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And until they are all sold, 200 Pairs of Misses' Shoes at, a pair—

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They are the odds and ends from last season and they are all good shoes. Some of them sold as high as $2.50.

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We have 226 acres of highly improved land, 5 miles from Silver City and 6 miles from Osceola, 14 miles from Columbus, Neb., in Polk county; good 7-room house, barn, granary, wind mill and running water; fenced and cross fenced; bearing orchard and strawberry beds; lots of evergreen trees and grove; 100 acres under plow, balance hay land and pasture. Can sell this for $60 an acre or exchange for good Omaha property.

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We have excellent lands from $6 per acre up, near railroads. We also handle the best lands in the state, namely, the famous Wood River Valley lands in Hall county. Always have a good bargain, a money maker, somewhere. Write us.

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We own several thousand acres of land in this wonderful country—the most fertile lands in the United States. We can give you the best prices, also the lowest railroad rate. Join one of our excursions.

LEREW LAND CO.,
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THE COEUR D'ALENE RESERVATION will be opened soon. It contains 500,000 acres choice wheat, fruit and timber land. Do you want 160 acres?

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IF you want to buy, sell or trade a farm, send 10 cents for a copy of the Farmers' Want Journal, Dept. 48, Kansas City, Mo. It gives names of owners and descriptions of 500 to 1,000 farms for sale and trade and what others want to buy. (20)—M720 F9

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FARMS FOR RENT AND SALE on crop payments.
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MONEY TO LOAN—Payne Investment Co. (22)—927

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GARVIN BROS., 1604 Farnam, 5 and 5½ per cent loans on real estate; no delay. (22)—928

$1,000,000 TO LOAN on business and residence property in Omaha; lowest rates; no delay. Thomas Brennan, R. 1, N. Y. Life. (22)—931

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WANTED—City loans. R. C. Peters & Co. (22)—932

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WANTED—To buy, second-hand furniture, stoves, carpets, clothing and shoes; pay the best prices. Tel. Douglas 3971. (25)—867 F12

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GENTLEMAN desires strictly first-class room with board. Must be modern and well furnished. Preferably within walking distance of retail district. Address P 907, Bee. (26)—M696 31x

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YOUNG man, expert stenographer, desires position. Address A 616, Bee. (25)—M735 31x


# NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

## COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office, 10 Pearl St. Tel. 43.

### ESTIMATES ON PLANT VARY

Water Company Expert Raises Kiersted's Figures $206,396.

BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS ON RESERVOIRS

**Alvord, However, is Higher on Each and Every Grouping of Items Which Go to Make Up the Total Valuation.**

The report of John W. Alvord, the consulting hydraulic engineer of Chicago, employed by the Council Bluffs Water Works company to make an estimate of the value of its plant, was submitted to the members of the special committee of the city council by Manager E. W. Hart at the adjourned conference yesterday afternoon. As had been intimated, Mr. Alvord's valuation was materially higher than that of W. Kiersted, the expert engineer employed by the city council.

Mr. Alvord places a valuation of $706,344 on the plant, which is $206,396 higher than that of Mr. Kiersted, who figured the value at $500,948.

The following are the comparative estimates of the two experts:

| | Alvord. | Kiersted. |
|---|---|---|
| Land (valuation furnished by water company) | $42,000 | $13,215 |
| River station | 41,537 | 33,012 |
| Broadway station | 48,607 | 34,719 |
| Broadway basins | 94,670 | 60,900 |
| Glendale reservoir | 57,602 | 28,233 |
| Distribution system | 280,180 | 258,016 |
| Preliminary expense | 16,856 | ..... |
| Interest and commission | 54,978 | 42,790 |
| Inventories (estimated, net) | 4,300 | ..... |
| Going value (net) | 68,614 | 20,749 |
| Total | $706,344 | $500,634 |

This comparative statement is made by Mr. Alvord and it will be seen that there is a difference of $314 in the total of Mr. Kiersted, whose value of the plant was placed at $500,948, instead of $500,634.

**Letter from Engineer.**

The following letter from Mr. Alvord, which accompanied his report, explains the differences in the figures:

I send you herewith the results of my revised computation of the value of your plant, which I now place at $706,344. In coming to this conclusion I have been guided by results and comparisons with Mr. Kiersted's figures.

