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Try one of our framed pictures for that Christmas gift. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.

Views of Council Bluffs and Lake Manawa showed today and all this week at the Diamond theater.

Ned Wirt, 716 Willow avenue, is still at the Edmundson Memorial hospital, where he underwent an operation about three weeks ago.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon in the club rooms in the public library building.

Mrs. O. G. Oldham left last evening to spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends at Kansas City, Mo., Pittsburg, Kan., and Oklahoma City.

The Board of Supervisors of Pottawattamie county will meet in adjourned regular session this afternoon. Friday the board will hold a joint session with the supervisors of Harrison county as a drainage board.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN CLOCKS AT LEFFERT'S; SPECIALS FOR XMAS BUYERS.

John Pastle, aged 39 years, died at a late hour Monday night at the Edmundson Memorial hospital. The body was removed to Woodring's undertaking establishment awaiting word from relatives at Gordon, Neb.

Miss Nellie Brown, whose home was in Casper, Wyo., died yesterday at Mercy hospital, aged 19 years. The body was taken to Cutler's undertaking establishment, awaiting disposition by relatives. Deceased had been employed in this city as a milliner.

Open evenings. Leffert's.

Winner court, Tribe of Ben Hur, will hold an open meeting and entertainment this evening in the Modern Woodmen hall in the Merriam block. It is to be a "name" social and in addition to a literary and musical program there will be cards and refreshments will be served.

The Danebo society has elected these officers: President, Fred Peterson; vice president, John Jordansen; secretary, A. E. Hansen; treasurer, C. Jensen; financial secretary, N. Jacobsen; librarian, E. H. Rasmussen; sick committee, E. Eriksen and P. Christoffersen; rtustee, Jens Nelson.

Bluff City Masonic lodge elected these officers last night: Worshipful master, C. E. Walters; senior warden, F. J. Pierce; junior warden, George Ouderkirk; treasurer, C. Konigmacher; secretary, George W. Lipe; directors in Masonic Hall association, W. E. McConnell and J. G. Wadsworth.

Open evenings. Leffert's.

Bluff City Masonic lodge will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon for work in the third degree. Lunch will be served at 6 p. m., and at 10 p. m. This meeting will close the initiation work for the year. A number of visitors are expected from out of the city and a large attendance of the members of the lodge is desired.

It is impossible to give you better values in picture framing, pictures and art than we are giving this Xmas. Our stock is complete and up-to-date. You can find most anything you want in our line at reasonable prices. Bring in your pictures and have them framed. We make a specialty of framing pictures for Xmas. H. Borwick, 211 So. Main St.

E. B. Gardiner, justice of the peace-elect, will have the office after January 1 now occupied by Justice Greene. Captain D. Maltby, who was re-elected, will be Justice Gardiner's constable. Justice J. K. Cooper, who was re-elected, will retain his present office in the Shugart building, and J. C. Baker, who was likewise re-elected, will remain as his constable.

See our cut glass and you will find we have the lowest Christmas prices on cut glass in the city. The best grade of cut glass and some of the values: Cut glass bowls, $3.25 up to $6.50; cut glass vases, $2.75 up to $30; cut glass celery dishes, $3.75 up to $6; cut glass tumblers, per set, $4 up to $8; cut glass water pitchers, $5 up to $7; cut glass comports, $2.50 up to $8; cut glass wine sets, $16; cut glass water bottles, $4 up to $10; cut glass vinegar cruets, $2.50 up to $4. O. Mauthe, 228 West Broadway.

Joe and Earl Wright, sons of Edward Wright, 515 Little Curtis street, aged respectively 13 and 12 years, are to have a hearing this morning before Judge Green in the juvenile division of the district court. An information charging the lads with being delinquent was filed yesterday by Detective Callaghan of the police force. The specific charge of stealing 500 pounds of coal from the Northwestern railroad is made by the officer.

Open evenings. Leffert's.

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. E. Orcutt, 112 Franklin avenue, was held yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which she was a member. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. J. W. Jones, and burial was in Walnut Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were: M. C. Goodwin, J. L. Adams, G. M. Burns, R. C. Shall, M. J. Denniger and J. R. Golden.

