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This Great Clearing Sale will excel all previous sales in value giving. It will pay everyone to anticipate future needs and come many miles to attend this sale. It means more than ordinary sales in both Merchandise and Assortments. It means 20% discount off all regular prices and greater reductions on many lines such as odd sizes, broken lots, soiled and mussed articles and discontinued lines some at half regular prices and in many cases less.

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## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Office 15 Scott Street. Both 'Phones 43.

### MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drugs.  
 Stockert sells carpets.  
 Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer.  
 Lewis Cutler, funeral director. 'Phone 37.  
 Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 23.  
 Midwinter term Western Iowa college opens Monday, January 4, 1909. Send for catalogue.  
 H. Schneider was issued a building permit yesterday for a one-story brick building at 130 West Broadway to cost \$1,000.  
 Eyes tested free, glasses fitted to suit, work guaranteed, only reasonable prices charged and broken glasses repaired promptly. G. Maubie, 23 W. Broadway.  
 The Missionary society of the First Christian church will hold a reception for new members at the home of the pastor, Rev. Edgar Price, 753 Myrtle street.  
 Rev. Henry DeLong performed the marriage ceremony yesterday for Charles A. Humphrey and Mabel Chipman, both of Lincoln, Neb., and for L. E. Blackstone of Edward, Neb., and Lillian Francis of Utica, Neb.  
 The funeral of the late Mrs. John Schouten will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence at 30 South Sixth street. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, Omaha, and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.  
 Harmony chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a special meeting this evening for the installation of officers. Following the installation there will be a watchlight meeting to which all members and members of their families are invited to attend to bid the old year adieu and welcome in the new one.  
 W. R. Vaughan was yesterday required by Justice Cooper to furnish a bond to keep the peace towards his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Mathews. There had been trouble in the family and Mrs. Mathews, who resides at Broadway and Twenty-ninth street, in the vicinity of the home of her son-in-law, alleged that Vaughan had threatened to kill her.

**Twenty-Five Per Cent Discount Sale.**  
 We will continue our 25 per cent discount sale to January 7 on ready-made dresses. We still have a few of the finest left. Come early; they will soon go. C. Jensen, Masonic Temple.

Our place of business, Broadway and Ninth streets, will be closed Thursday, December 31, on account of funeral services of Mrs. John Schouten. Groneweg & Schouten Co.

### Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to the Bee December 30 by the Pottawattamie Abstract company of Council Bluffs:  
 Mary J. French, widow, et al. to Arthur C. French, blacks 3 to 11, 27 town plat of 24th & 25th, 25-76-44.  
 A. H. Rosenbaum and wife to C. E. Block, 24 of lot 8, block 8, Riddle's sub. in Council Bluffs, w. d. 10,000.  
 John A. Burgin and wife to Edward Bahr, 24 of lot 8, block 8, w. d. 10,000.  
 C. C. Muhmman and wife to Henry Cohrs, lots 25 and 26, Peterson's cut of outlet D town of McClelland, w. d. 1,100.  
 William Moore, trustee, and wife to Ellis C. Jones, lot 256, in Belmont add. to Council Bluffs, w. d. 185.  
 F. J. Schnorr and wife to Fred W. Eberhart, lots 1 and 2, block 4, Sack's add. to Council Bluffs, w. d. 15.  
 Taylor Woolsey and wife to Sarah A. Hall, lot 7, block 11, Payne's 2d add. to Council Bluffs, w. d. 2,500.  
 Harry G. McGee and wife to W. H. Kaiser, lots 3 and 4, block 2, McGee's add. to Council Bluffs, w. d. 300.  
 G. F. Hansen and wife to Ida E. Gillette, 24 of lot 1, block 2, Kubank's 2d add. to Council Bluffs, w. d. 1,000.  
 Total, nine transfers ..... \$3,000

No bill to step for the Jackson automobile. Let us show you. Sperring & Triplett, or the Pioneer Implement Co.

### BATTEY FURNISHES BAIL

Appears Voluntarily When Told He Had Been Indicted.

### THREE DESIRE TO PLEAD GUILTY

Judge Wheeler Convicts and Passes Sentence on Youths Who Admit Having Committed Burglary.