I have included the preliminary expenses, as he has done, and computed the interest on construction in accordance with his method.

I have been through his estimates carefully and checked my own figures and prices with his, and wherever we have materially differed I have reviewed the matter in my own mind to see if I would stand for my own unit figures. In some cases this has resulted in my reducing my unit prices.

Mr. Kiersted's unit quantities are different from my own in very many cases, and in order that you may compare our two estimates I am sending you herewith supplemental sheets, showing item by item. It has been difficult in showing this comparison as Mr. Kiersted's grouping is not the same as mine, and I have been obliged to rearrange both his and my own grouping so as to get a parallel. In most cases I have adopted his grouping, and in rearranging the items in this way I have failed to precisely check his figures, as you will notice from the comparison. If I had had a little more time probably I could have chased this down, but it results partly in some minor errors I detected in his footings, and possibly some errors of my own which I have not yet detected; it is not a material difference in any event.

After reviewing the matter of the going value, and in the light of the results which I have reached, I have concluded it would be better not to include the period of construction in it at this time, but leave it at the figure which I originally determined, which, I believ, is conservative.

You will note that greater differences exist between Mr. Kiersted's estimates and my own on the reservoirs than at any other part of the plant.

The figures which I have used on these reservoirs are the same unit prices which the board used on the Omaha business, and I am satisfied that Mr. Kiersted is too low on these prices. He has also adopted very low quantities, especially in the Glendale reservoir, some of which I cannot fully understand. I assented to the prices which I have used in most of the Omaha work, and would stand by them for your vicinity.

I will have the inventory with my detail prices and figures written up and sent you, accompanied by the photographs and drawings so that you may have it as a basis for future work.

Owing to the absence of Councilman Knudsen of the special committee nothing definite was arrived at yesterday afternoon at the conference between the committee and Manager Hart, and another meeting is scheduled for early Friday evening before the session of the city council in committee of the whole.

Councilman Wallace, chairman of the special water works committee, at first objected to Mr. Alvord's report being given to the newspapers, but the other members and Mr. Hart took the position that the public was entitled to hear both sides of the question, and Chairman Wallace's objection was overruled.

**For Sale.**

Owner needs money and will sell a four and a five-room dwelling north of transfer very cheap. Tel. 61. Charles T. Officer, 419 Broadway.

For Sale—Span of horses; broke single and double; black; hardened for road or dray. Bouricius, 335 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.

**Meeting of District Bar.**

A meeting of the members of the bar of the Fifteenth judicial district will be held this afternoon in the county courthouse to consider the advisability of urging that the proposed bill before the state legislature providing for the appointment of a commission to select jurors be amended so as to make it apply to all counties in the state. The bill in its present form is limited to counties having a population of 50,000 and over, and would only affect six counties in the state.

W. A. Mynster, president of the Pottawattamie County bar, under the auspices of which the meeting has been called, is in receipt of letters from many members of the bar in the other counties comprising the Fifteenth judicial district, in which they all favor the plan of the selection of juries by a commission. They also approve of having the bill amended so as to apply to all counties in the state, irrespective of population.

**A Comparison.**

Consider the small yard in your home town, then think of two yards containing on an average about thirty times as much stock, then you will see why we can make such a difference in price to you by buying a straight car of lumber, instead of a mixed car, as your local dealer must do. Of course you are not in the lumber business and do not realize the advantage we have over him, but if you will mail us an itemized bill of what you wish we will surprise you. C. Hafer, Council Bluffs, Ia.

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**PROMOTION COMPANY IS FORMED**

**First Result Likely to Be Paving of West Broadway.**

The Council Bluffs Development company, the principal object of which is to secure factories and other business enterprises for the city, became an assured fact at a well attended meeting in the rooms of the Commercial club last night.

Articles of incorporation were approved and the following board of directors elected: Frank T. True, V. E. Bender, F. H. Keys, E. E. Hart, J. P. Greenshields, G. H. Mayne, E. H. Lougee, H. H. Van Brunt and F. R. Davis.

The capital stock is placed at $100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of $100 each. With but few exceptions those present subscribed liberally for the stock.

While not organized specifically for this purpose, the incorporation of the Council Bluffs Development company means probably the paving of Broadway the entire distance from Twentieth street to the approach to the motor bridge. As soon as the company is in a position to transact business legally it will make an offer to take off the hands of the city all of the lots it now owns on Broadway and will agree to bear the expense of the improvement against this property. By doing this the company expects to increase the value of the property in that neighborhood and make it desirable for factory sites and for the location of other and various business enterprises, all of which will tend to build up that section and the city in general.

