

CURRENT EVENTS OF HOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

BATTEY TWICE INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns Bills Against Former Court Clerk.

ONE CHARGE EMBEZZLEMENT

Other Alleges Forgery in the Changing of the Records in Office of Clerk of the Courts During His Incumbency.

Although the fact was not made public through official sources, it was generally understood about the county court house that among the indictments returned by the grand jury which completed its work for this term and adjourned yesterday afternoon, are two against H. V. Battey, former clerk of the district court.

One of the indictments against Mr. Battey is said to be on a charge of embezzling fees which it is alleged should have been turned over to the county and the other indictment is stated to be on a charge of forgery in connection with the alleged alteration of the records of the office.

Mr. Battey was suspended from the position of clerk of the district court on April 31 of this year by Judge Wheeler following the report made to the Board of Supervisors by C. J. Richmond, the expert accountant from Des Moines who was employed by the board to check up the office of the clerk of the courts.

Mr. Battey was suspended from the position of clerk of the district court when the charges were made against him last April, before being elected to the office. Mr. Battey had served for several years as deputy clerk of the courts at Avoca.

Six More Indictments. The grand jury reported six indictments in all yesterday afternoon. George Papat and Herman Burelew, the two young lads charged with breaking into the residence of Mrs. C. W. Brooks in the southern part of the city and stealing a shotgun, foot ball and other articles are indicted jointly. They have been in the county jail since their arrest about a week ago.

A joint indictment is against John McCarty and William Sutter on the charge of breaking and entering a freight car in the local yards of the Northwestern railroad and stealing shoes. They are both in custody.

A "no bill" was returned in the case of F. G. Lewis, solicitor for the Menzies Nursery company on the charge of embezzlement.

In its report to the court the grand jury recommended that the Board of Supervisors should at least annually employ a competent expert to fully check up the accounts of all county officers. The recommendation was ordered by Judge Wheeler referred to the Board of Supervisors.

Judge Wheeler will go to Avoca this morning to close the term of court there. He will hold court here Saturday at which time the January term will close the term as the January term will open Tuesday of next week.

Mining Company Reorganized. At a meeting of stockholders of the Gold Belt Mining company yesterday afternoon it was decided to reorganize the corporation and all stockholders in the old concern will be given thirty days in which to take stock in the new company if they so desire. Adolph Reno and W. E. McConnell were made chairman and secretary, respectively, of the reorganization committee.

The Gold Belt Mining company was organized about twelve years ago, the principal stockholders being business men of Council Bluffs. The mining property is situated near Nevada, Colo. A few days ago Mr. Wright succeeded in securing a contract for repurchase of the property from Messrs. Reno and McConnell. Mr. Meyer to hand over the property on payment of the sum stipulated he refused and suit was brought in the Colorado courts. A few days ago Mr. Wright received word that the suit had been decided in favor of the Council Bluffs stockholders, who now regain full title to the property.

Mr. Wright and other leading local stockholders are hopeful that the property will pan out some day and it is for the purpose of opening work on it again that the company is to be reorganized.

Mrs. Mary Schoentgen Dead. Mrs. Mary Schoentgen, widow of the late John Schoentgen, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. Metcalf, on Clark avenue. On September 30 Mrs. Schoentgen suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and had been failing ever since. She was 54 years of age, having been born October 18, 1854. One son, Edwin P. Schoentgen, and two daughters, Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Edith H. Lougee, both of this city, survive her. One sister, Mrs. Clay Platter of this city, and two brothers, Joseph Kintz of this city and William Kintz, living in the state of Washington, also survive her. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Dodge Invited to Talk. General Grenville M. Dodge has been invited to deliver an address upon behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic at the exercises to be held February 13 on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday at the birthplace on a farm near Hugobonville, Ky. The invitation comes from Richard Lloyd.

Will Not Sign Bonds if Contract for Water Works is Let. Although the city council Monday night passed the resolution providing for the issuance of the \$300,000 bonds for the construction of the proposed municipal water works plants over the veto of Mayor Maloney, there is little likelihood of the mayor signing these bonds before the contract for the plant is ratified by the people, unless ordered to do so by the court.

