. Nelson A. B. Johnson, lot 11, block 8, in Hall's ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$300. Mrs. George D. Haven and wife, lot 10, block 10, in Highland place ad. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. \$100. Iowa Township company to George W. Campbell, lot 3, block 10, in McClelland, Ia., w. d. \$70. Iowa Township company to P. C. Peterson, lot 1, block 10, in McClelland, Ia., w. d. \$60.

Seven transfers, total, \$2,250. Blue A. Metzger & Co., 616 New Location of Wholesale Bakery, 616 Mynter Street, Co. Bluffs, Ia. Home-made Bread a Specialty. Visitors Welcome.

You get the lowest price, easiest terms and best guarantee on your piano when purchased at A. Hoop Co., 24 South Main St., Council Bluffs.

Teacher Hiss Diphtheria. Owing to Miss Nannie Hardin, the principal, being attacked with diphtheria, the Bloomer school was closed yesterday in order that it might be thoroughly fumigated and disinfected. It was reopened today. Two children in the family of Fred M. Loomis, pupils at the Bloomer school, were reported last evening to be down with diphtheria. As far as known yesterday there were no other cases among the pupils attending this school.

Wood or Wood You Not? Would you like to buy better wood and more of it for less money? We sell stove lengths and chunks. Missouri oak wood at \$1.50 a cord. This is a bargain. Brästenstein & Smith, 14th Ave. and 5th St. Tel. 132.

Meeker Camped at Glenwood. Edna Meeker, the pioneer of the Oregon trail, who left Council Bluffs with her team and prairie schooner without waiting for the completion of his plans for the erection of a monument here to mark the end of the trail, is camped at Glenwood. Meeker is anxious to reach Indianapolis before the severe weather sets in and this accounts for his hasty departure from Council Bluffs. The erection of the monument of the Oregon trail had promised him to take the matter of securing funds for the erection of the monument in hand, but now that Meeker has taken his departure, it is likely the whole thing will go by default.

You can't afford to have your carpets and rugs beaten in the old-fashioned way when you can have them thoroughly cleaned by our process at such moderate cost, without injury to the finest fabric. Bring down your shag carpet, cut pile or woolen rug, and look like new. Co. Buhrs' Cleaning and Rug Factory, 31 No. Main St.

Revival Meetings Postponed. At the meeting of the Council Bluffs Pastors' association yesterday it was decided to postpone the union revival meetings until after the holidays, and according to present plans they probably will begin about the second week in January.

The plan under consideration is to have several weeks of meetings conducted by the local pastors and to follow these up with meetings in charge of some well known evangelist. Rev. Henry Ostrom and Rev. C. G. Smith are the evangelists under consideration.

It was decided to hold the union Thanksgiving service at the First Presbyterian church and Rev. James O'May, pastor of Broadway Methodist church, was selected to preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

You will have no terrors to contend with if you trade with the Council Bluffs Coal and Ice company. Both phones 72.

Our highest ambition is when we frame a picture for you, to do it right and please our customers. Perhaps you have a picture that needs framing. Bring it to our store and let us see what we can frame it for. We'll do it as reasonable as it possibly can be done. Council Bluffs Paint, Oil and Glass company, Merriam block.

Hally at Treynor. Chairman Smith of the republican county committee has arranged for a rally at Treynor Wednesday night. The speakers will be State Senator G. M. Saunders and County Attorney J. J. Hess. It is likely another meeting for some other part of the county will be arranged for during the week.

Pianos, organs and musical merchandise. SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRING and satisfaction guaranteed.

Pictures for wedding gifts. C. E. Alexander, 33 Broadway.

Omaha Gas Catches Wood Men. SIDNEY, Ia., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Fred Lamb and John Duncan, two residents of Sidney, while in Omaha last Thursday night, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation. They stopped with Mr. Lamb son-in-law, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Lamb and Mr. Duncan turned off the gas, but it seems a leak was left in some way and in the morning both were found unconscious, Duncan not regaining consciousness until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Lamb was at first pronounced dead by the physician, but was revived by the doctor. The physician declared that a few more minutes would have meant certain death to both.