The receipts in the general fund of the Christian home last week were $2,026.86, being $1,828.86 in excess of the current needs of the week, clearing up the deficiency of $828.68 reported the previous week and reducing the amount needed in the contingent and improvement fund for 1908 to $11,099.82. In the manager's fund the receipts were $25.78, being $9.22 below the needs of the week and increasing the deficiency in this fund todat to $915.75.

Adam Miller, a driver for the I. Minnick livery, was severely bruised and cut in a runaway accident on East Pierce street yesterday. Miller, who was driving a carriage, was returning from the funeral of the late Mrs. Orcutt when the horses took fright on turning from Franklin avenue onto Pierce street and ran away. Miller was thrown from his seat and the wheels of the carriage ran over him. The horses ran the carriage into a telegraph pole. The horses were more or less injured and the carriage was badly damaged. There was no one in the carriage at the time of the accident.

Valuable Item for men

Health and strength hitherto unknown will be felt surging in rich red blood through the arteries and veins and life's greatest ambitions may be realized as never before, if the following special treatment is followed by those men and women, too, who are stricken with that most dreaded of all afflictions, nervous exhaustion, accompanied with such symptoms as extreme nervousness, insomnia, cold extremities, melancholia, headaches, constipation and dyspepsia, kidney trouble, dreadful dreams of direful disasters, timidity in venturing and a general inability to act naturally at all times as other people do. Lack of poise and equilibrium in men is a constant source of embarrassment even when the public least suspects it. For the benefit of those who want a restoration to full bounding health and all the happiness accompanying it, the following home treatment is given. It contains no opiates or habit-forming drugs whatever. Mix it at home and no one will be the wiser as to your affliction.

The treatment is simple, thorough and correct. Leading druggists supply the main tinctures, extracts and essences in one-ounce bottles, ready to mix. Get three ounces syrup sarsaparilla compound, mix with one ounce compound fluid balmwort, and stand two hours. Add one ounce compound essence cardiol, and one ounce tincture cadomene (not cardamom) compound. Shake well and take a teaspoonful after each meal and one at bedtime.

The ingredients are used for various prescriptions.

OMAHA MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Returns the Favor of Bluffs' Visit to the Corn Exposition.

OUT IN FORCE TO FRUIT SHOW

Derailing of Lead Motor Car at East End of Bridge Causes Large Part of Delegation to Be Delayed for About an Hour.

Program for Today, Missouri Day.

MORNING.

9:30 o'clock—Address by Hon. Nikola Kaumanns, agricultural commissioner from the German empire to the United States.

10 o'clock—Spraying demonstration. Demonstration in domestic science department.

AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock, concert by Covalt's Concert band:

March—Powhatan's Daughter (new)..Sousa
Selection—The Serenade ....Herbert
"Spring Song," arranged for clarinet.. .... Mendelssohn
Guido Huebner.
Waltz—Blue Danube ....Strauss
"Humorescue" .... Wheeler

At 3 o'clock, address by Hon. James M. Irvin of the St. Joseph (Mo.) Fruit Grower.

At 3:30 o'clock, grand chorus of 100 voices from Council Bluffs public schools.

Part II—At 4 o'clock, band concert:

March—Horticultural Congress........ .... Arthur Smith
Overture—Hungarian Lustspiel...Keler Bela
"Angels Serenade," for cornet, horn and clarinet .... Bragga
Mr. Henry, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Huebner.
Mexican Intermezzo—Sasarida........ Schuh
Greek Song—The Orphan, for cornet.... .... Maggea
T. Fred Henry.

At 7:30 o'clock, concert by Covalt's Concert band:

March—Hail to the Spirit of Liberty.... .... Sousa
German Medley—A Night in Berlin..... .... Hartman
Characteristic—"The Butterflies Coquetry" .... Voelker
Selection—"Mam" Selle Nepolean...Lueders
Valse Lento—Amourense .... Berger

Address by Prof. Craig of Cornell university on subject of "The Outlook of Fruit Growing."

Part Second.

March—Horticultural Congress........... .... Arthur Smith
"Tone Pictures from the North and South" .... Bendix
Waltzes—Visions of a Beautiful Woman .... Fahrbach
Cornet Solo—Selected ....
T. Fred Henry.
Patrol Comic—They All Walked Away.. .... Hacker

Council Bluffs visited the National Corn exposition in Omaha Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon Omaha repaid the compliment by visiting the National Horticultural congress in Council Bluffs.