Mayor Maloney still holds to the opinion that the bonds cannot be lawfully issued until after a contract for the construction of the proposed city water works system has been ratified by the voters of the city. He contends that the code supports his contention and in the following formal statement yesterday states his position on the bond matter:

There is no truth in the statement of Alderman Jensen that my veto of the bond resolution was an attempt to delay the construction of the water plant. The trouble with the gentleman is that he imagines he is building a monument for himself, wishes to keep the center of the stage, and won't permit any one to interfere with any of his plans. If, really felt as he suggests, it wouldn't take me very long to rearrange the committee and put an entirely different man in charge. I would one reason why I am not invited to the meetings of the committee is they don't want my childishness. He says one operation in efforts to get a suitable plant for the city, and in the next breath gives an entirely different reason, that the law don't contemplate that I am a part of the legislative branch of the government. But as the veto power is vested in me, and for that reason I am expected to inquire into the different legislative acts and consider the same, am inclined to think that the law contemplates that the mayor is quite an important part of the legislative branch of the city. Many people are inclined to adopt Alderman Jensen's views because the matter has been so much discussed that many have become partisan.

That the committee is always willing to listen to advice or suggestions is idle talk because Mayor Maloney's message to the council advised it to have the plans revised by a competent hydraulic engineer before proceeding to issue bonds. My first message to the council contained the same suggestion. The committee would not listen to my advice, but went ahead and squandered the city's money in preparing plans and printing different sets, and advertising for the work, besides taking up a great deal of valuable time of the city employees. And after all that was done they employed the city engineer to do what the plans were discarded and the work that had been done, and the money spent was lost.

Now they propose to spend \$300 of the city's money to employ a lawyer to bring a suit against the city, and also to spend part of the judgment fund in paying the costs of the same. In order to pay the costs of the suit, the city would have to divert some of its money to the expenditure of this money. I would not have any objection whatever, but all that work won't be worth 30 cents to the city. And even the city solicitor, although he and Alderman Jensen have given the people assurance time and again that they would be paid for their services, they have not been paid. I have not been paid for my services, and I have not been paid for my services, and I have not been paid for my services.

War has been declared upon the executive council of Iowa by the cities of Waterloo, Grinnell, Charles City, and other cities, because the council "turned down" the proposition of the Waterloo, Pella & Southwestern Railroad to issue bonds to build a short line steam road connecting these towns.

Delegations of hundreds of citizens in Grinnell, Pella, Charles City, and other cities along the line of the proposed improvement are waiting the signal to descend upon the state house and demand that the road's officials be permitted to construct the railway.

The trouble results from the provisions of the Peterson law, making it necessary for any corporation to get the consent of the executive council before issuing a dollar of stock. Acting under this law, the executive council granted the promoters the right to issue stock to the amount of \$42,000 per mile, less any mortgage that might be placed on the road.

MANY WOULD-BE SPEAKERS

Possibility Caucus May Be Deadlocked Over the Place, but No Bolt in Prospect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Candidates for speaker of the house of representatives in the Thirty-third Iowa general assembly are flocking to Des Moines and commencing to urge their claims among the republican members of the house, who will begin to arrive soon for the winter session. Representative White of Story county was at the state house today as was also Nels Lee of Emmet county. Representative Feeley of Blackhawk county was here Saturday. All are confident they have considerable strength. Martson of Cerro Gordo, it is said, has been making some elaborate claims in a letter sent out to members of the house. Representative Meredith of Cass, whose friends have been urging all the time that he should be a candidate, has as yet made no definite statement. Paul Skilman, who was early announced as a candidate, has practically withdrawn, saying he will make no effort to get the honor.

While a deadlock is threatened in the republican caucus because of the numerous candidates, all the time, the odds are favorable to abiding by the result of the caucus. It is not expected there will be any bolting of the caucus as was done by the "standpaters" during the first special session when a majority of the republicans nominated Governor Cummins for United States senator to succeed the late William B. Allison for his unexpired term.

Sanders Wants More Changes. In his biennial report to the State board of Control, Warden J. C. Sanders of the state prison at Fort Madison suggests a number of changes other than those recently suggested in his address before the board. He asks for county prison inspection, saying that the present county jails are "vicious ones" and disease breeders. He suggests provision for a state agent to have supervision of discharged prisoners until they "get on their feet." He further suggests that the board ask the legislature to buy 100 acres of land as a farm upon which to work the convicts, saying it is better for their health and discipline of the inmates to work.

Congressman Hull Talks. Congressman J. A. T. Hull reached Des Moines today from the east. In reference to interior waterways he said: "Des Moines river will never be widened. It may be canalized, as may one or two other rivers in the state, but it is out of the question to widen and deepen them to make them navigable."

After Water Works Company. W. E. Goodwin of Kansas City, an expert on water works and water plants, arrived in Des Moines today in the employment of the city to ascertain the value of the Des Moines Water company's plant. The city is suing a high agent of the water works, Grinnell, Charles City, and other cities, because the council "turned down" the proposition of the Waterloo, Pella & Southwestern Railroad to issue bonds to build a short line steam road connecting these towns.

