

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office 15 Scott Street. Both 'Phones 43.

OFFICIAL STRIKES NEW LEAD

Says County Has Levied and Illegally Collected Money from Taxpayers.

WANTS HALF FOR RECOVERING IT

W. D. Hardin Securing Assignment of Claims of Heavy Taxpayers on This Basis and Proposes to Bring Suit.

"What county tax, if any, has been illegally assessed and collected during the last few years?" This is a question that many of the larger taxpayers of Pottawattamie county would like to have answered.

Recently the aforesaid county official has approached many of the big taxpayers of the county with a proposition. Without imparting any information as to which particular tax was illegally levied and collected, this county official offers to collect the amount of this tax that the party approached has paid, he, the county official, to receive for his trouble half of the amount recovered.

"Well, I can wait until you bring suit and then learn what this alleged illegal tax and then bring suit myself," suggests Mr. Taxpayer.

"That would avail you nothing," replies the county official, "for the simple reason that I shall not file suit on the claim assigned to me until the last day before these claims are outlawed. Thus you see, you would not have time in which to bring suit yourself."

None of the county officials approached profess to know of any county tax having been illegally levied during recent years. The chief who is going around securing assignments of their claims from the large taxpayers is the only one said to have this information and he naturally declines to give the snap answer.

The first information obtained by the officials at the county court house that a tax is recent years had, as it is alleged, been illegally levied and collected was when a large landholder living in the eastern part of the county exhibited a copy of the printed contract he had signed.

In some stores the price of pianos depends upon the credulity of the customer and the credulity of the salesman. It is the verbal price that is peddled up or down.

N. Y. Plumber Co. Tel. 250. Night, 1406.

CHRISTMAS QUIETLY OBSERVED

Saloons Closed for First Time on that Day in History of City.

Christmas day in Council Bluffs was an unusually quiet one. There were the usual church services in the morning, and at some of the churches Christmas exercises by the Sunday schools in the evening.

The stores as a rule were closed, as were all the public offices and large mercantile establishments. Cigar shops, restaurants and barber shops, the latter for a short time in the morning, were the only places open.

For the first time in the history of Council Bluffs the saloons kept closed all day on Christmas. The lid was on tight in compliance with the edict from Attorney General Beyer that the "mule" law must be complied with.

The Elk kept open house at the club house all day. Punch was served, and one of the large tables in the reception room was banked with fruit of different kinds.

The members of Teutonia lodge, Sons of Herman, and their families celebrated the day at Daniel Reilly's with a dance and Christmas tree in the evening.

The Council Bluffs Rowing association entertained its members with one of the series of subscription dances at the Grand hotel, which proved most enjoyable and was well attended.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Union City mission on Broadway and Twelfth street this evening, when select numbers from the programs of six or eight of the church celebrations will be repeated.

A second program is planned for Saturday afternoon. This will be in the nature of an "overflow" celebration, and those who did not receive presents this evening will get them Saturday afternoon. The

IOWA'S FIGHT FOR RATES

Important Hearing in January Affecting Live Stock Shippers.

MUCH DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED

Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association Alleges Excess of Ten to Twenty Dollars a Car is Charged.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DEER BOUND, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—One of the strongest cases for the west ever presented to the Interstate Commerce commission will be argued before representatives of that body, when it meets in this city January 17, by the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association.

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Help to improve the city. You can get cement, brick and roofing materials at lowest prices from the C. Hafer Lumber Company, Council Bluffs.

Overlooked on diamonds. Fine diamond engagement rings, \$25 and up. Must see body will be taken to Oakland, Mo. J. B. Pollock of Oakland, Mo., died yesterday at St. Bernard's hospital.

On invitation from the West Council Bluffs Improvement club, Congressman H. C. Coffey will speak on the subject of the club he will speak on his proposed improvement bill.

Mrs. Josephine Woodworth, wife of A. N. Woodworth, 37 Avenue G, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 65 years. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter and two sons.

The petition furthermore shows that the long and short haul theory is smashed in the interstate rates between Iowa and Chicago. The tariff for a long haul should be a lesser charge per ton per mile.