CAROLINA SQUIRE'S SPIEL. Coon Dog Ceremony, the Most Remarkable Marriage Service on Record.

The recent death of Colonel David Guy Maxwell of Charlotte, N. C. is a reminder of the fact that he was the inventor of the original "Coon Dog Marriage Ceremony." Colonel Maxwell was justice of the peace and United States commissioner in the old southern town of Charlotte for many years and was as much a landmark as the old white house outside of the town which he had his office. He was the typical southern squire in appearance—tall, dignified, courtly of manner, with snow-white hair and goatee. He first performed the "coon dog" ceremony several years ago during McKinley's administration in the marriage of a young North Carolina girl to the son of a friend. The contracting parties and the witnesses enjoyed it so highly that its fame soon became spread far and wide, and negro couples journeyed miles for the purpose of being married in the "coon dog" ceremony. Whenever a couple presented themselves at his office with the announcement that they wished to get married, the squire's first question was always, "How—straight or coon dog?" The answer invariably was "Coon dog, s'n yo' please, such."

After a few preliminaries the squire would adjust his spectacles, look solemnly over the top of them at the awed couple, clear his throat and proceed: "We have assembled here together, my friends, upon this historic spot, where— No dog's name. Shall we invade this classic shade, it shan't. Nor shall I do it. Nor anywhere, it can't."

To celebrate the nuptials of the couple present, and as they inaugurate their home on the ocean of council blues we will bid them "live off and ring an old shoe and a handful of rice forlorn them; and may they have smooth sailing and fair winds over the matrimonial seas; and may they have a long and happy life together, and may they never be subject to squalls nor cries of "Ship ahoy!"

"By the authority vested in me by the commonwealth of North Carolina, which is sometimes called the Tar Heel State of this Confederation of Fusion, and by the county of Mecklenburg, known as the cradle of American liberty; by the smoking tar kine and the bleeding sentinels of our turpentine fields; by the old sea-bitten coon dog, whose bawo-pronfo voice is heard in the gloaming; by recollections of the fat baked possum with sides lined with soap, sweet potatoes and hoo cake, to say nothing of the sweet and luscious watermelon; by the free silver faks of 16 to 1, which some think is the panacea of all national ills; by the Dingley tariff bill, which is to bring forth the long-washed for wags of prosperity; by the song of the quail, which some say is the harbinger of the restoration of trusts and monopolies; by the loud and clarion notes of the old Shanghai chancier, heard in the early morn calling upon his comrades to shake off their lethargy; by the old aromatic sours in which the quail dines; by the shade of the pickaninnee around your cabin door; and last, but not least, by the memory of the Deckenburgh, Mecklenpence of Indjurgen, I pronounce you coon and coonie. Whomsoever that the law of North Carolina have joined together, let no man put asunder. Salute your bride, and may the Lord have mercy upon your souls."—New York Press.

Missouri Lawyer Brown Dead. KANSAS CITY, Oct. 29.—James Black of the law firm of Pratt, Dana & Black, corporation attorney, dropped dead while trying to catch a car at the county court house a few minutes after noon today. Mr. Black was 72 years old. He had been more or less confined to his bed for many years. His death was due to apoplexy.

Tramp Shoots at Farmer. WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Oct. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Scott, a farmer residing northeast of this city, was shot at last night by a tramp while putting his horse up to a stall. The shot passed through his coat. He was unharmed and returned the fire twice without effect. The man escaped.

FREE ALCOHOL AND POTATOES. Opportunity for Farmers to Derive Practical Benefit from New Legislation.