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It is proposed to mortgage the road for \$2,500,000. The executive council has been asked to permit a stock issue to cover the 30 per cent discount necessary to dispose of the bonds in the eastern market. The issue has been refused, cutting the road out of \$700,000, without which Vice President E. A. Harris, chief promoter, says they cannot and will not build the road.

Son Murders His Father. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Because he feared that his father was about to marry again, and considering that such an act would disgrace the memory of his dead mother, Edward McNamara of near Graceton, Worth county, in northern Iowa, emptied the contents of a revolver into the body of his father, Martin McNamara, and then attempted to commit suicide. The elder McNamara died a few hours later from the five bullet wounds. Young McNamara was discovered in time to be restored to life, although he had taken two ounces of chloroform.

Iowa News Notes. ATLANTIC.—The wedding of Miss Lillian Prall and Herbert Prall in this city on Christmas eve at the Presbyterian parsonage. The young people will go to household in Iowa.

CRESTON.—Over \$100 has been received during the holiday season by the women in charge of the fund raised here. Mayor Brooks gave \$25, as did ex-Mayor Sullivan and a number of subscriptions were received from former citizens.

CRESTON.—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dunbar of Okeola celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Monday evening. Fifty members of the family were present during the day. The Dunbars are among the pioneer residents of that part of the country, having moved to it shortly after their marriage in Indiana.

CRESTON.—Monday evening at the home of Miss Clara Traubinger in this city was held a reunion of the class of 1896 of the Creston High school. Of the thirty-five members of the class who were present, a number of others and part of the high school faculty under whose auspices the reunion was held were present.

MARSHALLTOWN.—The hearing in the contest over the city water works was held at Allison. James Spauld, the democratic candidate who was the heavy favorite, was defeated by the narrow margin of thirty votes in the contest. The hearing will include a recount of all the votes received in the county for the office in litigation.

MARSHALLTOWN.—J. W. Wagoner, a former employe of the Des Moines Water company of Des Moines has sued the company for \$4,000 damages in the Allamakee county district court for injuries received when working for the company. The plaintiff claims that the company was negligent and he fell breaking his stomach and receiving other serious injuries.

ATLANTIC.—Louis, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Milford of near here, is in the habit of walking in her sleep, but has had a very peculiar habit. She got up and went across the house, coming to a window on the second floor from which she stepped, falling to the ground fourteen feet below. When the family awoke in the morning they found a physician was called, but the child had sustained no injury other than a bad fright.

ATLANTIC.—Miss Edna Jones and J. Fred Wistler were married at the home of the groom's parents in Grinnell, Christmas eve, the Rev. H. L. Wissler, the groom's father, officiating. Miss Jones is a young person of the city. Miss Jones having lived here all of her life, and Mr. Wistler being employed as a bookkeeper in the Iowa Trust and Savings bank.

CRESTON.—At the midwinter convention of the Southwestern Iowa Fire Association held yesterday at Okeola, July 2 and 3 were picked as the dates for the Southwestern Firemen's tournament which is to be held in that city this year. Further arrangements were left in the hands of committee which were appointed yesterday from all the departments in the association were present.

CRESTON.—In the contest just closed at Okeola over the election of Keeran, republican, for the office of sheriff, the election of Mr. Keeran was settled beyond dispute. It is claimed by both parties that the count was made without any hope of changing the result for sheriff, but in order to ascertain the vote on Colonel Heppner and W. D. Jamison, friends of Colonel Heppner are discouraged over the result.

SIoux CITY.—The disappearance of "Bud" Crane, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crane, has developed into a deep mystery. Information secured by Mr. Crane from playmates of his boy lead him to believe that he was inveigled into going on a ranch in South Dakota, and through Sioux City police he has enlisted the assistance of the authorities at Pierre, S. D., where he was checked in one week ago today.

SIoux CITY.—To encourage the raising of corn in the county, the Iowa Corn Growers association, has put up a \$125 Iowa prize, which was furnished by the boy or girl between 12 and 17 years of age who exhibits the best ten ears of corn at Ames short course which will open January 4 and will continue two weeks. Mr. Sundberg is known as an enthusiastic promoter of the contest.

MARSHALLTOWN.—A panic was narrowly averted in the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart, where a fire broke out during the Christmas festival and wreaths, and full-length portraits of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus, were hanging from the ceiling. A fire started in a chair and a Sister of Mercy, neither was hurt and a stampede of the people was averted by the coolness of Father O'Brien, who was in the midst of mass at the time.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Pioneer Historical Society Elects Officers for the Year.

INTEREST IN POWER PROJECT Big Corporations Paying Up Their Taxes and All Are Expected to Come in Before the Close of the Year.

