

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS

NO LEAKS IN SUNDAY LID

At Least None Were Observable to the Ordinary Eye.

NO ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS

Curtains Up and Screens Taken Out of the Saloons in Response to the Demands of the County Attorney.

For the first Sunday in many moons the register at police headquarters failed yesterday to show a single arrest for drunkenness. This unusual state of affairs was said to be the result of the saloons generally obeying the edict of County Attorney Hesse as to observing the provisions of the mule law.

SUNDAY MEETINGS OF Y. M. C. A.

Are to Be a Regular Feature of the Work from Now On.

Regular meetings for men in connection with the Young Men's Christian association are to be held Sunday afternoons. This was unanimously decided upon at the conference held yesterday afternoon in the First Baptist church, at the suggestion of Harry Curtis, secretary of the association.

The ministers were enthusiastically in favor of holding the meetings as suggested by Secretary Curtis, the consensus of opinion being that religious gatherings should be a feature of the association work.

According to the plan outlined by Secretary Curtis, these Sunday afternoon meetings are to be, at least for the present, entirely informal. "There will be no need to go outside Council Bluffs for speakers or singers," declared Mr. Curtis. "We have plenty of home talent. This has been demonstrated at the weekly meetings we have been holding in the public library building. For the present I do not favor big meetings, although every young man in the city is not only welcome, but is invited to attend them. The best of results can be obtained from small, informal gatherings where the religious spirit prevails."

Secretary Curtis spoke of the work of the Young Men's Christian association in Council Bluffs twenty-two years ago. He said that many of the leaders in church work of the present received their inspiration from attending the informal gatherings of the Young Men's Christian association in those early days.

Patrons of several of the churches were present and offered the use of their churches for the Sunday afternoon meetings. The all spoke in favor of the proposition. The meeting next Sunday afternoon will be held at 4 o'clock in the Broadway Methodist church, on invitation of Pastor Williams.

Two More Branch Postoffices.

In compliance with the request of Postmaster Haddon, the department at Washington has authorized the establishment of two additional unobstructed branch stations in this city, at the drug stores of Dell G. Morgan, 14 West Broadway, and Oscar H. Brown, 23 South Main street. The other two are located at the Union transfer and at the drug store of E. L. Hong & Co., 235 West Broadway.

Stamps, postcards and other postal supplies may be purchased, letters may be registered and money orders purchased at these branch offices, but mail will not be collected nor delivered by them. As the drug stores remain open until 10 p. m. and often later, while the stamp window at the postoffice closes at 9 p. m. and the registry and money order department at 8 p. m., these branch offices are a great convenience to business houses and the residents in their vicinity. The new stations on Main street and Broadway will be of great service to the large business districts in which they are located.

Assessment for Sewers.

The city council will meet this afternoon mainly for the purpose of assessing up to the abutting property the cost of the sewer completed by Contractor Wickham in the southern part of the city. The sewer begins at Pleasant street and Thirtieth avenue, extends south to Fifteenth avenue, thence south to Sixteenth avenue and thence west on Sixteenth avenue to Main street, where it connects with the already constructed sewer. On Sixteenth avenue, at Sixth street, the new sewer extends west to connect with the main outlet of the sewer system.

The council will also assess up some recently completed curbing.

Mixed candies, 10c lb. Purity Candy Kitchen, 544 Broadway.

Charles R. Hannan Critically Ill. Charles R. Hannan, the former well-known Council Bluffs banker and capitalist, is critically ill at his home in Boston and word received by friends here is to the effect that the worst is feared. T. G. Turner, cashier of the First National bank of this city, was called to Boston Saturday evening by a telegram announcing the serious condition of Mr. Hannan. Although Mr. Hannan a few years ago moved to Boston to take charge of the financial interests of Swift and

Company in the New England states, he still regarded Council Bluffs as his home and expected to return here to live.

MINOR MENTION.

Born in Mr. and Mrs. Chris Loesth, Tenth street and Twentieth avenue, a daughter.

Rehearsal lodge No. 3 will be entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Thomas Rishton, 129 Harrison street.

Central chapter of the Woman's guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will give a minstrel show early in the new year.

Miss Anna Murphy left last evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will join her sister and remain for the rest of the winter.

The funeral of Samuel Moffit will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's Catholic church and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council Bluffs Homeopathic Medical society will be held this evening. Dr. P. J. Montgomery will read a paper on "What Is Disease?"

