

COUNCIL BLUFFS

BIG JOB COLLECTING TAXES

Over Nine Hundred Lawuits Involved in the Portland Assessment.

HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR POSTAGE ALONE

Attorneys for Company Notify County Officials It Will Fight the Tax in Behalf of Its Stockholders.

The effort on the part of Pottawattamie county to collect taxes for several years past on the holdings of the stockholders of the Portland Gold Mining company involves a vast amount of extra work for the county treasurer and the clerk of the district court. Notices have been mailed by the county treasurer to 963 stockholders, whose places of residence are practically world-wide. Notices have been sent to every state in the union, as well as to England, France, Germany, Canada, South America, Australia and other foreign countries. The cost of mailing and registering these notices exceeded \$100.

The notices are to the effect that the stockholder named therein is required to appear before County Treasurer Mitchell on or before March 20, and show cause why his or her stock should not be assessed for taxation for the years named. It is the intention of the county to assess the stock for the years 1901 to 1906, inclusive, and then let the courts do the rest.

For the purpose of assessment the market value of the Portland stock for the years named will be taken. The stock was quoted for these years as follows: 1901, \$2.45; 1902, \$2.75; 1903, \$1.75; 1904, \$1.40; 1905, \$1.95; 1906, \$2.00. For instance, a person holding 100 shares of stock during 1901 the value will be placed at \$245 and the taxable value will be one-fourth of this, namely \$61.25. The par value of the stock is \$1 a share, of which 2,000,000 were issued.

A list of the stockholders was recently secured by the county authorities from an inspection of the company's books under order of the court. Notices have been sent to each person represented to own stock according to these books. Many replies have been received by Treasurer Mitchell by persons so notified disclaiming ownership of the stock. Others have replied stating that they have already paid taxes on their stock holdings in the states in which they resided and deny the right of Pottawattamie county to assess tax thereon on the same stock.

The result of assessing the holdings of 963 reputed stockholders by the county treasurer will be the filing of 963 appeals to the district court. Yesterday H. V. Battey, clerk of the district court, received a letter from State Senator Saunders, local attorney for the Portland Gold Mining company, and the stockholders, warning him of the actions to come and advising him to have two or more appeal dockets specially prepared for these actions. The entire 963 appeals will have to be listed separately on the docket, not to mention the indexing and other work attendant on the filing. Mr. Saunders names as attorneys for the Portland company and stockholders Tyson, S. Dines, C. S. Thomas, A. T. Gunnell of Colorado and Hon. W. L. Smith and Saunders & Stuart of this city.

Attorney Charles M. Harl has been retained by the Board of County Supervisors to assist County Attorney Hens in the matter of the taxation of the Portland company stock. It is understood that Messrs. Hens and Harl are to receive as compensation 15 per cent of all the taxes on the stock recovered into the county treasury.

If Anyone Should Ask You
We carry the largest and best prices.
That's the reason Sargent's Family Shoe Store. Sign of the bear.

JARVIS WINE CO., 225 MAIN. PHONE 124.

P. A. SPENCER.
Plumbing, steam and gas fitting, furnace and sheet metal work, galvanized iron cornice, skylight, tin roofing, gutter, spouting and repairing, gas and Norfolk furnaces. First-class mechanics in all branches. Both telephones No. 60, 125 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.

JARVIS' TRADE STILL INCREASING.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee March 13, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:
Wesley's Christian association to E. V. Gilman, lot 7, block 3, W. 4th & Ramsey's add, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 1,300
Foster Paulsen and wife Charles R. Hough, s.w. 1/4 s.w. 27-6-4, w. 4th & 1st, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 3,100
J. C. Bousfield to Ida Mae Preston, lot 2, block 1, Pierce's add, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 800
James W. Brock trustee and wife Charles F. Officer, lot 17, block 6, Sackett's add, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 700
Executors of Estate of Horace Everett to M. Duchmann, part s.w. 1/4 s.w. 27-6-4, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 250
Benjamin-Pehr Real Estate Co. to Elizabeth H. Smith, lot 20, block 22, Perry add, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 120
James R. Rice and wife to Frank N. Duffies, part of lot 1, Mallett's subdivision, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 120
Executors of Estate of A. Cochran to J. C. Bachman, lot 1, block 15, Cochran add, to Council Bluffs, Ia. 125
Eight transfers, total, \$3,832

TRY JARVIS' GOODS BEFORE BUYING.