H. V. Batten, former clerk of the district court, against whom two indictments were returned by the grand jury Tuesday, appeared at the office of the clerk yesterday morning and filed a bond in the sum of \$1,000 on each charge. The sureties on the bonds are Elmer L. Fehr, John J. Spindler, cashier of the First National bank; W. S. Baird, J. R. Reed, president of the Commercial National bank; E. H. Lougee, J. G. Wadsworth, vice president of the City National bank; Elmer E. Smith, C. E. Price, cashier of the Commercial National bank; George W. Lips and City Treasurer Frank T. True.

In one indictment a charge of embezzlement is made, the conversion of \$745.15 "wholly unaccounted for" being alleged. This amount is alleged to be fees due the county from both the Council Bluffs and Avoca offices, which the defendant is charged with failing to turn over to the county treasurer, as it is claimed he should have done. Of this amount \$445.17 is alleged to be due from the Avoca office.

The charge in the indictment for alleged forgery is in connection with the case of Christian Eberhart against Edward Eberhart and others. It is charged that the defendant erased a pencil entry "com. rec. 18," making it \$3.00, and that he changed an item of costs "copy fee J. J. Heas, \$1.50," to appear as \$3.50.

Three of the defendants against whom indictments were returned Tuesday by the grand jury notified County Attorney Hess yesterday afternoon that they were anxious to plead guilty at once so that they could begin serving their sentences. As Judge Wheeler happened to be in the court house, having returned during the afternoon from Avoca, he convened court for the special purpose of hearing the pleas and passing sentence.

The three who pleaded guilty were George Papst and Herman Burlew, charged with breaking and entering the residence of Mrs. C. W. Brooks and stealing a shotgun, football and other articles, and John McCarty, charged with stealing shoes from a Northwestern freight car in the local yards. Each of the three was given an indeterminate sentence in the reformatory at Anamosa not to exceed ten years. All three of the prisoners are mere youths. Papst and Burlew being not yet 17 years of age while McCarty is about 20 years of age.

### One Will Stand Trial.

William Sutter, who was indicted jointly with McCarty, has announced his intention to stand trial.

William Willett was taken into custody yesterday, the grand jury having returned an indictment against him on the charge of wife desertion. He is alleged to have deserted his wife and two young children from January 1 to September 28, 1908, leaving them in a destitute condition. His bond

was placed at \$300 in default of which he was sent to the county jail.

Mrs. Lulu Palmer brought suit against her husband, Earl Palmer, to whom she was married in this city October 9 of last year, for separate maintenance. She asks to be allowed \$25 a month until such time as her husband is prepared to treat her with kindness and properly provide for her. She alleges that for some time past he has not only treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner, but has failed to support her. An order for attachment was issued and wages due the defendant by C. Geise & Son were garnished.

As the grand jury which adjourned Tuesday afternoon had cleaned up all the criminal cases pending, Judge Wheeler ordered that the grand jury for the January term report for service on the next Monday in February instead of on next Tuesday, the opening day of the new term.

Did you notice the double skittles in the P. C. DeVol Hardware company's window? They are certainly a novelty and will cut down your gas bill. Price, \$50 a pair. P. C. DeVol Hardware Co.

Sperring & Triplett will take possession of Madsen garage, 327 Broadway, January 1. They will handle the Detroit Electric, Jackson and International automobiles, keep a complete stock of automobile supplies and do a storage and livery business.

### SAYS THE MAYOR IS IN ERROR

City Attorney Insists He is Quoting the Wrong Law.  
 City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball declared yesterday that Mayor Maloney is in error regarding the law governing the issuance of bonds such as the city of Council Bluffs proposes floating for the construction of a municipal water works plant. Mr. Kimball said that the section of the code cited by Mayor Maloney as prohibiting the issuance of water works bonds until after a contract for the construction of the plant has been ratified by the voters of the city, is not the one under which the proposed local issue is to be made, and has nothing to do with the case. Mr. Kimball made the following statement:

In regard to the mayor's criticism of bringing suit to test the validity of the bonds, I would simply say that it is for the purpose of satisfying purchasers who might be influenced by just such statements as are made by the mayor in regard to the bonds not being good because a contract for water works has not yet been made and approved by the people, and to satisfy the "doubting Thomases" who find fault with the procedure. While I appreciate the confidence the mayor has in my opinion, it would seem from his statements afterwards, that that opinion is in conflict with section 745 of the code.