The South First street chapter of the Woman's guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. G. H. Jackson, 517 South First street.

Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Charles E. Cooper, whose sudden death occurred Saturday, are awaiting the arrival of her brothers, but it will probably be held Thursday afternoon.

There will be services Wednesday evening at St. John's English Lutheran church. The women's church will give their annual fair Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 37 Pearl street. The choir will meet for rehearsal Saturday evening.

Sylvia Ramer, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Critch, 1814 South Tenth street, died yesterday from a tumor on the brain. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the latter Day Saints' church in Crescent and interment will be in the Crescent cemetery.

Mr. J. F. Spare, 1030 Fourth avenue, has as her guest her brother, Willis McCullen of Colorado, whom she had not seen for thirty years. McCullen formerly resided in Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Spare had not seen him since she was thirty years of age for Colorado, where he is a mining prospector.

HIGHER WAGES FOR TEACHERS

Iowa School Authorities Say Districts Pay Too Little.

GREAT LACK TO THE COUNTRY

Retail Liquor Men of Hawkeeye State Are Urged by Dealers to Get in Line and Obey Law.

When the commission to revise the school laws gets together one of the things that will be laid before them will be a complete reorganization of the system of school management by township directors. It is well known by all having dealings with school matters Iowa has a complete glacial system. In some counties one system is in vogue and in others a different system. In some places they have independent school districts inside a township. In other places all is managed by the directors of the township, with one director for each subdistrict, each subdistrict having one school house and school.

It is now claimed that the whole trouble in getting good teachers for the country schools is in the country districts. The city schools and town schools pay higher wages, and with this inducement rather work in the towns or cities, where they can get boarding accommodations, rather than in the country, where they have to "board around" or are unable to get board at all, gives the towns and cities the choice of the teachers of the state, with the result that the town and city scholars have better advantages of education than those in the country.

More often than otherwise it is claimed that they worry about getting a few pupils when they just as well might be consolidated into better schools. It is the custom for the township school directors to delegate to the director living in a subdistrict the work of hiring the teacher for that subdistrict and attending to all the wants of the school. In effect then the township director system results in district schools with one director for each school.

It is proposed to remedy this by providing three directors and directing that they act for the schools in the township, hiring all the teachers and attending to all other matters. It is claimed that if this is done the three directors, looking at the township in a broad sense, will be moved by economy and other considerations to consolidate the schools, leaving but a few pupils and hire better teachers.

Plans Talk to Officials. At the meeting of the school officers of Pottawattamie county at Council Bluffs one day last week, out of about 250 such officers 150 attended the gathering. At that gathering State Superintendent Riggs told the officers of the country districts that they must make up their minds that they must pay \$50 a month for teachers and that unless they did this there would be still more schools in the country without teachers than there are now.

The commission to revise the school laws provided for the school law is to be appointed by the governor. It is understood that the governor expects to appoint the limited amount of money appropriated by the legislature for the purpose it has been talked that the commission will not make a thorough revision of the law, but will, however, make a beginning and lay the foundation for the work, and then recommend to the legislature a further and larger appropriation for the purpose.

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Norman, a big farmer living southwest of Leon, in Decatur county, took himself to the penitentiary at Fort Madison to begin a six months' sentence for stealing a coop of chickens. Norman is anxious to get out in time to put in his crops next spring on his farm.

Word of the unusual action of Norman has just reached the State Board of Parole. It was more than two years ago that Norman was indicted for the theft of the chickens from the home of Lawson McKern. Though stoutly maintaining his innocence the prosperous farmer was convicted in the district court of Decatur county and sentenced to six months in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. He was innocent, though the evidence, which was circumstantial, did seem to be against him.

All the evidence of Norman's past good character and the best evidence that he was not guilty was laid before the State Board of Parole, but that body refused to interfere.

Last week Norman, on receiving the information that the State Board of Parole, his last chance, had failed him, he went to the clerk of the district court and asked for the writ of habeas corpus. The proceeds from the supreme court had not yet reached the district clerk. Norman argued that he was ready and desired to take himself to the penitentiary, arguing that he was not guilty, and furthermore wanted to get his sentence served before time to put in his crops in the spring. Today Warden Jones reported to the State Board of Parole that the man reached the penitentiary safely and has started to serve his term.