Mid-winter term Western Iowa college opens Monday, December 30. Send for catalogue. 'Phone for information.

ELEGANT CUT FLOWERS AND PERNS. HERMAN BROS., FLORESTA, 25 PEARL ST. IND. 'PHONE 23 BLACK. BELL 33.

Hotel Clerk Saves Paic. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—What might have been a disastrous fire was averted early yesterday morning by the presence of mind of the night clerk of the Park hotel.

Farmer Commits Suicide. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Jesse Nelson, living near Kimballton, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Omaha Woman to Marry. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Ada Twiss, 2513 Parker street, Omaha, to Mr. Stanley B. Sieg of this city, which is to take place at high noon on New Year's day, was made here today.

Wanted, place for young man to work for room and board. Western Iowa college.

THE QUICKEST AND BEST WAY TO GET YOUR LAUNDRY DONE RIGHT, IS TO SEND IT TO THE BLUFF CITY LAUNDRY. PHONES 314.

eccentric Woman Found Dead. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Estela Long, 35 years old, an eccentric woman, was found burned to a crisp in her rooms on the third floor of the Edison block this afternoon.

ONE OF THAW'S COUNSEL IS ILL. Daniel O'Reilly in Hospital Suffering from Attack of Pneumonia.

Millions of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar have been sold without any person ever having experienced any other than beneficial results from its use for coughs, colds and lung troubles.

GAERLING CALLED TO HIS DOOR IN EARLY MORNING AND SHOT.

COLORED MAN COMMITS CRIME

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

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GOLDFIELD FIGHT IN COURT

Operators Will File Application for Injunction Against Miners.

MANY SERIOUS CHARGES MADE

Conspiracy, Intimidation and Riot Are Alleged—One Purpose is to Secure Retention of Troops.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 26.—To carry the fight into the federal court will be the next move of the Goldfield Mine Owners' association. Tomorrow a suit will be filed in the circuit court of the district of Nevada, asking not only for an injunction against picketing and interfering with but for the final dissolution of the Goldfield Miners' union.

The suit is to be filed by the Goldfield Consolidated Mine company against the Goldfield Miners' union, the Western Federation of Miners, Charles A. MacKinnon, president of the local union, and nineteen other officers of the same.

The conference program includes addresses by J. P. Bailey, Nebraska state secretary, and W. H. Babcock, boys' secretary of Iowa. Carl Nagel, Ernest Penfold, Roy Updegraff and others of the boys' delegates will also speak.

A big banquet Friday evening begins the conference and all of Saturday the boys' delegates will be taken up with speeches and discussions and the basket ball game in the evening.

The "Boys of Omaha," a neat little paper published monthly by the Junior Young Men's Christian association, announces that beginning with its January issue it will be a larger publication.

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December 30th, 1907 The Transmississippi Poultry Show Under the Auspices of the Price City Poultry Association Opens at Omaha, Nebraska. In its issue of December 31, 1907 The Omaha Bee Will Feature Poultry and Pet Stock Your ad in this paper will be read by over 100,000 people and in addition free copies of this number, containing your ad, will be distributed at the poultry show. Send your order—not soon, but NOW People interested in either poultry or pet stock or in articles in connection with them will eagerly watch for this edition. It will be well advertised. They will be looking for YOUR ad. Can you afford NOT to have it here? NO! Send your ad to the Poultry Department of The Omaha Bee. It will be taken good care of; displayed nicely and given a good position. Address letters relative to this edition to Poultry Editor of the Omaha Bee. Write your ad on this Coupon—not soon, but NOW Phone Douglas 238 and an advertising man will call if you cannot Come to The Bee Office 17th and Farnam THE WANT AD CORNER THE RATES ARE..... If no ads are used: 1 inch 75c; 2 in. \$1.40; 5 in. \$3.00. --- If ads are used: The rates are 84c for each inch. The above rates apply to advertising which is paid in advance. Use Postoffice or Express Money Order in remitting.