While the company, it is said, will at first devote its efforts to building up the western section of the city, it will not by any means stop there, but will endeavor to build up every section where trackage is available for business enterprises of the character it purposes fostering and encouraging.

The articles state that the purposes and objects of the incorporation shall be the "carrying on of a general commercial, manufacturing and development business."

The articles will, it is expected, be filed within a week and another meeting be held within the same time, at which the organization will be completed by the election of officers, etc.

President McDonald of the Commercial club presided and G. H. Mayne acted as secretary at the meeting last night.

Combination gas and electric chandeliers and the celebrated Welsbach incandescent gas burners. Why not see us before you buy. We can certainly please you on price and quality of goods. Stephan Bros., 529 West Broadway.

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**Twenty Per Cent Discount.**

Odds and ends of granite ware, all this week. See our window. Swaine & Mauer, 336 and 338 B'way.

Stephan Bros. for the latest and best inverted burners. 529 West Broadway.

BETTER ANTICIPATE YOUR NEEDS BY LOOKING INTO YOUR COAL PILE. CALL THE COUNCIL BLUFFS COAL & ICE CO. THEY WILL HELP YOU. TEL. 72. EITHER.

The Morgan Upholstering company, C. A. Morgan, manager, is now open for business at 331 West Broadway, and for thirty days will make special prices on all upholstering. Our sample prices will be couches in walnut, leather or tapestry at $6 to $8. Hair and moss mattresses made over for $1.50. Cotton, wool and excelsior at $1. Feathers renovated at 5 cents per pound. Everything new and clean and all work guaranteed. Telephones: Bell, 393; Independent, 473 Red.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR SCRAP IRON, METALS AND RUBBER BY J. KATELMAN, 803 MAIN ST. 'PHONE 650.

**POOR REVOLVER SAVES A LIFE**

**Owner Snaps It Four Times Before It Would Explode.**

Bad blood which has prevailed for some time between Charles Hankins, a laborer on the fruit farm of J. A. Aulabaugh, north of the city, and Arthur Southwell, a driver for the Keeline meat market, culminated yesterday morning in a shooting affray after the two men had met and had a fight. But for the fact that Southwell's revolver missed fire three times Hankins would in all likelihood have been a subject for a coroner's inquest. As it was, one bullet from Southwell's weapon went dangerously close to Hankin's head.

At an early hour yesterday morning Southwell was on his way to deliver an order at Wilcox's greenhouse No. 2 when he encountered Hankins in Caning Cut. Hankins was armed with a pitchfork, which it is said he used with considerable effect on Southwell.

Southwell drove back to town, stopping at his home on Hunter avenue, where he secured his revolver. On Broadway he noticed Hankins in Harding's barber shop waiting to be shaved. Stepping to the door Southwell drew his revolver and presenting it at Hankins, who was standing with his back to the stove, pulled the trigger. Three times in succession Southwell pulled the trigger, but it only snapped. The fourth time, however, the weapon worked and a bullet whizzed close by Hankin's head and lodged in the wall behind him. Southwell then retreated up the street and turned north on First street. Hankins followed Southwell to the door, shouting after him, "Well, you've got your nerve with you," but the latter paid no attention to him and continued on his way.

The first intimation the police got of the shooting was from Southwell, who called up the station over the telephone and gave his version of the affray. He said that Hankins had first attempted to stick him in the face with the pitchfork, and, failing in this, had beaten him over the head with the handle, breaking his nose.

The police soon ran across Hankins, who, as a precautionary measure, was placed under $25 bond to appear to answer to a charge of fighting and disturbing the peace, but Southwell kept out of the officers' way until evening, when he was taken into custody by Detectives Weir and Callaghan. He was locked up and a charge of shooting with intent to kill booked against him.

Southwell was indicted at the November, 1906, term of district court on a charge of assaulting Soren Thompson, a tailor, with intent to do him great bodily injury. He has been at liberty on a bail bond and his case is on the docket for trial at this term of court.