In Hafer's Yard All America is Represented.

From mahogany rafted down the Emerson river to the humble pine of our Carthage, in brief, when in quest of lumber, of the right sort at the right price, it will pay you to take the trouble to have a chat with me. I have the goods and I deliver them. C. Hafer, Council Bluffs, Ia.

The only repairing I do is the kind that is done right. I repair everything that is repairable in the jewelry line. Do not worry about the price; I make that right. O. Maube, 225 W. Broadway.

EVERY KNOWN BRAND SOLD BY JARVIS.

Grand Council Royal Arcanum.

Circulars announcing the sixteenth annual session of the Iowa grand council of the Royal Arcanum to be held in Council Bluffs Tuesday, April 9, have been received by the local members of the order. The meeting will be held at the Grand hotel and the opening session will be convened at 10 a. m. The meeting will continue for some time as will be necessary to transact all the business coming before the grand council.

W. A. Groneweg of this city has been appointed assistant to the grand secretary for the meeting. G. H. Nicol of this city is one of the three grand trustees. A. T. Fickinger is chairman of the committee on laws and that on state of the order, while H. L. McNitt is chairman of the committee on distribution of reports to the grand council. Charles A. Beno of this city is Iowa

Spring Evening Exhibit and Sale of Millinery

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Everything That Is New in Hats Is Here, on the Great Second Floor of Fashion

OUR INVITATION IS MORE URGENT, OUR WELCOME WILL BE MORE ENTHUSIASTIC THAN EVER BEFORE.



NEVER HAVE WE HAD QUITE SO BEAUTIFUL A SPRING DISPLAY OF CHARMING HATS AS THIS SHOWING WHICH WE ASK YOU TO COME AND VIEW WILL REVEAL.

HATS from the autocrats of millinery who rule the world's styles, from the Capital of Fashion on the Seine, Paris Hats, or rather American adaptations, and the favorite translations of French styles are those developed by our own expert milliners. The John Beno Co. label in a bonnet means a great deal. Without favoritism or royal warrant we have won distinct leadership in millinery. Our styles are the vogue—our prices very pleasing to all who want high class millinery at moderate cost. The price range, with a great variety at each step, is: \$2, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10 to \$25.00.

HATS FROM SIMPLE ELEGANCE TO THE MOST ELABORATE CREATIONS ARE HERE IN THIS MOST CORRECT FORESHADOWING OF THE 1907 SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES.



Those who choose early have three advantages: The privilege of selecting from the widest variety. The distinction of being first to wear the new things. The comfort of having spring hats safely at home in their hand boxes before Easter shopping crowds and hurries them.

We're Proud of the Hats We Offer at \$5

The trend of fashion is most clearly shown in the smart 1907 styles and colors at this popular price. While many women have already come to know that equally beautiful, stylish and fine cannot be duplicated elsewhere at two or three times our price. Come and see for yourself.

See the Exposition of Women's Coats, Suits, Skirts and Waists—Everything that's new and fashionably preferred is here ready for inspection. WELCOME!

The John Beno Co.

A VISIT WILL REVEAL THE VALUE GIVING POWER OF THIS STORE.

The John Beno Co.

grand regent and A. E. Brock, also of this city, is a grand treasurer.

In the circular announcing the meeting of the grand council Grand Regent Beno says: I have just received the following good news from the supreme regent, Read B. Smith, of the month of February, 1907, for the first time since the Atlantic City session of the supreme council, comes proudly forward with a net gain in membership. The applications and reinstatements for that month filed in the supreme secretary's office were 900, while the losses from deaths, suspensions and withdrawals aggregated 879, thereby giving us a net gain of 15.

The record of the first five days in March is still more gratifying. During that time 237 applications were received.

Trades Union Men.

You get Union Made shoes at Sargent's Family Shoe Store, whether you ask for them or not. Sign of the bear.

ALL GOOD LIQUORS FROM JARVIS.

If you want a nice record or a fine talking machine come to the Bourciful Piano House, 235 Broadway, where the organ stands upon the building.

JARVIS, THE WINE PEOPLE.

Matters in Federal Court.

