NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

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MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drugs.
Stockert sells carpets.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer.
Expert piano tuning, Hospe. 'Phone 544.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
Open evenings. Alexander's Art Store.
Lewis Cutler, funeral director. 'Phone 37.
Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 334.
Bee want ads are result-producers. Try one.
Sale of hand-painted china. Mrs. Gilliland, 722 Willow avenue.
Dr. T. B. Lacy has removed to rooms 400-402 City National bank bldg.
Henry Sinley Heaston of Danville, Ind., is visiting relatives in this city.
ANYTHING from Leffert's big jewelry store is good to give—good to receive.
Dr. F. W. Dean has moved into his new office, 401 City National bank building.
LET THE FRANKLIN PRINT IT. BOTH 'PHONES 231, 101 SOUTH MAIN.
Try one of our framed pictures for that Christmas gift. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.
JUST RECEIVED, a selection of Gorham's walking sticks, gold, silver and ivory mounted. Leffert's.
Views of Council Bluffs and Lake Manawa showed today and all this week at the Diamond theater.
G. W. Spencer, chairman of the Board of County Supervisors, was called home to Neola yesterday by the death of his daughter.
Harmony chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in regular session this evening. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
Fred M. Loomis, formerly of this city, now a resident of Chicago, is here taking in the National Horticultural congress and the National Corn exposition at Omaha.
P. B. Sullivan, who is assisting in constructing the Grand Trunk railroad across the newly opened country in Canada, arrived yesterday from Stony Plain, Alberta, to spend the holidays with relatives.
Married—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson on Thirty-sixth street and Avenue C, William Gamlin and Miss Caroline Jensen, Rev. A. V. Babbs, pastor of Epworth church, officiating. They will reside at 3614 Avenue C. The wedding was a quiet one, in the presence of a few chosen friends.
The funeral of the late William F. Smith, who died Sunday at College Springs, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of the daughter, Mrs. J. O. Mortenson, 213 Scott street, and interment will be in Fairview cemetery. The funeral will be private, but friends desiring to view the body may do so at the house this morning.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
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.
Harry Hall, against whom an indictment was returned by the grand jury Tuesday, was taken into custody yesterday. Hall is charged with the theft of a pair of shoes from Thomas H. Taylor of Dunlap, Ia., while the latter was waiting to board a train at the local depot of the Illinois Central railroad. Hall's bond, which was first placed at $500, was reduced by the court to $400 and he furnished one in the latter amount.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
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, $2.50 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, the young sons of Edward Wright, 516 Little Curtis street, who were before Judge Green in the juvenile division of the district court on a charge of theft of coal from the Northwestern railroad, preferred by City Detective Callaghan, were allowed to go home after receiving a lecture from the court. Judge Green admonished the mother of the boys, who were in court, to keep them at home and told her that if they were brought before the court again they would be sent to the reform school.
Open evenings. Leffert's.
John McCauley, aged 72 years, died Tuesday at Mercy hospital, where he had been a patient for two weeks. Deceased, who had made his home in Avoca, Ia., until recently, is survived by three brothers, Joseph M. McCauley of Avoca, Thomas McCauley of Denver, Colo., Bartholomew McCauley of San Francisco, Cal., and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Woods of Avoca, Mrs. Anna Montine of Spalding, Ia., Mrs. Mary Collins of Seattle, Wash., and two nieces, Mrs. Cline and Mrs. G. J. Shoup, 232 Avenue A. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Francis Xavier's church and interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

STATEMENT OF CITY FINANCES

Emergency and City Hall Fund Both Overdrawn.

The report of City Auditor McAneny for the month of November, showing the condition of the general fund, from which appropriations for the maintenance of the several municipal departments are made, was issued by him yesterday. It shows that the "emergency" fund is overdrawn, as well as the appropriation for the city hall. How these appropriations come to be overdrawn is not explained in the report. The law specifically prohibits the overdrawing of the appropriation for any municipal department during the fiscal year. The following shows the appropriations and the balance remaining to the credit of the different departments:

Purpose.	Appropriation.	Unused.
Salaries, Ex. department	$11,020	$ 4,140.20
Police and marshal	22,250	7,390.13
Streets and alleys	9,080	.....
Fire department	24,500	7,918.68
Fire and police telegraph	2,000	723.99
Engineer's department	3,500	1,224.14
Printing and supplies	1,200	430.57
City pound	650	209.62
Emergencies	1,880	*1,026.26
City hall	1,500	* 12.38
Health	1,500	110.53
Totals, general fund	$80,000	$22,147.86
Less overdrafts		$ 1,038.54
Actual balance		$21,109.32