The pleasure of Omaha's visit was somewhat marred by an accident on the trip across the Big Muddy. The leading car of the ten special motors carrying the Omaha High school cadets, members of the Commercial club and other citizens of the city across the river, jumped the track at the east end of the bridge and caused a delay of nearly an hour.

The sixty or more automobiles which had preceded the street cars stopped at the Northwestern tracks to wait for the belated street car contingent, but when word was received that it would probably be an hour or possibly longer before traffic on the street car line would be resumed, the autos pulled out for the auditorium, where the officers of the National Horticultural congress and the members of the Council Bluffs Commercial club were anxiously if not impatiently awaiting their expected guests.

On reaching the auditorium the guests from across the river who made the trip by automobile were shown through the beautiful fruit exhibition, of which they were loud in their praises.

There were no formal exercises beyond a brief welcome from President J. P. Hess of the congress, which was responded to by Howard H. Baldrige on behalf of the visitors from Omaha.

Mr. Baldrige said, in part:

Ladies and gentlemen, I have been selected to express the appreciation of the city of Omaha to the city of Council Bluffs for the invitation you have given us to come here today.

We come here with our hearts filled with amity and good fellowship for the people of Council Bluffs. That feeling is bubbling up, effercesing and overflowing in our hearts, so that it has come across the Missouri river, the artificial boundary that separates there two great cities. Surely no one can view this beautiful exposition, and the exhibits therein contained, without feeling a spirit of pride that we live in this great central west. It is a feeling that we live here in these two great states of Nebraska and Iowa, and live in the very best part of the very best country in all the world. And we who live here now, live at the very best time in all its history. These two great states in this great central west are like two great pillars in this political country, upholding this great part of an architecture slanting to the two great oceans on the east and on the west. When we consider what the people who live now and have lived here have done to reclaim this country, when we consider what it is today and its magnificent prospects for the future, we each one should have a spirit of pride that we are alive now and that we are here.

I am sure that this great agricultural country is the very back-bone of our nation, of the $10,000,000,000,000 this country has produced in products during the past year, three-fourth of it has been agricultural products, and we are now in the heart of a great agricultural country. We awake this world form its savage lethargy. We transform its barren wasts into fruitful field and gardens of beauty. We have tickled it with the play, and it has laughed unto us with the harvest.

Wait for Cadets.

Hundreds of the pupils of the Council Bluffs public schools had gathered in front of the Auditorium and on the grounds of the Washington Avenue school awaiting the arrival of the cadets, who, it had been announced, would give a battalion drill. The cadets were given a cordial welcome on their somewhat belated arrival, and after forming along Washington avenue, on the north side of the Auditorium, were invited to visit the fruit show.

The attendance at the fruit show last evening was most gratifying to the management and evidenced the fact that the people of Council Bluffs are beginning to realize that the show is worth seeing. The concerts by Covalt's band are proving a popular feature of the show and were enjoyed by the big crowd last evening. For the accommodation of the women and children, especially, attending the afternoon and evening concerts the management last night announced that the seats in the west and north galleries would henceforth be furnished free. Prior to last evening a small charge had been made for the use of these seats.

The ticket takers assigned for today are: Afternoon, M. Bouricius and R. H. Bloomer; evening, G. F. Hamilton and F. Martin.

The announcement was made yesterday that Hon. N. Kaummans, agricultural commissioner from the German empire to the United States, would deliver an address before the National Horticultural congress this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Herr Kaummans comes here at the invitation of Rev. Father Herman of St. Peter's church, whose guest he will be while in Council Bluffs.

Wesley Green of Des Moines, who is judging the flower displays, expects to announce his awards some time this morning.

In Bluffs Next Year.

Next year's fruit show will be held in Council Bluffs.

At the first annual meeting yesterday morning, of the National Horticultural congress, Council Bluffs was selected as the meeting place next year for the congress. The selection of Council Bluffs was unanimous and there was not a dissenting vote.