A. Metzger & Co.
New Location of Wholesale Bakery,
616 Mynster Street, Council Bluffs, Ia.
Home-Made Bread a Specialty.
Visitors Welcome.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

| Name and Residence. | Age. |
|---|---|
| Marcus M. Martens, Council Bluffs | 23 |
| Gertie O. Arwine, Council Bluffs | 22 |
| Edwin A. Krettek, Council Bluffs | 23 |
| Josephine G. Pryor, Council Bluffs | 22 |
| C. D. F. Langfeldt, Bentley, Ia. | 26 |
| C. D. Schultz, Council Bluffs | 33 |
| Charles A. Cornelison, Benson, Neb. | 22 |
| Dora Ruge, Council Bluffs | 20 |
| Jens P. Larsen, Fremont, Neb. | 36 |
| Pauline P. Nelsen, Fremont, Neb. | 23 |
| Guy Custer, Silver City, Ia. | 26 |
| Emma Davis, Oakland, Ia. | 24 |

**MINOR MENTION.**

Davis, drugs.
Stockert sells carpets.
Fine engravings at Lefferts.
Ed Rogers' Tony Faust beer.
For Rent—Rooms, 231 Main street.
Plumbing and heating, Bixby & Son.
Lewis Cutler, funeral director, 'phone 97.
Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 329.
Watch repairing. O Mauthe, 228 West Broadway.
Large load of cobs at Droge elevator, 75 cents. Both 'phones 582.
DIAMONDS AS AN INVESTMENT, TALK TO LEFFERT ABOUT IT.
Last week of 20 per cent discount on mouldings. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.
BUDWEISER BOTTLED BEER IS SERVED ONLY AT FIRST-CLASS BARS AND CAFES.
A beautiful and ornamental gas burner, the Welsbach chick lamp, complete, $1.25. Stephan Bros., 529 West Broadway.
Sheridan (Wyo.) coal in stock; also all other grades. Fenton Wickham Coal company, 107 Pearl street. Both 'phones 325.
Have you seen those beautiful Cyclamen and Boston ferns at Wilcox's store? They are on sale this week and are very cheap.
Councilman Knudsen is laid up with a wrenched knee, the result of assisting in the removal of a small house to his fruit farm.
ALL SIZES OF STORM DOORS, STORM SASH, STORM WINDOWS AND WEATHER STRIPS AT GEO. HOAGLAND'S.
The large display of plants at Wilcox's store is a beautiful sight to see, and everyone should see it. They are having a big sale. For this week only.
James P. Larsen and Pauline P. Nelsen, both from Fremont, Neb., were married in this city yesterday by Rev. Henry DeLong at his office in the court house.
D. S. Kerr has farms of different sizes to rent, either cash or crop rent. Houses for sale on monthly payments. Tels. 417 and 496 Red. 546 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.
Guy Custer of Silver City, Ia., and Emma Davis of Oakland, Ia., were married in this city yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. B. Clemmer, pastor of the First Christian church, at his residence.
The trial of the $5,000 damage suit of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Keller, against the Board of Park Commissioners and the city of Council Bluffs, was not completed in district court yesterday, but is expected to go to the jury today.
The will of the late George Franklin, pioneer resident and merchant of this city, was filed for probate yesterday. All of the property of the deceased is bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Jefferies, who is made executrix without bond.
H. A. Otto, who failed to convict Otto Applequist, the Broadway grocer, on a charge of violating the Iowa exemption law by sending a claim against him for collection outside the state of Iowa, through his attorney, served notice on Applequist of a suit for $1,000 damages.
William Willets, who is suspected by Bert Lookabill of Hastings, Ia., of securing his wad of $20 while taking in the sights of the city Tuesday night, is being held by the police for investigation. Willets denies the theft and claims Lookabill spent his money in having a good time.
The Interstate Commerce commission, to which the West End Improvement club forwarded a complaint against the street railway company, alleging discrimination in the fare between this city and Omaha, has acknowledged receipt of the complaint and asks for more specific details.
The foreign will of the late Alfred Booth of Chicago, head of the A. Booth Packing company, was admitted to probate in the district court here yesterday. The estate was a large one, as the son, who was appointed administrator by the Illinois courts, was required to give a bond in the sum of $250,000.
C. D. F. Langfeldt of Bentley, Ia., and Miss Clara D. Schultz were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Schultz, on Hubbard street, Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor of St. John's English Lutheran church, officiating in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom. After a two weeks' wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Langfeldt will make their home in this city.