*Overdrawn.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 16 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Fay Brink, single, to F. J. Schnorr, lots 13, 14 and 15, in Howe & Damon's sub of lots 26 and 25, Johnson's add to Council Bluffs, w d	$ 1
F. J. Schnorr and wife to Alphonso Wilson, lot 28, block 4, in Sackett's add to Council Bluffs, q c d	5
James I. Rogers and wife to John W. Rush, part of ne¼ se¼ 2-74-38, w d	700
Fannie Geise, widow, and Marie Geise, single, to the Sisters of Mercy, part of lots 3 and 10 in the original plat of Council Bluffs, w d	1,000
Charles T. Carter and wife to A. L. Ingram and Max Meyer, lots 17 and 18, block 1, in the town of Treynor, Ia., w d	1,250
Five transfers, aggregating	$2,956

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors convened in adjourned regular session yesterday afternoon and took up a number of road matters which were pending.

The board approved the bond filed by the petitioners for the establishment of the Nishnabotna ditch, between Avoca and Oakland, and County Surveyor J. Harley Mayne was instructed to make a survey and report on the advisability and necessity of the proposed improvement.

The board will be in session again today and tomorrow will take up matters in connection with the Harrison-Pottawattamie drainage district in joint session with the supervisors of Harrison county.

DAY FOR THE NEBRASKANS

Big Fruit Show Sets Aside Day for Its Western Neighbors.

OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Herr Kaumanns, German Imperial Commissioner, a Visitor and Delivers an Interesting Address to People.

Program for Today.
Thursday, Nebraska Day.

Doors open at 8:30 a. m.

At 10 o'clock, paper by L. A. Roy of Chicago on "Precooling," paper delivered by D. E. Stuart of Council Bluffs.

At 2 o'clock, concert by Covalt's Concert band.
March—Cervus Alces ..... Losey
Selection—The Little Duchess.....DeKoven
Descriptive—Ambuscade ..... Laurendeau
Tone Poem—Love and Passion.....Massini
Medley—Somewhere ..... Clark

At 3 o'clock, address by Silas Wilson of Nampa, Idaho, subject, "Forty Years in Horticulture."

PART SECOND—BAND CONCERT AT 4 O'CLOCK.
March—Horticultural Congress ..... Arthur Smith
Overture—Morning, Noon and Night.Suppe
Waltz—The Merry Widow ..... Lehar
Cornet Duet—Short and Sweet.....Short
A. A. Covalt, T. Fred Henry.
"Dance of the Sunfeast" ..... Waller

At 7:30 o'clock, concert by Covalt's Concert band.
March—Paddy Whack ..... Lampe
Grand Opera Selection—Maritana..Wallace
Waltzes—L'Estudiantina ..... Waldteufel
Serenade—For Flute and Horn.....Titz
W. A. Moore, Ed Schaefer.
Floral Suite—
(a) "Lillie" ..... Bendix
(b) "Pansies" ..... Bendix
March—The King Bee ..... Arthur Smith
Selection—Mlle. Modest ..... Herbert
Waltzes from "Lady Luna".....Lincke
Cornet Solo—Selected .....
T. Fred Henry.
"Hungarian Fantasia" ..... Tobani

President—W. S. Keeline, Council Bluffs.
Vice President—Captain J. E. Shawhan, Payette, Idaho.
Secretary-Treasurer—George W. Reye, Council Bluffs.
Executive Committee—W. S. Keeline, C. M. Atherton, T. A. Barker, Charles A. Reno and W. G. Rich, all of Council Bluffs.

These officers for the ensuing year were elected yesterday morning by the directors of the National Horticultural congress. The election of all the new officers was unanimous.