Section 1206, of the supplement of the code, as amended by chapter 23 of the thirty-first general assembly, referred to by Mayor Maloney, provides for issuing bonds without any vote of the people, but provides that the contract in such cases for a water works plant must be submitted to the people before the bonds can be issued, as amended by chapter 49 of the acts of the thirty-first general assembly, provides a different and additional method of issuing bonds for water works purposes, by submitting the question of indebtedness to the people and then issuing the bond the same as bonds are issued for street improvements. Section 1206 says: "Nothing in this act shall be construed as applicable to bonds issued under section 745 of the supplement of the code," which section 745 is the one referred to by Mayor Maloney.

### Upholstering.

George W. Klein, 19 South Main street, both 'phones. "Have it done right."

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 350. Night, F-102.

### Shoots Two and Escapes.

Al Smith, a barber, and Mrs. Tom Keyes, were shot this morning by Mr. Keyes in Smith's shop. Smith was shot four times and will die. Mrs. Keyes was shot once in

the leg and not seriously injured. Keyes is proprietor of a pantorium next door and claimed his wife and Smith had been unduly intimate. He escaped after the shooting.

Pictures and art novelties for New Year's gifts. Alexander's, 333 Broadway.

WABASH R. R. City Ticket and Freight Office removed to 26 Pearl St. 'Phone 141. J. P. Hipsley, Com'l Agt.

### CIVIL SERVICE FOR POLICE CHIEF

Effort to Be Made to Have Present Law Changed.  
 The question of the advisability of placing the chief of police under civil service and securing an amendment to the statute which provides for the appointment of the head of the police department by the mayor of the city was discussed at length at the meeting of the Board of Fire and Police commissioners last night.

A move to secure this change in the statute is said to have originated from Council Bluffs and the secretary of the local board has been in communication with the members of other fire and police boards throughout the state on this subject. It is contended by those favoring such a change that it would bring the chief of police and the commission into closer relations and would develop the efficiency of the department.

The three members of the commission expressed themselves last night as favoring the change, and said that if a meeting was called of the various boards of commissioners throughout the state to take action in the matter, that they would all three probably attend it, instead of sending one of the members as a delegate.

### Gasoline Destroys Cottage.

Fire resulting from the explosion of a gasoline cook stove destroyed the cottage owned and occupied by John McGarg and family at 184 Avenue D, shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The family was unable to save any of the furniture or personal effects and barely escaped with their lives, so rapid was the progress of the flames.

Members of the family had only time to gather a few clothes and made their escape from the burning building in their night attire. The baby had a narrow escape, as the flames had reached its cot before it was rescued by the father, who was badly burned about the hands and face. A friend who was visiting the family had only time to seize a pair of trousers and an overcoat which he donned in the yard.

By the time the firemen reached the place the house was a mass of flames. The nearest hydrant was a considerable distance away and the firemen had to lay 1,500 feet of hose before they could throw water. The flames attacked an adjoining cottage which was unoccupied and the firemen had hard work to save it.

### Watch Night Services.

McGarg carried \$200 insurance on the cottage, which was a small frame building of four rooms, but none on the furniture.

From 8 to 10—Social period under the direction of the Young Ladies' Wheel, Mrs. C. H. Banks in charge.

From 10 to 11—Singing the old songs and the stories of their composition. The pastor in charge.

From 10:30 to 11—New Year's resolutions

and what to do with them. A. L. Mickel in charge.

From 11 to 11:30—Reminiscences of other years, or "Ye Old Folks." Rev. Henry DeLong in charge.

From 11:30 to 12—Devotional half hour and consecration service. The pastor in charge.

### Special Assessment Taxes.

According to the returns made to the county auditor yesterday by City Treasurer True the special assessment taxes for 1908 to be collected by the county treasurer during the coming year amount to \$20,038.81, which is nearly \$8,000 in excess of those for 1907.

### Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:  
 Name and Residence. Age.  
 J. M. Patten, Iowa City, Ia. .... 22  
 Bertha J. Olson, Harlan, Ia. .... 18  
 Charles W. Humphrey, Lincoln, Neb. .... 41  
 Mabel Chipman, Lincoln, Neb. .... 39  
 Adolph Nennemann, Sidney, Ia. .... 24  
 Marie Proctor, Sidney, Ia. .... 24  
 L. E. Blackstone, Seward, Neb. .... 21  
 Bessie Francis, Utica, Neb. .... 19  
 Charles Plumer, Glenwood, Ia. .... 33  
 Augusta Turk, Council Bluffs, Ia. .... 23  
 Charles T. Boone, Council Bluffs, Ia. .... 28  
 Anna Johnson, Council Bluffs, Ia. .... 22

### TO MARK GRAVE OF ANSON

Subscription to Be Taken to Set Up Monument.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Is the grave of Henry Anson, the founder and father of Marshall and the father of Adrian C. Anson of Chicago, the noted ex-ball player, to go unmarked and unknown by future generations? This is the question which many friends of the dead hero are asking here, since it became known that for more than a year a granite monument, bearing the name of Henry Anson, carved in its rough surface had been lying unclaimed in a local freight depot. No effort has been made to claim it, although it was shipped prepaid and although it was purchased to be set up over the last resting place of this pioneer Iowan.

According to the best information obtainable here the monument cost, set up, \$500. As far as is known it was ordered by the son, A. C. Anson of Chicago, and it is presumed that he ordered it believing that his uncle, Horace Anson, of this city would pay part of the cost. Horace Anson says he had offered to do so, but he never heard further about the monument, until he learned that it was here and had never been claimed.

Henry Anson founded and established Marshalltown. He gave to it vast tracts of land on which Marshall county's first court house is built and upon which stands its \$80,000 postoffice and the vast shops of the Iowa Central. He was a promoter of public good, and his memory is revered. It is probable that a movement will be started by subscription to buy and set the monument up.

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### Deserter Gives Himself Up.

PORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Sheriff W. C. Brown of Clarion had a queer Christmas present on the eventful day this year, when Daniel Cummins, a deserter from the United States battleship Dixie, surrendered himself to Brown early Christmas morning and said he wanted Brown to get the \$50 reward offered for his capture. Brown telegraphed Washing-

ton to corroborate the fellow's story and finding it true took him to Washington at the government's expense.

### Iowa News Notes.

CRESTON—James F. Bryan of this city, private secretary of C. H. Hepburn, has left for the Isthmus of Panama as a member of the congressional party who have recently gone to that point.

WATERLOO—A mass meeting was held tonight in this city and voted to send immediately relief to the sufferers from the earthquake. Regular organization was completed for the purpose of raising a generous sum.

WATERLOO—The Illinois Central Railroad company is ready to invest \$50,000 in a large modern station contingent on the city furnishing the needed grounds. Negotiations are being made toward this purchase.

ATLANTIC—James A. Morris died last night at 7 o'clock at his home in the east part of the city. Mr. Morris was 78 years of age and was a pioneer of this state, having lived at Liberty for some forty-two years.

ATLANTIC—J. J. Rapp and W. B. Emmons have received bronze medals from the quartermaster of the depot of supplies at Washington as a token of their service in the Philippines. The medals are about the size of a silver dollar.

CRESTON—Yesterday morning at the church of the Immaculate Conception in this city occurred the wedding of Miss Mary H. Mulligan of this city and Mr. Frank O. Spellman of Orient, B. B. of the contracting parties are well known in the city. Rev. Father John Noonan officiated.

MARSHALLTOWN—Miss Ethel A. Elliott of this city and Mr. James G. Swan, a well known lawyer of Minneapolis, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Elliott, in this city at 8 o'clock tonight. The bride is a most popular and well known Marshalltown young woman.

CRESTON—The residence of Mr. Sam Shaffer, living a few miles from this city, was destroyed by fire Monday. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building was completely destroyed, and none of the contents were saved. The fire was taken out of the first floor were safely taken out.

IOWA FALLS—The annual poultry show for several years of the amount of grain in this city opened here yesterday with an exhibit of 500 birds of various breeds on exhibition. Four different associations are united in this meeting, which has brought exhibitors and birds from many points in the northern part of the state.