Norman will get about one month's good time, which will cut his sentence to five months, and will allow his release about the middle of next May, just in time to plant his corn.

Shaw's Book Delayed. Ex-Governor Shaw's book yet to reach the public till February or March. The first announcement of the book was in the November Appletton's, and it was advertised as being a defense of his position as a standpater. It was advertised as being ready for distribution. Copies were ordered in this city, but the book did not arrive. Lately word has been received from the publishers that the book will not appear for some months yet.

See Temperance Victory. That the temperance forces of Iowa see a clear victory in the agitation recently started for a prohibitory amendment is evidenced by the prohibitory newspapers published in the state. All these papers are lately making extravagant claims that the politicians are scared and that victory is already perched upon the banners of the prohibition cause. In the last issue of the Commonwealth, published at Marshalltown, it is stated that the plans of the prohibitionists are to secure a petition of 15,000 signers to present to the next legislature. The signatures of 10,000 have already been secured for such a petition.

Combine of Railroads. Rumors of a combine between the Rock Island and the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern, is in the deal also. It is claimed that the equipment of the electric line is as good as any in the state, and the arrangements would be to the advantage of the road.

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MORNING SHOPPING

An experienced shopper tells us that she can do twice as much shopping in the forenoon as in the afternoon, with one-half the fatigue.

She says there are no crowds then; that she has no difficulty in obtaining a seat in the street cars; that she is waited upon more promptly at all the stores and that the clerks are more courteous and take more pains to show goods, because they, like herself, are not tired at that time of the day.

Knowing this to be true, we suggest to all ladies able to do so, to try this plan and do their shopping in the early part of the day.

Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company

which they have never paid. The payment of this tax will result in about one-half the saloons going out of business, and the breweries will have a lot of corner lot property for sale.

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BIG FLOOD OF IMMIGRANTS

Past Year Largely Exceeds Any Previous One in History.

MANY ARE GOING TO THE SOUTH

Millions and a Quarter Has Been Added to the Population of the United States During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1907, was vastly greater than in any previous year of the history of the United States. This fact, with all its interesting and important details, is placed in strong light in the annual report of Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration and naturalization, which was made public today.

This great flood of immigration, and in admitting 1,255,240 souls that have come, drawn hither by the free institutions and the marvelous prosperity of our country—hence the total number of those who have sought admission in 1907, viz., 1,258,515, exceeds in numbers the record of all preceding years.

The report contains in tabulated form every phase of information bearing upon the question of immigration, and in summing up this carefully compiled data Mr. Sargent says:

The immigration for the year 1907 exceeded that for 1906 by 154,614 and that for 1906 by 256,000. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, more than 17 per cent and over the year 1906 of more than 25 per cent of the total number of those who have sought admission in 1907, viz., 1,258,515, exceeded in numbers the record of all preceding years.

It is a fact, I know of an instance where a load of manure was hauled into the country and on the return trip to the city the same wagon brought a beef that had been killed in the country. And the wagon was not cleaned out and nothing thrown into or over it to protect the beef.

"I haven't much sympathy for a great deal of the city about the inspection of school children. In some of the cities there has been a great deal of talk about physicians visiting the schools and examining the eyes and ears and throats of the children. That isn't what is wanted. In many instances this amounts to nothing more than an advertisement for some physician or specialist. What is wanted is inspection of the sanitary conditions about the school houses. If a child's health begins to suffer the parents will usually notice it and call in the family physician. The parents can usually take care of the health of the child, but if the conditions about school houses are unsanitary the child will get sick and the parents will not know what causes it.

"It is not the inspection of the pupils, but the school houses and grounds that is wanted. To inspect the pupils is like building in a concrete house on a hardwood foundation. School houses should be built right and kept sanitary and there will be no need for physicians to volunteer to examine the pupils in the schools."

NEW DISCOVERY IN SURGERY

Anesthetic Which is Harmless to Patient and is Both General and Local.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Announcement of the discovery of a new anesthetic, according to the American today, will soon be made by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. The new anesthetic is nothing else than plain, common epsom salts, or to give it its scientific name, sulphate of magnesium. It was discovered by Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer, one of the Rockefeller experimenters. Its greatest value is that it permits any sort of an operation without any danger to the heart of the patient.

Either local or general anesthesia, it is said, may be produced by the injection of a 20 per cent solution of the familiar drug into the nerve tract governing the sensations of the part to be operated upon.