Following the election of officers John P. Cummings, accredited delegate from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, addressed the board relative to holding the fruit show in 1910 in Spokane. He said:

Spokane is with you first, last and always. We wanted to have the next meeting held in Spokane in connection with the National Irrigation congress and the Interstate fair, which will be in session there October 2-7, 1909, but as you have decided to have it here next year, all I have to say is that we are with you. We want it then for 1910. I have been instructed by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce to give its word of honor that if you will take the 1910 meeting of the National Horticultural congress to Spokane we will send it back to Council Bluffs the following year. We will have thousands of dollars to spend advertising the west at eastern fairs, and as fruit is the greatest asset the state of Washington has most of our appropriation will be spent at the National Horticultural congress. Let me say this, that you have exhibits here from only one or two of the fifty fruit districts of Washington this year, but you will see them all here next year. Those who are here from our state are mightily pleased with the way they have been treated, and you will see them all here again.

The newly elected board of directors will meet Friday evening in the rooms of the Commercial club for the purpose of transacting the closing business of the 1909 meeting of the congress.

German Delegate Talks.

The feature of the morning program at the National Horticultural congress yesterday was an address by Herr Nikola Kaumanns, agricultural commissioner from the German empire to the United States. Herr Kaumanns visited the fruit show as the guest of Rev. Father Herman, pastor of St. Peter's church.

In introducing the distinguished visitor from Germany, Father Herman said in part:

You probably do not know that Germany is the only country on earth which sends a special commissioner of agriculture to the United States. And the office of this commissioner is to study the methods of agriculture in the United States, and at the same time teach us some things in regard to agriculture.

If you ask me what special studies he makes, I can tell you that he tries to study everything that pertains to agriculture. He studies, not only our apples, our orchards, he also studies everything about our corn, and, in fact, about all our products of agriculture. He studies our animals, especially our milch cows. And he has told me that the products of our cows are first rate everywhere in the country, except, sometimes, in our cities.

Mr. Kaumanns is imperial commissioner. He is a man who knows, so to say, everything about our farms, and about all our products, all our experts, etc.

Herr Kaumanns, after referring to the National Corn exposition in Omaha, said in part:

We admire in the old world the gigantic development of American fruit culture, and I made fruit culture my special study during my stay of a year and a half in the United States. It is especially fruit culture and the raising of vegetables in the United States which shows us haw much a horticulturist can accomplish by his untiring work and disinnate talents for commerce.

Fruit is of the greatest importance. Corn has made many a rich man richer, but horticulture has enriched thousands of poor families and more than any culture will fruit also in the future be the thing for the poor man. And gentlemen, you have to reckon with this. The strength of a country lies, not in the riches of a few individuals, but in the well being of the middleman, and these are the small farmers. Corn in this country is considered the king of all farm products, and it is so on account of its yielding such immense financial results. But fruit will increase and surely conquer the market, not alone in the United States, but in all the world. It serves as a food for man, not only in the United States, but also in the world. As a proof of this I only mention that last year your exports to Europe alone were 1,397,276 barrels of apples, valued at $4,834,104. Now, gentleman, you are fruit growers on a broad, commercial basis. You raise wonderful fruit.

Fruit is to become, more and more, a part of the food for the people at large. Hence, you must raise more fruit so that the price of fruit will become less in the future. In order to accomplish this you will have to plant more trees, but especially to battle against the great enemies of fruit culture, as, for instance, the San Jose scale. In this respect I wish to tell you that precautionary measures are an absolute necessity. Do not wait until these enemies have taken possession of your orchards.

Gentlemen, I admire your nice and tasty exposition in this beautiful building. The whole arrangement shows and proves to me that the leaders and inaugurators of this unique exposition have done their duty and I congratulate them upon their success.

Prince of Apples.

"The most valuable apple ever introduced," is the way Hon. G. B. Brackett, United States pomologist and probably the highest authority on apples in the world, has characterized a magnificent big variety of apple being exhibited at the National Horticultural congress.

The name of this remarkable fruit is appropriately, "Delicious," and the hungry hordes who linger over the booth longing for a taste of one of the enticing specimens, have given their approval to the name.

As this apple was originated in Madison county, Iowa, by the late S. A. Hiatt, it is of peculiar interest to orchardists in this section. It is safe to say that when local growers awaken to its possibilities the "Delicious" will be the main apple of these states. It is well adapted to the climate, and its value as a profit-maker exceeds anything grown in this section. The yield is large and perfect, and the fruit surpasses in flavor and appearance any apple ever raised.

A. B. Howell, representing the Stark Brothers' Nursery and Orchard company of Louisiana, Mo., sole owners of the strain and of the trademark name "Delicious," is taking personal charge of the introduction of this wonderful apple to orchardists visiting the show, and is enthusiastic over the prospects of its great future.