If you have anything to trade advertise it in the Bee Exchange column of The Bee Want Ad page.


**Big Plant Sale at Wilcox's**

**Boston Ferns**

Nice, bushy 75c plants for 45c for balance of this week.

**Special Sale**

This wek only. 1,000 beautiful Cyclamen plants in full bloom and plenty of buds. Will bloom for several weeks. This week only. 1,000 beautiful Cyclamen plants in full All sizes and colors. Also Chinese Primulas and Primula for 15c to $1.00. Make your selection early.

Visitors and Purchasers Equally Welcome.

521 BROADWAY. Both Phones 99


## PASS LAW IS TROUBLESOME

Iowa Legislators Uncertain Just Where to Draw the Line on Pasteboards.

PLAN IS TO FOLLOW FEDERAL STATUTE

**Lawyers, Doctors and Other Employes Whose Compensation is Nominal One Feature Over Which Stick Comes.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.

DES MOINES, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—An anti-pass law is in process of prepartion. It will be a repeal of the present Iowa anti-pass law and the intention is to make the law in this state conform with the plan of the federal law so that there may be no conflict. The form of the Iowa law is simple and was easy to draw and that of the federal statute is difficult, so the Iowa legislators are having trouble in preparing the measure. The present Iowa law prohibits passes being given to or received by officials of the state, legislature, delegates to political conventions or members of political committees. The federal statute prohibits passes being given to anyone and then makes exceptions, but there are so many exceptions that it is difficult to know where to stop. The changes that are to be made in the Iowa law are in conformity with the governor's message recommendations. In drawing the bill members of the senate are having difficulty with two questions. One is what to do with newspaper advertising exchanged for mileage, which the Interstate Commerce commission held to be illegal under the federal statute. The other is what to do with politicians, and with the lawyers and doctors who are appointed railroad employes in every town and city of the state and whose only compensation is the railroad mileage. It is being suggested that such be prohibited from receiving passes unless they also get a money compensation of at least $500 a year, but constitutional lawyers fear this would make the law unconstitutional. The new law will in all probability have the provision that no state official, member of the legislature, delegate to political convention or member of political party committee shall ride on a pass whether an employe of a railroad or not. The new bill will appear first in the senate, according to present intention.

**Three Insurance Bills.**

Three bills will be reported for passage by the insurance committee of the house tomorrow morning. One is a bill providing a plan for assessment life insurance companies to incorporate under the legal reserve plan, another is a bill requiring all insurance companies to preserve vouchers for all expenditures of $100 or more and the third is a bill allowing fraternal accident insurance companies to do business in the state. The bill providing a minimum rate for fraternal insurance companies was discussed and it was decided to fix next Wednesday for a hearing on the bill, at which time representatives of fraternal insurance companies will be heard.

**Move to Change Commission.**

A bill is in course of preparation and will be introduced in both houses within a few days providing for changing the entire personnel of the Iowa railroad commission by the addition of four new members to be appointed by the governor. The commission at present is made up of three members elected by the people for periods of three years each. A strong lobby of shippers, among whom were members of the Iowa State Association of Manufacturers and other shippers, has gathered in this city for the purpose of pushing matters along lines suggested by the governor in his message to the legislature, in which he stated that there had been no substantial change in freight rates in this state in the past eighteen years, and recommended a commission appointed by the legislature to make an investigation. This lobby gathered in Des Moines in the hope of inducing the legislature to create such a commission. From the discussion among the members of the lobby has grown a sentiment for quicker action. It is claimed that a commission could not report or bring about any results but publicity till the next legislature meets, two years from now, and it would then be up to the legislature to work a change with considerable more time to be consumed before a change in rates could be brought about. It is therefore being argued among the members of the lobby that by the addition of four members to the railroad commission, making the membership seven, the four new members to be appointed by the governor an investigation such as the governor wishes could be brought about and with it immediate changes in the freight rates. The lobby, therefore, has gone to work at once to prepare the bill and it is promised to be introduced within a few days.