CRESTON—Corn loading facilities on the branch north of this city are badly tied up on account of the amount of grain being brought in for shipment. A number of points the elevators are full and the farmers are piling their grain in huge piles along the track, waiting for an opportunity to have it shelled ready for shipment.

DENISON—Henry Jocks, a prominent German farmer living five miles northwest of Denison, was found in a well on his farm today. It would appear that he climbed up on a windmill tower over a pipe well and missed his footing and fell in ten feet of water. No one was with him and evidently he was stunned so he could make no struggle to get out.

IOWA FALLS—T. W. Brown, who was formerly county treasurer of Cass county for several years, has been elected assistant cashier of the Farmers' Savings bank in this city to succeed C. C. Harvey, who has been elected to the cashiership under the new regime. Mr. Brown is an expert accountant and was for two years in the employ of Ellsworth & Jones Incorporated. He is proprietor of the Iowa Falls Ice company and one of this city's leading business men.

CRESTON—After twenty-one years' of continuous service as agent for the Burlington at Greenfield, Sam Mercer has resigned in order to enter upon his regular duties as county treasurer of Adair county. He was quite wealthy, owning land in five years. At the present election Mr. Mercer was elected unanimously as county treasurer on the republican ticket, none of the other parties putting up any opposition.

CRESTON—While walking about one of his farms adjoining Murray Tuesday morning, Daniel Vorhes, an old and eccentric resident, dropped dead from heart failure. He was quite wealthy, owning land in Clark county, Ia., in Spokane, Wash., and Adrian, Mich. His estate will amount to \$20,000. For the last twelve years he has lived on his farm near Murray alone, and so far as is known has no relatives living.

ing. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a member of the Masonic lodge at Adrian, Mich. It is not known whether or not he left a will.

### A Break for Liberty

from stomach, liver and kidney troubles is made when a 2c box of Dr. King's New Life Pills is bought. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

### Active Salesmen—Bee Want Ads.

### VETO FOR TAFT CLUB IDEA

President-Elect Puts Quietness on Propagation to Form Organizations in the South.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—President-elect Taft has effectually put a quietus on the desire which was beginning to develop into activity to organize Taft clubs throughout the south. Mr. Taft doubts the wisdom of encouraging at this time political activity in any form. In this view he is heartily seconded by Mr. Hitchcock, republican national chairman.

This subject was under direct consideration today at the initiative of John Hays Hammond, who was willing at this time to undertake to extend the influence and organization in the National League of Republican Clubs throughout the southern states, preferably under the style of "Taft clubs." Mr. Taft declared firmly against the "Taft club" proposition. Should it become expedient at some future time to encourage the organization of "independent" democratic elements of the south he believes such organization should be called exactly what they are, "independent."

The subject was discussed between Mr. Taft, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, Va. W. N. Mitchell of Atlanta, who was invited here today by Mr. Hammond on the subject also saw Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft today received information from Charles Hopkins Clark of Hartford regarding the Connecticut senatorial contest being waged between Senator Brandegee and Congressman Ebenzer Hill. Mr. Clark favors the latter for the place. Incidentally he presented to Mr. Taft the claims of the Nutmeg state for cabinet recognition.

Judson Lyons, formerly registrar of the treasury, who is a resident of Augusta, Ga., obtained Mr. Taft's promise to make a visit and make an address at Adams Normal school, a local school for negro children. Mr. Taft will visit the school January 19.

George H. Sheldon, who has joined the winter colony at Aiken, S. C., paid his respects to Mr. Taft today and played a game of golf on the grounds of the Country club.

That zinc should be protected in the next tariff law is the earnest contention of W. E. Calkins, who comes from the zinc portion of Missouri. Mr. Taft referred Mr. Calkins to the ways and means committee of the house of representatives as the place to make representation. Mr. Calkins indicated that he was bound for Washington, but believed that the president-elect also ought to be in possession of the needs of the industry. Protection against Mexico particularly is his desire.

Many little lives have been saved by Fuley's Honey and Tar. For coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. It is the only safe remedy for infants and children, as it contains no opiates or other narcotic drugs, and children like Fuley's Honey and Tar. Careful mothers keep a bottle in the house. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

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