Tuesday night was pioneer's night in South Omaha. A splendid audience was out to the annual meeting held at library hall.

The meeting completed the first year of the organization. During the year the Pioneer Historical Society has held numerous meetings, all of which have been greatly enjoyed by the first inhabitants of the city.

The membership has steadily increased. Officers were elected as follows: President, J. J. Breen; vice president, J. C. Carson; financial secretary, A. L. Bergquist; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Talbot; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Roberts. Dr. W. H. Siabach was elected historian.

After the election of officers a program was rendered. Music was furnished by the original quartet of the early days. Miss Grace Thielke and Miss Rafferty presented instrumental numbers. Father D. W. Moriarty, one of the pioneer pastors of St. Bridget's church, made the principal address of the evening. He confined his remarks to his memories of the early days, when the dummy train ran from Omaha to the new market town. He mentioned many of the older inhabitants in affectionate remembrance. Toward the close of his remarks he took occasion to tell the people that he had asked to be relieved from his charge in South Omaha, and he thought he had been needed as a common rumor that he had been removed by higher authority; but this, he said, was not the case. He wanted a rest and to be nearer his mother. He said that many times he had regretted the change since on account of the many very pleasant associations he had enjoyed in South Omaha.

J. M. Martin, C. M. Hunt and Judge A. L. Sutton were each called upon to speak. But made brief remarks, excusing themselves owing to the late hour and lack of preparation. The meeting closed with a sacred hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Interest in Power Project. The interest taken in South Omaha concerning the efforts of the Nebraska Power company to secure the passage of its franchise ordinance has reached a pitch which insures the attendance this afternoon of a large audience. The special committee appointed by the mayor meets at 3 p. m. to make up its final report and recommendation. It appears likely that a sharp division of sentiment will be shown. This difference of opinion has been marked from the beginning of the discussion. The representatives of the company in question have been present at some of the discussions. At the meeting this afternoon some of the reports of a number of special committees will be passed upon. The report of the legal standing of the Nebraska Power company is said to be of special interest.

Big Tax Payments. A number of the large corporations have paid their city taxes within the last day or two. Among those to pay are Swift and company, \$10,267.74; South Omaha National bank, \$5,667.97; Union Stock Yards bank, \$2,738.06; Packers National bank, \$2,068.85; Omaha Packing company, \$2,229.15, and the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, \$1,096.05.

All the railroads have paid up their taxes as have the gas company and others. The street railway, the water company, Armour and Cudahy Packing company and

MEETING OF WOOL GROWERS

Number of Men Prominent in the Industry Are to Deliver Addresses.

FOCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Secretary George S. Walker of the National Woolgrowers' association, the forty-fifth annual convention of which will be held in Focatello, Idaho, January 14, 15 and 16, 1909, has announced a partial list of the prominent men who will deliver addresses at the big Focatello gathering.

Among the number will appear Fred W. Gooding of Shoshone, president of the National association; Governor Frank R. Gooding of Idaho, Hon. T. J. Walsh of Helena, Dr. J. M. Wilson of Douglas, Wyo.; A. J. Knoll of Chicago, Francis Perry Elliot of Nashville, Tenn.; Hon. A. L. Moss of Payette, Hon. Peter G. Johnston of Blackfoot, Colonel E. J. Bell of Laramie, Wyo., and W. H. Manss of Chicago. The last named is the industrial commissioner of the Chicago Association of Commerce, which body is active in promoting the Chicago warehouse storage plan.

The address of welcome in behalf of the state of Idaho will be delivered by Governor-elect James H. Brady of this city, and the keys of the city will be formally turned over to the woolmen by Mayor C. E. M. Lous. An effort is being made to prevail on United States Senator W. B. Heburn of Idaho to address the convention on tariff questions.

One of the principal addresses of the convention will be delivered by Joseph B. Wing of Mechanicalburg, O., eastern vice president of the National association, who is one of the leading breeders of thoroughbreds in America.

Another interesting address will be delivered by George B. McCabe, solicitor of the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

ROCK ISLAND BUYS INTEREST

Line Purchases Big Block of Stock in St. Joseph Terminal Company.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—It is authoritatively announced that the Rock Island has purchased a substantial interest in the Union Terminal Railway company here, in order to enlarge its local terminals and secure an entrance to the stockyards in South St. Joseph. The Rock Island has for several years been entering the stock yards over Union Terminal tracks at large rental. The terminal also is used by the Chicago Great Western and Missouri Pacific. It is said to be the Rock Island's intention to make St. Joseph the gateway for its through freight between Chicago and the west, instead of diverting much of it over leased lines as has been the practice.

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