The following board of thirty directors was elected:

J. P. Hess, W. S. Keeline, G. W. Reye, Alex Wood, W. G. Rich, J. R. McPherson, C. M. Atherton, T. A. Barker, Charles A. Beno, J. G. Wadsworth, R. H. Bloomer, E. H. Doolittle, Council Bluffs.
O. L. Barritt, McClelland, Ia.
J. M. Bechtel, Hamburg, Ia.
J. W. Murphy, Glenwood, Ia.
W. M. Bomberger, Harlan, Io.
J. Wilkes Jones, Omaha.
James M. Irvine, St. Joseph, Mo.
Silas Wilson, Nampa, Idaho.
Prof. R. S. Northrup, Logan, Utah.
J. Edward Taylor, Salt Lake City, Utah.
C. P. Close, College Park, Md.
Joe A. Burton, Mitchell, Ind.
F. P. Spencer, Randolph, Ia.
G. A. Marshall, Arlington, Neb.
F. W. Taylor, Denver, Colo.
F. O. Harrington, Williamsburg, Ia.
Wesley Green, Davenport, Ia.
B. M. Chapman, Cashmere, Wash.
J. A. Carr, Council, Idaho.

The newly elected board of directors will meet this morning at the Auditorium to elect officers for the ensuing year. J. P. Hess announced yesterday that he did not desire to be re-elected president and asked that Vice President W. S. Keeline be honored with the position. It is conceded that Mr. Keeline will be elected to succeed Mr. Hess.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and the out-of-town members took advantage of it to congratulate and compliment the Council Bluffs men who had not only made the big show a possibility, but the great success which it undoubtedly is. John P. Cummings, the delegate from Spokane who had been sent here to secure next year's show for that city, realized that the sentiment in favor of Council Bluffs was too strong and he took a front seat in the Council Bluffs band wagon.

Idaho Pays Compliment.

The motion to keep the big show in Council Bluffs for another year was made by Silas Wilson of Nampa, Idaho, vice president of the congress from that state. In putting the motion Mr. Wilson made the following complimentary little speech:

I have been enlightened. I knew Council Bluffs before this time, but she has taken on a new life. You have built here better than you knew. I am considered a judge of apples and fruit, and I will say that there has never been a meeting which has such wonderful object lessons to show as this meeting in Council Bluffs. It is the beginning of great things for your city and for the country. Council Bluffs made the start and has nurtured the organization through its infancy. It should be here again.

J. Edward Taylor of Salt Lake City, secretary of the Utah State Board of Horticulture, made a short address in which he paid a sincere compliment to the management of the congress. He said that he had been in charge of the Utah exhibit at national and state conventions and shows of various kinds for several years, but that he had never been treated better nor seen a cleaner, better managed exposition in all that he had attended. "You should be proud of what you have done here," said Mr. Taylor. "You have accomplished a great deal and you have been fair with everyone. I hear nothing but expressions of good will on every hand from among the exhibitors and visitors, and I want to see you have the next meeting here."

Indications last evening were that the vice presidency of the congress would go to Captain J. H. Shawhan of Council, Idaho.

FRUIT FROM SOUTHWEST IOWA

Fine Display at Meeting of Southeastern Iowa Horticultural Society.

The members of the Southwestern Iowa Horticultural society are holding their thirty-fourth annual gathering and exhibit in the public library building. There is a large attendance, as many of the members are here in connection with the National Horticultural congress.

The meeting was called to order yesterday afternoon y J. M. Bechtel of Hamburg, president of the society, who delivered his annual address. Secretary W. M. Bomberger of Harlan read his annual report and district reports were made by four members of the board of directors, D. B. McCalla of Clarinda, G. H. Van Houten of Lenox, P. H. Young of Garden Grove and D. W. Lotspeich of Woodbine.

The sessions are being held in the auditorium of the public library building, while the fruit exhibit has been placed in the large room on the second floor at the head of the stairway. The exhibit contains over 500 plates of picked specimens of apples grown in southwestern Iowa. The premiums offered by the society at this meeting are for fruit grown in southwestern Iowa exclusively.

The program for today includes papers and discussions on the following subjects of peculiar interest to the fruit grower:

Results of Cold Storage—R. H. Bloomer, Council Bluffs.
Peaches—E. T. Dalbey, Hamburg.
Apples—F. P. Spencer, Randolph.
Pruning and the Care of the Orchard—D. B. McCalla, Clarinda.
Transportation of Fruit—R. C. Campbell, Hamburg.
Small Fruits and the Markets—James McGinnis, Griswold.