"Every authority who has tested the 'Delicious' has pronounced it perfect," said Mr. Howell, "and I am sure Nebraska and Iowa growers will soon realize its possibilities."

A visit to see these handsome specimens of this great apple is well worth anyone's time.

At the same booth Stark Brothers are also showing the "King David," the only seedling of the Jonathan they are now propagating, and an offspring that far excels its parent; the "Champion," the longest keeping apple known and a very young bearer; the "Senator," "Ben Hur," "Winter Banana" and "Stayman's Wine Sap," a seedling originated by the late Dr. Stayman of Topeka, Kan.

No specimens have been entered for premiums by Stark Brothers, their sole object being to demonstrate to Iowa and Nebraska orchardists the possibilities of the "Delicious" and their other varieties.

Attendance on Increase.

The attendance yesterday afternoon and evening was much greater than on the two previous days and last night the crowd was about as big as the building could accommodate.

Prof. Joseph Craig of Cornell universty, New York, delivered a short address last evening on "The Outlook for Fruit, With Special Reference to the European Market." Owing to the large crowd, which kept constantly on the move, only those in close proximity to the platform from which Prof. Craig spoke, were enabled to hear the lecture. A pleasing feature of the afternoon, and one that will be repeated Friday and Saturday afternoon, war the singing by a chorus of 100 pupils from the public schools of the city under the direction of Miss Barr. The young people sang three selections, "Hark Hark, How the Rain is Falling," "The Sea King's Burden" and Brahm's "Lullaby."

The tickettakers assigned for this afternoon and evening are: Afternoon, John Olson and C. W. Coker; evening, James W. Mitchell and Frank T. True.

Premium Awards.

Following is a list of the premiums awarded up to date:

Ben Davis—First, B. M. Chapman; second, F. O. Harrington; third, Hood River, Ore.
Jonathan—First, B. Stuart; second, B. M. Chapman; third, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer.
Winesap—First, B. M. Chapman; second, F. P. Spencer; third, Maryland.
Northern Spy—First, B. M. Chapman; second, B. Stuart; third, J. A. Carr.
Dominies—First, J. W. Murphy; second, B. Stuart.
Maiden Blush—First, J. A. Carr; second, B. Stuart; third, Charles Garrett.
Rome Beauty—First, B. M. Chapman; second, C. B. Close, Maryland; third, F. O. Harrington.
Walbridge—First, B. Stuart; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
Salome—First, J. W. Murphy; second, B. Stuart; third, Charles Garrett.
Hurlbut—First, Maryland; second, B. Stuart.
Mann's Favorite—First, J. W. Murphy; second, B. Stuart.
L. R. Romanite—First, F. P. Spencer; second, B. Stuart; third, J. W. Murphy.
Janet—First, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer; second, J. W. Murphy; third, B. Stuart.
York Imperial—First, Maryland; second, F. O. Harrington; third, Elliott Marshall, St. Joseph.
Willow Twig—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart; third, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer.
Sta Winesap—First, B. M. Chapman; second, Maryland; third, F. O. Harrington.
Grimes Golden—First, B. M. Chapman; second, Charles Garrett; third, Maryland.
Gano—First, B. M. Chapman; second, J. A. Carr; third, Maryland.
Missouri Pippin—First, B. M. Chapman; second, B. Stuart; third, Hood River, Ore.
N. W. Greening—First, F. O. Harrington; second, J. W. Murphy; third, B. Stuart.
Duchess—First, B. Stuart; second, Charles Garrett; third, J. W. Murphy.
Wealthy—First, B. Stuart; second, Maryland; third, Charles Garrett.
Langfield—First, Charles Garrett; second, B. Stuart; third, Maryland.
McMahon—First, Charles Garrett; second, B. Stuart; third, F. O. Harrington.
R. I. Greening—First, B. M. Chapman; second, J. A. Carr; third, B. Stuart.
King—First, B. M. Chapman; second, B. Stuart.
Hubbartston—First, J. W. Murphy.
Gideon—First, Maryland.
Yellow Bellflower—First, B. M. Chapman; second, J. A. Carr; third, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer.
Newton Pippin—First, B. M. Chapman; second, J. A. Carr.
Canada Red—First, B. Stuart; second, J. W. Murphy.
Alexander—First, B. Stuart.
Smokehouse—First, Maryland.
Twenty Ounce Pippin—Third, B. Stuart.
Minkler—First, B. Stuart; second, Garrett.
Delicious—First, B. M. Chapman; second, F. O. Harrington; third, B. Stuart.
Spitzenberg—First, B. M. Chapman; second, Hood River Ore; third, Alta Fitch.
Snow—First, Charles Garrett; second, De Moffett; third, H. R. Spencer by F. P. Spencer.
Tolman's Sweet—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington; third, H. R. Spencer by F. P. Spencer.
Wolf River—First, B. M. Chapman, second, B. Stuart; third, Maryland.
Plumb Cider—First, Charles Garrett; second, B. Stuart; third, F. O. Harrington.
Malinda—First, H. L. Felter; second, B. Stuart.
Patten's Greening—First, F. O. Harrington.
Baldwin—First, Alta Fitch, second, Maryland; third, B. M. Chapman.
Winter Banana—First, B. M. Chapman; second, F. O. Harrington; third, J. A. Carr.
London Sweet—First, Charles O. Garrett; second, B. Stuart; third, J. W. Murphy.
Mother—First, Maryland; second, B. Stuart; third, Charles Garrett.
Mason's Orange—First, B. Stuart.
Windsor Chief—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Nelson Sweet—First B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington.
Northern Spiced—First, B. Stuart.
Seevers—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington; third, Charles Garrett.
Ingram—First, B. Stuart; second F. O. Harrington.
Roman Stem—First, F. O. Harrington; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
Fallow Water—First, Maryland; second, B. Stuart; third, Charles Garrett.
Sheriff—First, B. Stuart; second, Charles Garrett; third, F. O. Harrington.
Newport—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Water Sweet—First, B. Stuart.
Pewaukee—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington; third, Charles Garrett.
Winter Maidenblush—First, Charles Garrett; second, B. Stuart.
Haas—First, J. W. Murphy; second, B. Stuart.
White Pippin—First, B. Stuart; second, J. W. Murphy.
Anasian—First, B. Stuart; second, J. W. Murphy.