The federal grand jury completed its deliberations yesterday and was discharged by Judge McPherson. Three indictments were returned, one of which only was made public as the defendants named in the other two were not under arrest.

Charles Holman, a youth of 30 years, was indicted for bootlegging at Grinnell. Holman's defense was that he did not sell the whisky complained of because "all the boys clipped in" and he merely acted as purchasing agent. Despite the fact that Holman had already been twice in jail, the court was lenient and sentenced him to four months' imprisonment in the Montgomery county jail at Red Oak and to pay a fine of \$100.

The greater part of the time of the court yesterday was taken up in hearing arguments on a demurrer in the case of Alexander L. Watson of Galesburg, Ill., against the Security Life & Savings Insurance company, the National Life & Trust company, the National Life Insurance company of the United States of America. Policy holders in the first company stopped payments when it was taken over by the second company and are now seeking a settlement of the amounts which they paid in. The petition also asks for the appointment of a receiver, but this will not be insisted upon if judgment is obtained by the plaintiff.

The Cement Season at Hand.

If you intend doing any cement work do not fail to call on George A. Housland for prices on cement, sand, crushed rock, etc. Have just unloaded 1,000 barrels of Portland cement and can make you very attractive prices.

WHEN OTHERS FAIL TRY JARVIS.

Y. M. C. A. Subscriptions.

The Young Men's Christian association building fund reached the \$16,000 mark yesterday. The amount secured by the soliciting committee yesterday was \$50. The

following will form the soliciting committee this morning: F. J. Day, S. F. Henry, W. H. Killpack, J. W. Smith.

Congressman Smith pledged \$300 to complete \$15,000, and promised \$200 additional when needed to complete \$15,000.

CENTRAL FLOUR, \$1.05 PER SACK; EVERY SACK WARRANTED, CENTRAL GROCERY AND MEAT MARKET. PHONES 24.

JARVIS SELLS "BOTTLED IN BOND."

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 520, Night, L-963.

SQUABBLE OVER HYDRANT RENTAL

Bill Ordered Paid on Basis of New Ordinance Rates.

The semi-annual bill of the waterworks company for hydrant rentals was productive of a lengthy discussion at the adjourned regular meeting of the city council last night. The company presented its bill at the old rates, asking that the city pay as much thereof as the rentals under the new schedule provided in the ordinance passed last year and contested by the company would amount to without prejudice to the company or the city. The new ordinance provided for a rate of \$5 a year per hydrant, while under the old franchise the company had been receiving \$100 per hydrant for the first 100 hydrants and \$25 per hydrant over and above that number.

Councilman Wallace took exception to the form of the bill as did Mayor Macrae. They took the position that it ought to have been made out at the rate as provided in the new ordinance. After a prolonged discussion the company was ordered paid at the \$48 rate on the understanding that in accepting this amount it did not prejudice its right as to claiming a higher rental, Councilmen Wallace, Olson and Yorkerman voting against it.

An ordinance regulating the licensing of the holder of a license repealing the ordinance giving the city council permission to exempt from taxation new industries. The taxes on the Geise industry were remitted, although there was some opposition, it being claimed that it was not a new industry, but merely a transformation of the former business conducted by Mr. Geise in the same plant. Mayor Macrae took the position that if the Geise plant was entitled to exemption of taxes for the five years the Metzger company's new bakery plant was equally entitled. At a former meeting the request of the Metzger company was turned down on the grounds

that it was merely an expansion of the former plant.

J. Winkington was granted permission to conduct a saloon at Broadway and Twenty-fourth street, but it is doubtful if he will be permitted to open up there. Residents in that neighborhood some time ago filed a protest against a license being granted for a saloon there, and Councilman Hendrix, who voted against it last night, stated that his constituents had not changed their minds. He intimated that the court would be appealed to for an injunction.

Councilmen Maloney, Hendrix and Wallace were appointed a special committee to confer with the county supervisors, street railway company and others relative to securing financial assistance towards paving lower Broadway.

The park commissioners filed a request that the city retentail the electric light in Cochran park. The request was referred to the committee on fire and light, although it was the opinion of some of the councilmen that if the park board had a surplus of funds with which to build a \$2,500 modern residence in Fairmount park, ostensibly for a caretaker, it ought to have ample funds to provide a light for Cochran park.