Benjamin M. Wells Dead.

Benjamin M. Wells, a former resident and well-known real estate dealer of this city, died Monday afternoon at Nevada, Mo. The body was brought here last evening and the funeral will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Francis Xavier's church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery. His wife, formerly Miss Eva Nason of this city, survives him.

Mr. Wells was engaged in the real estate business in Council Bluffs with the late Dr. C. B. Judd, whose death but recently occurred in Los Angeles, Cal.

By a strange coincidence word was re-

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ceived in this city yesterday of the death of Mrs. C. B. Judd by suicide at Los Angeles on last Wednesday. According to the information received here, Mrs. Judd, who had faithfully nursed her husband for over a year, had several times since his death expressed a desire to follow him. She carried out her desire to die by inhaling illuminating gas. Her dead body was found by her landlady, whose attention was attracted by the odor of the escaping gas.

MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Grand Jury Makes a Partial Report, with Three Indictments.

The district grand jury, which has been in adjourned session since Monday of last week, made a partial report at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The report includes seven indictments of which three were made public.

The jury has not yet completed its work and its deliberations, it was stated last evening it may continue through to next week.

One of the indictments made public is against Arthur Edmunds and Burr Wright of Glenwood, who are charged with enticing two young girls, Maud Myers and Dessie Walling, into a house of ill-repute in this city. The young men have been in jail since the night they were arrested in the resort.

Another indictment is against Joseph LeVasseur, the farm hand charged with the theft of $32 from the home of William Plumer in Lewis township, where he had been employed for a short time prior to the disappearances of the money. LeVasseur, who disappeared from the Plumer place the same time that the money did, was arrested in Mineola.

The third indictment made public is against D. Smalley on the charge of breaking and entering the residence of J. R. McKeown in York township last Sunday. Smalley was caught while running away from the house.

A "no" bill was reported by the grand jury in the case of Arthur Mass of Treynor, charged by Cashier Flood of the Treynor bank with forging the name of his mother, Mrs. Anna Mass, to a note for $35 on which he obtained the money from the bank. Since the arrest of young Mass, the mother filed a petition in the district court asking to be appointed his temporary guardian. In her petition Mrs. Mass alleges that while her son is not actually insane, he is not mentally responsible and not capable of looking after his business.

The grand jury, it was stated, still has under consideration the case of C. A. Wilding, charged with attempting to extort money from Charles McKeown, a well-to-do farmer of Crescent township, by sending him blackmailing letters.

In the case of Sims & Williams against Henry Butler, a suit for commission on the sale of land the jury brought in a verdict last night for the defendant.

R. B. Henderson filed suit yesterday against Herbert and David Downs for $5,000 damages. The defendants are brothers and farmers, living near Neola, where Henderson was employed in a livery barn. Henderson was assaulted by the defendants on November 4 last during an altercation over a livery bill. Indictments were returned against the two Downs. Herbert Downs was convicted of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury. He was fined $150 and costs. David Downs was found guilty of plain assault and the court dismissed the case against him.

Mrs. Lula N. Rogers filed suit for divorce from Craig W. Rogers, to whom she was married in May, 1897, in Adams county, this state, and from whom she separated April, 1906, because of the failure of the defendant to support her and her child.

Mrs. Anna Mabel Blakeslee asks for a divorce from Edward W. Blakeslee, to whom she was married in this city on March 25, 1903, alleging that the defendant deserted her on November 9 of this year. The plaintiff alleges that, although the defendant earned a good salary, he contributed nothing towards her support and that, in fact, for the last two years she had been compelled to support him as well as herself. In addition to the divorce Mrs. Blakeslee asks the court to award her $30 a month alimony.

BURGLARS HAVE A BUSY NIGHT

Clumsy Enough in Two Instances to Awaken Their Victims.

S. S. Keller, senior member of the furniture firm of Keller & Farnsworth, awoke at his home, 226 North Second street, shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday and discovered a burglar going through the pockets of his trousers. Mr. Keller started to get out of bed and the burglar made his escape through a window by which he had entered the room. Later in the morning, Ed Forbes, a barber, was arrested by Detective Weir at the Metropolitan hotel on Broadway. Forbes is being held for investigation, although Mr. Keller was unable to positively identify him as the man he saw in his room.