Iowa Wins Grand Prize.

The judges awarded Iowa the first premium for the best general display made by any state. Idaho was awarded second premium, Washington the third, Utah the fourth and Maryland the fifth. These cash premiums, donated by the management of the congress, aggregated $650, divided as follows: First premium, $300; second, $175; third, $100; fourth, $50; fifth, $25.

The first premium for the best general display by any county was awarded to Canyon county, Idaho; second to Chelan county Washington; third to Iowa county, Iowa, and fourth to Polk county, Iowa. These cash premiums aggregated $425, divided as follows: First, $200; second, $100; third, $75; fourth, $50.

The awards were based on the following scale: Apples, 50 points; pears, 5 points; peaches, 5 points; grapes, 5 points; plums, 5 points; nuts, 5 points; artistic arrangement, 15 points; number of varieties, 10 points.

The judges of fruit are George Marshall of Arlington, Neb.; W. J. Wragg of Des Moines and W. F. Taylor of Denver.

The first premium for the best general floral display was awarded to J. F. Wilcox, second to Herman Brothers' company, third to Mrs. Stevens. The first premium for best display of decorated floral novelties to J. F. Wilcox, second premium to Herman Brothers' company. Premium for best display of home grown plants and flowers, Mrs. J. R. McPherson. Premium for the most artistic table decoration, Miss Pauline Herman. The judge of this class of exhibits was Wesley E. Green of Des Moines.

Plate Exhibits.

The following awards for plate exhibits of apples were announced last evening by the judges:

Arkansas Black—First prize, B. M. Chapman; second prize, Alta Fitch; third prize, J. A. Carr.
White Winter Pearmain—First prize, B. M. Chapman; second prize, Alta Fitch; third prize, J. A. Carr.
Bloomfield—First prize, Maryland.
Wine—First prize, Maryland.
Summer Rambo—First prize, Maryland.
Senator—First prize, B. M. Chapman; second prize, F. O. Harrington; third prize, J. A. Carr.
Bailey Sweet—First prize, Maryland; third prize, J. W. Murphy.
Rambo—First prize, Maryland.
Paragon—First prize, Maryland; second prize, J. W. Murphy; third prize, Charles Garrett.
Royal Simberting—First prize, Maryland.
Smith's Cider—First prize, Maryland; second prize, Marshall of Maryland.
Stark—First prize, Maryland.
Early Ripe—Second prize, Maryland.
Cayuga Red Streak—First prize, J. A. Carr.
Major—First prize, Maryland.
Ewalt—First prize, Maryland.
Chenango St. B—First, Maryland; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
Aiken—First, J. A. Carr.
Ortley—First, J. A. Carr.
Coles Quince—First, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
Milam—First, F. O. Harrington; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
McAfee—First, J. A. Carr.
Sutton Beauty—First, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer.
Wagner—First, H. R. Spencer, by F. P. Spencer; second, J. W. Murphy; third, F. O. Harrington.
Winter See Paradise—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Isherwood—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington.
Oscetor—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Legal Tender—First, F. O. Hor; second, B. Stuart.
Highfield—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington.
Scots Winter—First, B. Stuart; second, F. O. Harrington; third, Charles Garrett.
Lansingburg—First, Charles Garrett second, B. Stuart; third, J. W. Murphy.
Black Annett—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Mann—First, J. W. Murphy; second, F. O. Harrington; third, B. Stuart.
Iowa Blush—First, J. W. Murphy; second, Charles Garrett; third, B. Stuart.
Prize Taker—First, F. O. Harrington; second, B. Stuart.
Winter Queen—First, F. O. Harrington.
Jamesson—First, F. O. Harrington.
Canada Baldwin—First, J. W. Murphy.
Fulton—First, Charles Garrett; second, J. W. Murphy.
Giant Swaar—First, F. O. Harrington.
Dantzger—First, F. O. Harrington.
Seek Nofirth—First, F. O. Hor; second, J. W. Murphy; third, Charles Garrett.
Newellswinter—First, F. O. Hor; second, B. Stuart.
Flora Bellflower—First, B. Stuart.
Mis Link—First, F. O. Herrington.
Lufkin—First, J. W. Murphy.
Fall Winesap—Second, Charles Garrett.
Springdale—First, F. O. Harrington; second, J. W. Murphy.
Collins—First F. O. Harington; second, B. Stuart.
Ransdell's Sweet—First, J. W. Murphy; second, B. Stuart.
Price's Sweet—First, F. O. Harrington.
Imperial Jennet—First, F. O. Harrington.
Pound Sweet—First, B. Stuart.
English Gold Russet—First, Charles Garrett; second, J. W. Murphy.
Rock Pippin—First, J. W. Murphy.
Perry Russet—First Charles Garrett.
Jersey Sweet—First J. W. Murphy.
Sweet June—First Charles Garrett.
Hoover—First, B. M. Chapman.
Oregon Red—First B. M. Chapman.

SOUTHWESTERN SOCIETY ELECTS

J. M. Bechtel Again Chosen President of Society.

The Southwestern Iowa Horticultural society elected these officers for the ensuing year yesterday:

President, J. M. Bechtel, Hamburg; vice president, Robert McKenzie, Council Bluffs; secretary, W. M. Bomberger, Harlan; treasurer, J. P. Hess, Council Bluffs; directors, B. B. McCalla of Clarinda, G. H. Van-Houten of Lenox, P. H. Young of Garden Grove, D. W. Lotspeich of Woodbine, E. B. Gay of Atlantic and N. C. Wragg of Waukee.

It was decided to hold a summer meeting next year at Hamburg. The meeting will, according to present plans, be an open air one and will be held in one of the orchards in the vicinity of Hamburg, probably that of the president of the society. The date of the meeting will be decided by the president and board of directors.

The society failed to decide upon holding next year's annual session in Council Bluffs and, it is said, it may go elsewhere. The time and place of the annual meeting was left to the directors to determine.

In the award of premiums President Bechtel carried off most of the honors. The awards were as follows:

Best county display of apples: First, J. M. Bechtel of Hamburg; second, E. H. Deur of Missouri Valley; third, A. Seick of Manila.
Best individual display: First, J. M. Bechtel; second, C. E. Mincer of Hamburg; third, D. Goy of Tabor.
Best display of any three varieties of summer apples: J. M. Bechtel.
Best display of three varieties of fall apples: J. M. Bechtel.
Best display of four varieties of winter apples: First, D. Goy of Tabor; second, J. M. Bechtel; third, E. H. Deur of Missouri Valley.