Latest up-to-date machinery for repairing shoes. No waiting. Shoes called for and delivered. Our price is less than others. Sargent's Family Shoe Store.

LADY CLERK—JARVIS, 225 MAIN ST.

Commercial Club Election.

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial club last night E. H. Morrison was elected president. Other officers elected were: Vice president, E. H. Doolittle, E. C. Devoit, treasurer, E. E. Hart, secretary, W. B. Reed. The following were elected to the executive committee: R. H. Bloomer, Thomas Green, J. G. Wadsworth, Charles A. Beno, Dr. H. B. Jennings.

The meeting was well attended, thirty-two of the fifty newly elected directors being present. Congressman Smith addressed the meeting informally relative to matters pending before congress.

The hour of the banquet next Saturday has been changed from 6:30 to 7 o'clock. All tickets have been disposed of, but Secretary Reed is still receiving application for seats. Mr. Reed asks that any holder of a ticket who does not intend to be present, return them to him so that it may be resold to some one anxious to attend.

Your Shoes Repaired While You Wait.

Particular work for particular people, either by hand or machine, at Sargent's Family Shoe Store.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Residence. Age. Clinton T. Fitch, Logan, Ia. 24

Blanche A. Meyer, Council Bluffs. 15

Edfred Nelson, Shelby Co., Ia. 27

Mary Christianson, Pottawattamie Co., Ia. 21

William Eaton, Taylor, Ia. 23

Anna Jeffers, Weston, Ia. 23

MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drugs.

Stockert sells carpets.

Fine engravings at Leffert's.

Ed Rogers' Tony Faust beer.

See Schmidt's elegant new photos.

Plumbing and heating, Bixby & Son.

The heating plant at the high school was put out of commission yesterday by a

break in the machinery which operates the best ventilating fan. As a result of the breakdown Principal Thomas had to dismiss the pupils for the day. The break was repaired during the afternoon and school will be held as usual today.

Lewis Cutler, funeral director, phone 97, Picture framing, Alexander's, 333 E. W. Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 393. Watch repairing, O. Maube, 225 West Broadway.

NEW SPRING STYLES IN SPRING GOODS AT HILF'S.

Latest styles and patterns in wall paper H. Horwick, 211 South Main.

DIAMONDS AS AN INVESTMENT.

TALK TO LEFFERT ABOUT IT.

For Rent—8-room modern house; furnace, bath, large yard; good neighborhood. A. A. Clark & Co.

You don't have to ask for Union Made shoes at Sargent's—you get them anyway. Sign of the bear.

BUDWEISER BOTTLED BEER IS SERVED ONLY AT FIRST-CLASS BARS AND CAFES. L. ROSENFIELD CO. AGTS.

Hulls put coal, delivered, \$5.50 per ton; spade grate, \$3.50 per ton. William Welsh, 14 North Main street, Tel. 135, Ward Eighth street and Eleventh avenue, Tel. 97.

D. S. Kerr has farms of different sizes to rent, either cash or crop rent. Houses for sale on monthly payments. Tel. 417 and 401 Red. 506 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Spring time is coming. Now is the time to select your wall paper and get the work done promptly and well. See the new wall paper at W. Davidson's, Masonic temple, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Come in and let us show our spring stock of carpets, rugs, linoleum, oil cloth, window shades, lace, toilet ranges and grouting stoves. We have one of the largest stocks of home furnishings in the city. D. W. Keller, 103 South Main.

J. O. Bryant, aged 72 years, died yesterday morning at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital from stomach trouble, after three weeks' illness. He is survived by one son, J. H. Bryant, of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. M. Hamilton of Toledo, O., Miss Maude Bryant of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Alvin Johnson of Omaha. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal church. Rev. T. Mackay of All Saints church, Omaha, will conduct the service and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Georgia Miller, the woman who "waited" Deputy City Marshal Charles Crum up and down Pearl street Tuesday afternoon, paid \$5 and costs in police court yesterday morning for her fun. She was provided with a healthy looking roll of bills from the meeting informally relative to matters pending before congress.

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NOT SATISFIED? THEN TRY JARVIS.

ROBERT BURNS 10c CIGAR. OLD TIMES 5c AND SPINA 10c CIGAR. MALONEY CIGAR CO., DISTRIBUTORS, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.