A burglar entered the residence of Mrs. Halle at 111 Stutsman street at an early hour yesterday morning and got away with a pair of trousers belonging to a member of the family, in the pockets of which there was a small amount of change.

Mrs. eGorge W. Albee, 800 Madison avenue, reported to the police yesterday morning that a man broke open the front door of her house about 3 o'clock a. m., thrust a light through the doorway and was about to enter, when Mrs. Albee called out to arouse the other members of the household. The intruder beat a retreat when Mrs. Albee screamed.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 15 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Milton T. Barlow, trustee, to Oscar Over, lot 4, block 6, Sackett's addition to Council Bluffs, w. d.......	$ 1
J. H. Matthews and wife to L. D. Woldmansee, n18 rods and 3½ feet of nw¼ of ne¼, 28-74-39, w. d....	15
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company to George W. Furrow, lot 10, block 14, Carson, w. d..	90
F. G. Schoening and wife to William Schoening, lot 38, block 1, Treynor, Ia., w. d..................	1,050
Franklin Parks and wife to Leo R. Braden, lots 5 and 6, block 16, Macedonia, w. d..................	1,100
Five transfers, total.............	$2,206

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
J. W. Fitzgerald, Omaha..................	23
Amy A. Miller, Omaha.....................	21
G. L. White, Hot Springs, S. D...........	21
J. R. Talcott, College View, Neb.........	19
C. J. Christofferson, Council Bluffs....	29
Anna Larsen, Weston, Ia..................	19
Frederick R. Lowe, Honey Creek, Ia....	27
Anna K. M. Jurgens, Honey Creek, Ia...	25
Alonzo R. Marsh, Brockton, Mass......	36
Abbie M. Johnson, Whitman, Mass.....	37
Charles Kaufmann, Omaha..............	21
Edna Sullivan, Omaha..................	18

Fire Destroys Groceries.

Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the stock of groceries in the store of C. Petersen at 813 Seventeenth avenue at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning. By the time the fire department reached the place the interior of the store, a small frame building, was a mass of flames. Nothing but the shell of the structure was left. Petersen estimated the damage at between

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Our "**Christmas-Chimes**" are 10 inches high and made of fine nickel-plated metal and are so constructed that when the candles are lighted the Turbine goes round and the Bells begin to play.

The effect is something wonderful, adding immensely to the solemnity of Christmas, and young and old feel a thrill of joy and surprise when entering into the presence of a lighted Christmas Tree beholding the silver-like Angels, while sweet music sounds through the room, heralding the birth of Christ.

Our "**Christmas-Chimes**" can also stand by themselves, so that parties who do not desire to go to the trouble of fixing up a Christmas Tr ee can place one or more on a table and arrange presents, flowers, etc., around them with the same wonderful effect.

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THE OMAHA BEE,
1702 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.

$2,000 and $2,500, with insurance amounting to $1,800. Petersen was to have moved his stock of groceries Thursday of this week into a brick store building on Sixteenth avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

See the beautiful $100 oil painting at Borwick's window. 211 So. Main St.

BANK DEPOSITS ARE HEAVY

Money in State Institutions Exceeded Only Once in History of State.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Auditor of State B. F. Carroll today announced the result of the general bank call for the close of business November 23. This report covers 597 savings banks, 261 state banks and fourteen trust companies. The report shows the largest deposits in the history with one exception. That was the call preceding the panic a year and a half ago. The total deposits, according to this report, are $205,221,919.79. This is distribted as follows: Savings banks, $138,586,972.98; state banks, $60,144,714.16, and trust companies, $6,490,205.65.

Mulct Law Legal.

Prohibition interests received a setback at the hands of the supreme court in its decision that the state has a right to amend and modify the prohibition statute by fixing a license. The charge that the "mulct law" is unconstitutional and illegal because in conflict with the prohibition statute was made in the case of J. H. Campbell against Jackman brothers in Blackhawk county, wherein an effort was made to enjoin the defendants from operating a saloon. The petitioners claimed the state had no right, in face of the prohibition statute, to provide for a license. The supreme court held directly opposite to them, saying that if the state has the discretion to enact a prohibitory law, it surely has a right to modify it by providing for a license. The mulct tax, it held, is neither unconstitutional nor void.