**Bills Introduced.**

The following bills were introduced:

In the House—Hanson, requiring railroads to stop trains when signaled; Hanson, amending the law as to compensation of supervisors; Wolf, amending the law relating to filing abstracts in the supreme court; Wolf, amending the law relating to time of appeal in criminal cases; Wolf, relating to expense of security bonds of administrators and executors; Wolf, relative to appointment of non-resident executors; Reaney, increasing maximum state aid to district and county agricultural societies; Bomwell, requiring insanity commissioners to ascertain and report to county auditor names of persons responsible for support of insane persons. Brandes, amending support fund for School for Deaf to allow indigent children to remain full twelve months; Brandes, admitting deaf and dumb children to school for deaf; Geneva, allowing towns to levy special assessments for street improvements. Harding, exempting one-half of personal property from liability, of judgment in divorce actions; Jewell, amending the election laws; Kelly, protecting fish and game; Feeley, appropriating $15,000 for the State Normal; Sullivan, appropriating $5,875 to reimburse private citizens for land purchased for the state fair.

In the Senate—Smith of Mitchell, resolution memorializing congress for constitutional convention; Jackson, exempting half of personal property from liability to judgment in divorce cases; Stookey, amending insolvent bank laws; Young, relating to disposing of dead bodies; Jackson, authorizing delinquent tax collections.

The general district court bill introduced by Senator DeArmand of Scott county is designed to strike at lynch law cases. It is provided that the judge of the general district court shall be elected by the entire state and shall hold court in the state house and have jurisdiction of cases from all parts of the state where the local machinery of justice fails for a period of sixty days after the commission of the crime to begin action. It is held that in the case of the Charles City lynchers there will be no prosecution because it is impossible to get a grand jury that will indict or a petit jury that will convict in Floyd county. A district court having state wide jurisdiction, with juries drawn from the entire state, could bring about prosecution. It is asserted that local influences that work to prevent enforcement of liquor laws would furnish enough liquor cases to keep the court busy when there were no lynching cases.

**M'FEELEY DECLARED TO BE INSANE**

**Iowa Man Who Kills His Father Escapes Immediate Punishment.**

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury returned a verdict of insanity this morning in the McFeeley murder case, due to the testimony of Dr. Bank E. Witte of Clarinda, who pronounced McFeeley a degenerate and mentally irresponsible.

Tod McFeeley was charged with the murder of his father, an aged laborer, on the evening of November 16, 1906. The trial began Monday afternoon. McFeeley, it was charged, crushed the skull of his father with a hammer. The defendant is a young man about 21 years of age and was a cigarette and booze fiend, and the objections of his father to these habits is given as the cause for the tragedy.

He will be sent to the criminal insane ward at Anamosa until his reason is restored and will then be tried for murder.

The trial attracted a great deal of interest and the court room was crowded at each session. The mother of the accused boy was put on the witness stand and tried her best to defend him against the merciless questioning of the prosecuting attorney, showing a great deal of emotion and nearly breaking down several times. The boy showed very little interest in the proceedings, sitting stolidly throughout both sessions.

**FARMER IS KILLED BY TRAIN**

**Rock Island Locomotive Strikes Barney Alfers Near Neola.**

NEOLA, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Barney Alfers, a farmer whose home is one mile southwest of town, was struck by fast train, No. 5, on the Rock Island road, at 1 o'clock this afternoon and instantly killed.

The accident occurred at the grade crossing near the interlocking station one-half mile south of town. Mr. Alfers was returning home and riding in a wagon, in which he had been delivering corn. Both horses were killed. Inquest will be held by Justice Clark in absence of the coroner.

**Farmer Seriously Injured.**

SILVER CITY, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Monday afternoon P. S. Markel, a prominent farmer living southwest of Silver City, was engaged in hauling ice from east of town, and in some manner fell backward out of a wagon, striking the ground upon his head and shoulders. As soon as his condition would permit he was conveyed to his home and a physician called, who, after a thorough examination, found that no bones were broken. Mr. Markel passed a very restless night, but the attending physician is of the opinion that he will recover unless internal injuries of a serious nature were sustained.

**Young Girl Takes Poison.**

SIDNEY, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Berdie Fletcher, aged about 25, daughter of the late Dr. Fletcher of Thurman, near here, died Tuesday night from the effects of a dose of poison which she swallowed last Saturday. Miss Fletcher was formerly a teacher in Boyles' Business college in Omaha. She had been suffering recently from melancholia and this is the only cause assigned for her suicide.

**Iowa News Notes.**

STRAWBERRY POINT—While unhitching a team, John Weger, a farmer living near here, slipped on the ice and fell, breaking his neck.