The program yesterday consisted of papers and discussions on varied subjects connected with fruit growing and marketing of the product of the orchard.

This is the program for today:

The Commercial Orchard—C. H. Deur, Missouri Valley.
The Social Features of Horticulture—G. H. Van Houten, Lenox.
Fruit Damage and How to Protect Against Frost—C. E. Mincer, Hamburg.
Horticulture From the Nurseryman's Standpoint—N. C. Wragg, Waukee.
Marketing Fruits and Produce—G. W. Reye, Council Bluffs.
Nut Growing—W. M. Bomberger, Harlan.
Nut Growing—James Handly, Quincy, Ill.
Spraying—F. P. Spencer, Randolph.
Spraying—H. A. Simons, Hamburg.
Spraying—L. W. Lotspeich, Woodbine.
Grape Culture—E. A. Hess, Council Bluffs.
Flowers for the Home—Miss Minnie Avery, Council Bluffs.
Raspberries—J. A. Aulabaugh, Council Bluffs.
Cherries—R. McKenzie, Council Bluffs.
Cherries—H. F. Knudson, Council Bluffs.
Blackberries—W. S. Keeline, Miss Minnie Avery, S. H. Peters, Council Bluffs.
A twenty-minute talk by Wesley Green, Des Moines.
Packing and Marketing Fruit—C. F. Francis, Davenport; Sylvan Newhall, Chicago; George A. Turner, Burlington.
A twenty-minute talk by Hon. Smith McPherson, Red Oak.
General discussion on baskets and packages. Freight and express rates. Methods of planting. Grape soils.
What can we do to protect ourselves against dishonest commission men?

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of the stomach, liver torpor, lame back and weak kidneys are overcome by Electric Bitters. Guaranteed. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co

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We have some of the latest designs at a wide range of prices.
Sterling Silver, Plated or Solid Ebony backs.
Economically priced.

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Make her table look rich and you will make her happy.

A diamond ring is above all the most welcome present.
As good as a bank account to the recipient, if it is purchased right.
Our stock contains only the finest stones and settings.
The values are exceptionally good.

A Watch
Most Practical of All Gifts
We have the best that are made and a large variety of designs to select from.
The prices—you will be more than satisfied.

$3.75 No. 2998 Solid Gold. English Finish Bright Top
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A fine clock makes a most welcome present.
We have an endless variety. There is surely one that will just suit you.
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A friend may be remembered in an economical way.
There are a great many things in Sterling Silver novelties that will fill this want.
You will be surprised how many useful things we have in this line.
A little money goes a long way here.

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Always a welcome gift for either lady or gentleman.
We have secured the best there is for your selection.
We would like to have you see this line.
Extra values—Quality considered.

Every man is proud of his fraternal order.
You will surely touch his tender spot if you give him a fine Emblem Charm.
We have a fine assortment for all orders.
Also in Pins and Buttons, both Solid Gold and Gold Filled.

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CHANGE IN TAXING SYSTEM

Burden of Permanent Improvements to Be Laid on the Future.

DIRECT VOTE FOR SENATORS

Effort Made to Wreck Melanarch Bridge Under Course of Construction by Removing Wedges from Unfinished Work.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—One of the most radical of departures in tax matters is to be recommended to the coming legislature of Iowa by the Iowa Tax Revision society and the Iowa Municipal league. It is a revision of the law so as to throw the tax burden for public improvements upon the shoulders of coming generations who are to enjoy the privileges instead of principally upon the present generation.

It is urged that where public parks are bought, new city halls built, new bridges constructed and the like that are to be of service for fifty or 100 succeeding years the tax burden should be so apportioned as to fall but partially on the property owners of the present time and the additional tax upon citizens of succeeding years who will enjoy the benefits and privileges of these improvements. Frank Pierce of Marshalltown, secretary of the Iowa League of Municipalities, has written the many city mayors throughout the state asking them to assist in encouraging the enactment of such a law.

Election of Senators.