This decision will probably be taken as basis for argument before the coming legislature by those who favor providing for local option laws.

Suicide Was Paroled Convict.

It developed today that Charles Thomas who committed suicide here yesterday by shooting himself in the breast, was a paroled convict. He was convicted in Muscatine of assault with intent to do great bodily injury and sentenced to five years. This was in 1905. He was paroled December 19, 1907, and has been making regular reports to the State Board of Control since.

Dairy Commissioner Resigns.

It was reported this afternoon that State Dairy and Food Commissioner H. R. Wright will tender his resignation. This will probably not become effective before the first of the year and the new governor, B. F. Carroll, will appoint his successor.

No State Flag for Iowa.

The fact that Iowa has no state flag will be called to the attention of the legislature. Governor Garst has received a request from Charles Denby, United States consul at Shanghai, China, for a state flag and also a copy of the coat of arms on canvas, to be presented to the American company of the Shanghai Volunteer corps to be used on ceremonial occasions. The company is composed of sixty Americans and they are supplied with rifles and ammunition from Washington. But Iowa has no state flag and there is no way the state officers can have prepared the facsimile of the state coat of arms. It is proposed that the legislature lock into the matter and have a commission select a state flag and also a new design for a state seal. The state seal now used is declared to be inartistic and out of date.

On Jury Service.

Of more than ordinary interest was the decision of the supreme court, handed down yesterday, respecting the propriety of an election judge sitting as a grand juror in district court.

As is generally known, the law prohibits the serving on the grand jury by any man who requested to be made a member of that body or have his name reported as a judge. In Allamakee county W. C. Anderson, who was indicted, asked that the indictment be quashed because one of the grand jurors had been an election judge and had evidently sent in his own name for jury service. The lower court refused to quash the indictment and he appealed. Now the supreme court sustains the lower court, saying that as there are several election judges in each precinct, the fact that one name is sent in does not signify that the judge himself asked that it be sent. It might be included by the other two judges against his protest. The court holds that were the names of all three judges returned then it would appear they had sought the place, but one name is not evidence per se that the election judge sought or even asked jury service.

SALOON SPOTTER UNDER ARREST

Charged with Accepting Money to Square a Case.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The work of the Anti-Saloon league got a black eye this afternoon when Sam Putnam, a spotter, was caught in the act of accepting a bribe from Anton Goeden, proprietor of a confectionery stand at 1127 Fourth street. The league had begun an action to restrain Goeden from selling Justus beer, which the Sioux City brewery, which makes it, claims to be a temperance drink and which the league claims to be intoxicating. It is bottled like beer and looks like beer. Putnam offered to settle the case for $20, and Goeden told him to return. In the Detective Curtis stationed himself behind a curtain. Putnam returned with Otto Peterson. Curtis says he saw Goeden give each man $1, and they were each to accept $9 more, when the detective nabbed them.

John F. Joseph, attorney for the league, admitted that Putnam had been doing some work for the league, but he expressed the hope that he might be sent to the penitentiary if he were guilty of taking a bribe.

Big Sale of Shorthorns.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The big F. A. Edwards' Bluffview sale of Shorthorns occurred today. Forty-five animals were sold for $8,627.50, an average of $198 per head. Miss Raisden, a cow, brought the top price, $480.

Iowa News Notes.

WEST SHARON—Four hunters from this town killed 190 rabbits in fifteen hours while on an all-day hunt here last week. The young men who were so successful were Ellsworth and George Hartsock and Guy and Ivan Hummer.

MARSHALLTOWN—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the beautiful home of Charles Schmelzer of Muscatine last night. A gallon jug containing gasoline was found in the parlor, and other rooms were saturated with oil. An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn the house a few weeks ago.

CRESTON—A valuable 4-year-old trotting horse belonging to J. B. Fitzsimmons of this city was shot yesterday because the animal in some manner had broken its leg and to end its sufferings the owner ordered it killed. The horse was being wintered at the fair grounds and it is not known how the accident happened.

MARSHALLTOWN—Cash prizes of $500 were offered today by the directors of the Marshall county short course, which will be in session in this city for a week during February, for the best cattle, horse, swine and sheep exhibited. These animals will be judged while being used by the classes in animal husbandry for study.