Farmer Shoots at Wife.

CHARLES CITY, Ia., March 12.—(Special.)—While intoxicated last night from the effects of drinking diluted alcohol, Samuel Miller, a retired farmer, took three shots with a revolver at his wife. She escaped to the home of a neighbor across the street, and was not hit. Miller was arraigned before Mayor Baldwin this morning and was fined \$100 and costs.

Fight for Mine in Doubt.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 12.—The officials of the United States court continue reticent as to whether the Bigelow syndicate, owners of the Osceola Mining company yesterday procured an injunction preventing the Calumet and Hecla mining company from voting the proxies which it holds at the Osceola company's annual meeting Thursday. It is believed here that a restraining order was issued and sent to the deputy United States marshal at Marquette.

JOINT RATE BILL REPORTED

Measure Puts Fixing of the Rates in the Hands of Commission.

BULK SALES BILL PASSES THE SENATE

Woodmen of the World Hold Their Biennial Convention at Des Moines

—Boone Man Relieved of His Cash.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The railroad committee of the senate has recommended for passage a joint rate bill which will place the making of joint rates on Iowa business in the hands of the state railroad commission. It is a measure that will not be opposed by the railroads.

The appropriations committee reported out the state marshal bill, but without recommendation as to the appropriation which it carries.

Bulk Sales Bill Up.

The senate was taken up today on the bulk sales bill, which is demanded by the jobbers to protect them from dishonest retail merchants. The bill requires the giving of five days' notice to all creditors before a stock of goods can be sold in bulk, and a list of the creditors must be furnished the prospective buyer. The bill was championed by DeWolf and later by Saunders. Bruce offered an amendment making it apply only where the seller is insolvent and Gilliland wanted it to apply only to debts because of the business, and both amendments were defeated. Other amendments were offered to punish for misuse of information secured in this way. The bill was strongly urged as a measure necessary to the protection of creditors and especially wholesalers and bankers; but the opposition came from the belief that it would subject a merchant to unnecessary and perhaps dangerous restrictions in his business. The bill was passed, 33 to 16.

House Acts on Bills.

After an all day session yesterday passing bills, the house was taken up this morning confronted with a larger calendar than ever and on all day session was the consequence, in which a large number of bills were passed. The bills providing that the majority stockholders of a railroad shall have control of the articles of incorporation to the contrary, notwithstanding, and the bill providing that terminal railroads in Iowa shall be available for use to all roads, were made special order for tomorrow morning at 10:30.

Act on Polk Jury Case.

The Polk county jury case was thrown out of court today by the supreme court.

Triangular Debate.

The second annual triangular debate will be held Friday between Drake university, the State Agricultural college and the Iowa college at Grinnell. Drake and Ames meet in the auditorium at Drake university, Drake and Grinnell at Grinnell and Ames and Grinnell at Ames.

Iowa News Notes.

ATLANTIC—The funeral of Stephen J. Gillette, a prominent merchant of this city, was held Monday and was one of the most largely attended funerals held here for years. Nearly all the stores closed in honor of his memory and the Masonic order attended in a body.

LOGAN—The annual school election of the Logan independent school district occurred yesterday at which time Thomas Arthur was re-elected a member of the school board for the term of three years. H. J. Farlow, democrat, was the only other candidate and lost by 50 votes. The total vote was 3,000.

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The claim had been made that the jury lists were irregularly made up in this (Polk) county, hence there was no legal jury here nor could there be. A case was taken to the supreme court on a writ of certiorari, but the supreme court held that the case was not properly brought. Appeal will now be made to the legislature for a special act to bring about a remedy.

Woodmen of World Here.

The biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World of Iowa closed at noon today in this city. The convention was called for the purpose of electing officers and a delegate to the sovereign grand camp, which meets at Norfolk, Va. The officers elected are: Head consul, John W. Geiger, Cedar Rapids; head adviser, Edward Nydager, Fort Dodge; head banker, L. C. Burr, Fort Dodge; head clerk, Dell G. Morgan, Des Moines; head escort, Ernest Mueller, Des Moines.

Boone Man Loses Cash.

John Vagland of Boone, Ia., was picked up in an East Side saloon unconscious,