State Senator E. J. Moon of Ottumwa, at the coming session of the legislature, will introduce the bill which was supported by the democrats at the special session and which would, if enacted, give the election of United States senators by direct vote, to the people in this state. The democrats propose an amendment to the primary law whereby the names for the various candidates for United States senator, regardless of party shall be placed on the regular Australian ballot where legislators are elected. Then every voter is asked to vote his choice for senator. Every candidate for the legislature is requested to sign an agreement to abide by the choice of the people for senator. This is not compulsory but it is expected that he who refuses to sign such an agreement would stand slim chances at the polls. Then the democrats would have the candidate for senator receiving the largest number of popular votes elected by the legislature. If there should be a democratic legislature and the people voted for a republican senator they would have the legislature elect the republican who was the choice of the people. This is one way of getting around the United States constitution as it now stands. It is virtually the Oregon law.

Tries to Wreck Bridge.

An attempt was made by unidentified parties to wreck the new Melan arch bridge, now being constructed over the Des Moines river here, by removing wedges under the supports for the work. Had not the work of the vandals been discovered and operations started it might have cost several lives and damages amounting to $10,000. It is believed the work was done by discharged employes, through spite.

Young Skater Drowned.

James Johnson, 9 years old, broke through the ice while skating on Dean's lake, near the edge of the city, and was drowned.

Short on Statistics.

Superintendent Vance of the State School for the Blind, who is in the city attending the meeting of the State Board of Control, declares that county superintendents are remiss in their duty in not reporting to the state authorities the number of blind children in their counties. The law provides that teachers shall report to the county superintendent and he, in turn, to the state superintendent of public instruction. Because of a general ignoring of this law the superinendent of the School for the Blind is unable to get the names of blind young people who should be encouraged to go to the college for the blind and learn to become more competent to care for themselves.

Says Grand Juries Farce.

Attorney General Byers today stated that the present grand jury system is a farce and that instead of saying a man should be tried for a crime the body usually says, which of more than one seemingly guilty people shall be tried for the crime. Assistant Attorney General Lyons has expressed himself as favoring a law permitting the county attorney to bring a man to trial by filing an information before the trial court without the necessity of a grand jury investigation.

Veteran of Balaklava.

James Lally, age 77, who went through the battle of Balaklava without a scratch, died in his bed Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. J. Donohue, 1219 East Seventh street.

This city has been the home of many warriors with a tale to tell, but no one ever equaled James Lally's. He was with Lord Cardigan, who led his men on the fatal morning more than a half century ago.

SPOTTER IMPLICATES A LAWYER

Sioux City Anti-Saloon Man Denies Story Told to Police Judge Page.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Sam Putnam, who was arrested Tuesday while he was in the act of accepting a bribe from A. Gooden, proprietor of a confectionery shop, against whom was pending an injunction action to restrain him from selling Justus beer, a temperance drink, was arraigned in the police court this morning on the charge of threatening to extort.

Putnam told Judge Page that he had been employed as a spotter by John F. Joseph, attorney for the anti-saloon league, and that he had been instructed by Joseph to attempt to settle the case with Gooden for $25, the spotter to get half and the attorney to get half. The young fellow's case was continued to enable him to get counsel. Joseph enters indignant denial to Putnam's story. He says the story is preposterous and that Putnam is telling it in the hope of saving himself.

Police Holding Suspects.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Whether the plumes which were confiscated in the room of C. W. Silvers and Paul Mauve, burglary suspects, came from St. Paul, Omaha or Des Moines the police of Sioux City now are trying to determine. They have been notified of burglaries in all of these cities in which plumes were stolen. They have determined positively that the plumes were not stolen in Sioux City. Silvers and Mauve refuse to talk, but maintain an air of injured innocence. They are being kept behind the bars. Some valuable furs also were found in their room.

STREET RAILWAY FILES ARTICLES

After Operating for Years, Charter Finally Made of Record.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company today filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, paying a filing fee of $15,025.

Some time ago it was discovered the company had not filed its articles with the secretary of state as provided by law though it had been operating for years, and it was sought to enforce the penalty provided for such failure by the Iowa law. This would have amounted to over $100,000, but the acceptance of the regular filing fee, based on the capitalization of the company, was finally decided upon as a compromise.

Alfred Gray to Stand Trial.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Alfred Gray, who was arrested in Cincinnati, is on the way to Sioux City to stand trial in Sioux City on the charge of having forged a signature to a money order and secured $275. Gray is alleged to have secured at Sheldon, Ia., a money order belonging to a man named Mitchell by representing himself as Mitchell.

A Personal Appeal.
If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and