MARSHALLTOWN—The United States Fish commission will locate the new fresh water mussel propagating station at Fairport, a small town eight miles north of Muscatine, according to advices received from Washington today. Many towns along the Mississippi wanted this experimental station, which will be erected at great cost.

CRESTON—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell, who last year and since September last have toured Europe with Ellen Terry's company as support to that noted actress, have just arrived in New York City on the steamer Lusitania and for the remainder of the season will be in support of Olga Nethersole. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of Mrs. E. B. Hicks of this city.

IOWA CITY—The St. Agatha seminary building has been sold to Dr. J. P. Mullin and will be converted into a sanitarium within the next year. The Sisters recently transferred the parochial school to Lyons Ia., and as the building, which is four stories high and built of brick, is admirably located near the hospitals, the local doctor secured control of the properoy. The price paid was $20,000.

ATLANTIC — Atlantic has secured the knitting works of Elkhorn, the managers of which have decided to remove from that place on account of not being able to get the proper help. Council Bluffs and Harlan were both desirous of getting the mills, but Atlantic won out. The business men here will give the works free light, rent and power for a period of one year. The location of the building will be decided this week.

MARSHALLTOWN—Mrs. Charles Clark, aged 45, wife of the president of the Henry County Fair association, and a highly respected citizen of Mount Pleasant, committed suicide yesterday by shooting herself in the head twice. Her body was found by the husband and officers whom he had called to assist him, in an old outbuilding near the house. Illness, which is supposed to have brought on temporary mental derangement, is thought to have been the cause.

CRESTON—News of the death of Clinton J. Colby at Denver has been received here. He was one of the early prominent business men of this place and was instrumental in moulding the destiny of the city in the mercantile, political and religious circles in the early '70s. He was president of the school board and at one time connected with the Creston Gazette. He wrote a history of Union county, and he it was who laid out Graceland cemetery. He came to Creston from Bureau county, Illinois, going from here to Council Bluffs, but for the last few years the family have lived in Denver, where the wife, two sons and a daughter survive him.

CRESTON—Attorney General Byers is making a report of the aggregate amount of delinquent fines uncollected over the state by counties to present to the judiciary department of the state, and in response to his request Union County Clerk M Caniel has searched the court calendars for the last five years and can find but $160 worth of delinquent fines for that time. This is in quite a contrast to the other counties of the state and especially so in contrast to Monroe county, whose delinquencies amount to $21,809.46 in fines imposed by the courts and still uncollected. This is explained in part to be due to the violation of liquor laws of that county and for fines assessed against parties violating those laws who had no property nor anything which could be levied on for collection.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS CONFER

Hoosiers Jollify Over Election Results and Six Candidates Inflate Senatorial Booms.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—New interest was added to the race for United States senator when democrats from all over Indiana assembled here today for a conference. The affair was more in the nature of a love feast or ratification of the election last November, when the democrats elected a governor, carried the legislature and won eleven of the thirteen congressmen. It has been years since the democratic party in Indiana has had as much to rejoice over as it has today, for the last democratic governor was elected sixteen years ago, and it has been ten years since there has been a democratic senator from this state. There was no formal program arranged for today, it was arranged early that there would be no attempt to agree on a legislative program or the selection of any candidate for office. There are six candidates for senator and it is anybody's race. John W. Kern, the running mate of W. J. Bryan in the last campaign, has a large following.

State Senator L. Ert Slack of Franklin is also a formidable candidate. John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, vice chairman of the democratic national committee, has the endorsement of his congressional district. Former Congressman B. F. Shively of South Bend and Major G. V. Menzie of Mount Vernon has a large following. Edward G. Hoffman of Fort Wayne is the youngest of the candidates, being but 31 years old. He will have his district, the Twelfth, solid for him.

Many politicians were predicting that the contest would be a long one, as not one of the candidates seem to have enough strength to run away with the toga. The

PTOMAINE POISON IN LUNCH

Wife of Bandman at Mare Island Dies from Partaking of Food Served at Launching.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Mrs. August Rose, wife of Bandsman Rose of Mare Island, died today from ptomaine poisoning, the result of partaking of food served at the luncheon given after the launching of the collier Prometheus. She is the second person who ate the luncheon to die, James C. Reynolds, a waiter, having expired from the same cause in San Francisco last Wednesday.

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