The department regulations controlling the making and using of denatured alcohol, just announced by the commissioner of internal revenue, marks another stage in the work of preparation for the practical application of the new law taxing the tax when it shall go into effect the first of the coming year. The process of denaturing, which consists of the addition of ten gallons of wood alcohol and a half gallon of benzine to every hundred gallons of the ethyl alcohol, seems to follow the German method quite closely, and that is probably wise, because the Germans have made a larger and more practical use of this industrial force than any other people. This process will be carried out on the distillery premises where alcohol is produced in special bonded warehouses.

The department's estimate of the price of the completely denatured product at 25 cents a gallon seems rather high to accomplish all the ends predicted from the abolition of the tax; still, even at that figure, the use to which it might be devoted would be many times multiplied. This would make it almost 50 per cent cheaper than the wood alcohol has been and would relieve those artisans who have suffered in bodily health from the use of the latter. The wood alcohol industry is not likely to seriously suffer, however, unless it may be in the reduction of price, because the demand for the article for denaturing purposes will be offset, to a large extent, by its displacement in many of the arts and industries.

The commissioner qualifies his statement as to price by saying that this would vary according to the cost of ingredients, both basic and denaturing. A new problem now presents itself, which is to extend the sources of raw material from which ethyl alcohol can be made. The new incentive brought out the suggestion that green corn cobs are cheap and prolific yielders of the alcohol. That is good as far as it goes, but the old refuse of all the canneries in the country would furnish but a small fraction of the supply needed. As a matter of fact, the new industrial situation ought to be a very pronounced stimulus to the potato crop of the country. The Germans make their alcohol largely from potatoes, and a market can be created for those varieties of the tuber that produce largely, but are not in favor because too coarse for domestic purposes.

It has frequently occurred to us that the farmers, even under present conditions, were not making the most of their potato crop as it deserved. There is now the responds more generously to care and cultivation. The Aroostook region in Maine, which is one of the finest in the country, is just now embarrassed by a lack of cars for shipment, and the possible loss to buyers and shippers this season is put as high as a million dollars. Why should not Aroostook be a very favorable spot in which to plant one of the alcohol distilleries? Reports from Long Island are to the effect that one farm this year is yielding 200 bushels to the acre, another 37, and others over 30, while the banner record of 374 to a single acre, or 1,784 to a tract of five acres. Of course, these figures are exceptional, but only because they are the result of exceptionally careful cultivation. With the new incentive there should be many more such records, since they bear so direct a relation to this assumed new factor in our prosperity.—Boston Transcript.

TURN LAUGH ON LAWYERS. Brotherton Witnesses Often Prove a Match for Veterans of the Bar.

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ATLANTIC WELL MANAGED

City is Making Money on Its Electric Light and Water Works Plants.

LAW VIOLATED, BUT CITY PROFITS BY IT. Attorney General and United States District Attorney Examining the Evidence Concerning the Elevator Trust.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The city fathers of Atlantic, Ia., have been disobeying the law in some regards, but have given the city a good, honest, business administration, according to the report of the inspection by the inspectors from the state auditor's office. They have transferred money from other funds to the electric plant in order to pay for the purchase of the plant, but have been making money on the water works and also the electric plant for the benefit of the pockets of the taxpayers of the city. The report of inspectors George Pennell and S. G. Moore is now on file with the auditor of state and also on file with the city office of Atlantic and is a boost for municipal ownership. Atlantic has for some time owned its electric light plant. In 1901 it wanted to buy the water works plant. It had leased the plant and operated it for some time and thought it business sagacious to buy the plant, but the city fathers, by convention the law by releasing the plant and agreeing to pay the interest on the bonds and taxes and \$4,000 a year, the latter sum to apply on the purchase of the plant. Not content to pay but \$4,000 a year on the purchase price, the city council transferred money from other funds to the electric plant in order to pay for the purchase of the plant, but have been making money on the water works and also the electric plant for the benefit of the pockets of the taxpayers of the city. The report of inspectors George Pennell and S. G. Moore is now on file with the auditor of state and also on file with the city office of Atlantic and is a boost for municipal ownership. Atlantic has for some time owned its electric light plant. In 1901 it wanted to buy the water works plant. 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