FAIRFIELD—A movement is on foot to preserve the oldest building in Iowa. The Old Settlers' association of Jefferson county have taken the initiative and will seek the establishment of a park of eleven acres near Fairfield. In the park will be placed the old log cabin of Rhodham Bonnifield, said to be the oldest building in the state.

CHARLES CITY—It is quite generally understood that James Cullen, who was lynched, made his brother, R. C. Cullen, a banker of Warren, Ill., his beneficiary in his will. Mrs. Maude Hutchinson of Michigan, Cullen's daughter, has been here for several days looking after her father's property, but was very reticent and seemed somewhat discouraged.

ATLANTIC—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Northern & Southern road was held last night and officers were elected for the ensuing year. J. H. Simmons resigned as president and J. A. McWaid was put in his place. F. M. Noben was re-elected vice president and Jasper Stiers secretary. A board of directors of fifteen members composed of business men of Atlantic, Elkhorn and Kimballton was selected, with T. B. Swan as general attorney, and a permanent office with bookkeeper and stenographer was established.

CRESTON—Monday evening the members of the Modern Woodmen of America gathered at Creston, coming from a number of points in southwestern Iowa, and held an immense class adoption at the Temple grand opera house, receiving nearly 125 new members into the order. The team of foresters from Red Oak conducted the floor work in the initiatory ceremony. A number of high officials of the order were in the city to attend the ceremony. Those present were as follows: Head Banker C. H. McNeider of Mason City, Mr. Reilly, a member of the board of directors, of Elgin, Ill.; State Deputy George Frink of Des Moines, State Lecturer Korns of Des Moines, ex-Head Banker F. R. Crocker of Chariton, District Deputy Roy Wilson of Red Oak.

## STRAUSS IS INDIFFERENT

**Composer of "Salome" Doesn't Care for New York's Opinion of Opera.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: Richard Strauss, composer of the sensational musical setting of Oscar Wilde's drama "Salome," in an interview with the New York World correspondent in Berlin yesterday, expressed his opinion of the furore created by the production of the music drama here in these words:

"Probably there are two classes of persons in New York who discover that 'Salome' is immoral. The first are those whose own lives, especially their secret lives, are not above reproach—men and women whose minds dwell on things prurient, who have sounded in their thoughts all that is morally base. The second are those who oppose any and all dramatic treatment of a biblical story or legend. This class is largely represented in England and the United States. To these people Saint-Saens' 'Samson and Delilah' is immoral, so are all mystery plays and passion plays.

"In art there is never the moral nor the immoral; such conceptions are incompatible with the conception of art; are foreign to it. In art there is only good and bad. Is an artist's work good art? Is it bad art? These are legitimate questions and these the artists must face and answer.

"In Berlin, in Dresden, in other cities," he added, "'Salome' has been given on the stages of royal theaters. Its art has been approved by specialists whose morality cannot be questioned. What is good enough for these famous stages is good enough for New York. It is really the same to me whether or not New York rejects 'Salome.' I am wholly indifferent in the matter."

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A decision to discontinue the present rendition of the Strauss opera "Salome" at the Metropolitan Opera house was reached today at a conference between the directors of the company owning the house and representatives of the Conried Opera company. The conference was the result of a letter sent by the directors of the owning company protesting against further presentation of the opera.

**Council Bluffs Real Estate Transfers.**

These transfers were reported to The Bee January 30 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

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| Carl Wolter and wife to N. B. and J. H. Chrisman, e½ nw¼ and n½ sw¼ 9-76-42, w d | $11,000 |
| Fred E. Blust and wife to John H. Claussen, lot 13, Avoca Land and Loan Company's Add., Avoca, w d. | 950 |
| Lula E. Doty and husband to Herman Schneider, lot 2, Howe & Damon's Subdiv., Council Bluffs, w d | 150 |
| The Peregoy & Moore Co. to H. G. McGee, lot 18, block 23, Howard Add., Council Bluffs, w d | 40 |
| Mary L. Everett to Ada E. Waddell, lot 9, block 28, Evans Second Bridge Add., Council Bluffs, s w d | 1 |
| Agnes Folsom to Arthur C. Reynolds, lot 4, block 26, Beers' Subdiv., Council Bluffs, w d | 1 |
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