

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Office 15 Scott Street. Both 'Phones 43.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis, dress. Stocker sells carpets. Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 77. Woodring Undertaking company. Tol. 253. Measures for gifts. C. E. Alexander, 233 Broadway.

CONTEST OVER FIRE CHIEF

Appeal of Robert W. Jones to Come Up Soon in Supreme Court.

PENDING ALMOST TWO YEARS

Attorneys for Jones Attack Legality of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Which Quoted Him from Office.

The controversy over the appointment of chief of the Council Bluffs fire department, which had been forgotten by almost everybody except those directly interested, is to be fore again. The hearing on the appeal taken by Robert W. Jones, the deposed chief, from the ruling of the district court in the action brought by him to regain possession of the office, is to be had before the supreme court at the January term, which will extend into March. The period allotted to cases from this district begins on March 9, and it is likely that this matter will be reached soon after that date.

Briefs and arguments have been filed by the attorneys on both sides and the case has been noted for oral argument at that term.

The case grew out of the appointment of the fire and police commission in April, 1907, by Dr. Donald Macras, then mayor. Jones was chief of the fire department by virtue of his appointment by the city council. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, immediately following its appointment, proceeded to oust Jones. Charges were preferred against him, and part of these charges were sustained by the commission, which promptly discharged Jones and appointed Charles M. Nicholson, who has since held the position of chief.

Jones attacked the legality of the action in a quo warranto proceeding in the district court, but Judge Macy held against him. An appeal was then taken to the supreme court.

Jones' side of the controversy is based on the alleged unconstitutionality of the law providing for the appointment of the fire and police commission. In their brief and argument filed with the supreme court, attorneys for Jones contend that defendants were appointed in violation of the law, two of them being members of the democratic party, whereas the republican party was, at the time of their appointment, the dominant party.

Chapter 2-A, title 5, of the supplement is void because it requires a political test as a qualification for the right to be appointed to the office of member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Section 2-A, title 5, of the supplement is void because it contravenes section 1, article 2 of the constitution of Iowa, by placing a burden and penalty upon electors otherwise qualified, by hindering and hampering them in their freedom of choice as such electors.

ROUNDUP OF THE UNDESIRABLES

Police to Run Them Out of Town or Arrest Them.

A number of undesirable characters who have recently been run out of Omaha have sought a refuge in Council Bluffs, but their sojourn promises to be brief. Some of them are known to the police and the city council, and it is understood that they will not leave town at once.

The recent burglary at the Maurer residence is credited to some of these crooks who have recently drifted into the city, and the police department intends to rid the city of them, as speedily as possible.

A number of these crooks and rascals are to be seen on Broadway, as they make some of the cheaper hotels their headquarters, but it is understood that a general cleaning up of such characters is to be made by the police.

The police are seeking yesterday a well-dressed stranger, who was posing as a city electrical inspector. The fellow visited a number of houses in the best residence sections of the city, and in some places went through the motions of examining the electric fixtures. An City Electrician McKinley is the only municipal official entitled to make such inspections, and the police are of the opinion that this fellow was "spotted" to look for the purpose of robbery. Up to last night the police had been unable to locate the impostor.

Matters in District Court.

Judge Thornell adjourned district court at noon yesterday until Monday, and went to his home at Sidney to spend Sunday with his family. The petit jury will report for duty Monday, at which time the trial cases on the calendar will be taken up.

Judge Wheeler arrived home yesterday from Red Oak, where he is holding court, and if any matters demand attention in court today they will be brought before him.

Sheriff Lindville of Mills county brought two 16-year-old girls, whose homes are in Glenwood, before Judge Wheeler yesterday afternoon. They had run away from home. It was said, with two young men, and had been arrested in Lincoln, Neb. The court ordered them committed to the industrial school at Mitchellville.

William Willett, who was indicted on a charge of wife desertion and had been in the county jail for a week or more, was released yesterday on his recognizance and promised to support his wife and child.

Y. M. C. A. Fund Growing.

The mercury in the Young Men's Christian association building thermometer reached the \$2,000 mark yesterday afternoon and was going up still higher when the committee ceased operations for the day.

The businessmen's committee, which raised \$1,500 Thursday, obtained \$1,182 yesterday, while the amount secured by the young men's committee passed the \$500 mark.

E. H. Loupe, who returned from Des Moines yesterday, announced at the noon lunch of the businessmen's committee, that J. D. Edmundson, formerly of this city, had put his name down for \$500. Mr. Loupe also added \$200 to his former subscription of \$1,000.

Gun Club Shoot.

The Pottawattamie Gun club is to have a two-day shooting Sunday afternoon at its grounds at Manawa. A number of well known trapshooters from this section are

DEMOCRATIC MAYORS COUNT

Likely to Capture the Indianapolis Tariff Convention.

COST OF CRIME TO STATE OF IOWA

Over Half a Million Dollars of Expenses Above Amount of Fines Collected is Estimated by the Prosecutions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Democratic mayors of Iowa and the middle west are likely to capture the tariff revision convention in Indianapolis next month.

The committee having in charge the plans of the gathering has sent an invitation to the mayors of Iowa cities, and probably mayors in other mid-western states, to appoint delegates to the gathering.

There are as many or more democratic mayors in Iowa than republican mayors. They will all appoint delegates, whereas many of the republican mayors will not appoint. Take Des Moines, for instance, Mayor Mathis is a democrat. He has already appointed a delegation of democrats to the tariff revision convention. These are all free traders and say they will go (every one of them) and pay their own expenses in order to work for a reduction of the tariff. So also, Ottumwa, Davenport, Dubuque and other important cities have democratic mayors, who will do likewise.

There is a likelihood that the democrats will organize with a view to capturing the Indianapolis convention and demanding that the schedules of tariff in the United States be hewn down. At least there will be a good representation of tariff revisionists from the democratic ranks in the convention.

Then besides this there are a great many "progressive" republican mayors throughout the state who will appoint delegates to the convention. Iowa is thoroughly awake to the question of tariff revision and that there will be a big representation in the Indianapolis informal gathering is to be assured.

SUIT OVER OLD MILL PROPERTY

Sealey & Felton Ask Clear Title Deed Therein.

Alleging that the money paid by the insurance companies for the recent fire loss on the Crystal mill property on South Main street has been appropriated by agents of the Midland Guaranty and Trust company of Omaha, and that the agents of the company have taken wrongful possession of the premises and have disposed of a large amount of machinery and fixtures of the mill for the benefit of the company, Sealey & Felton, who claim to have purchased and partly paid for the mill, have instituted suit in the district court to secure title to the property. The plaintiffs, for the full amount of insurance recovered, together with the value of the machinery and fixtures which they allege have been disposed of, amount to more than the unpaid balance of the purchase price.

The firm of Sealey & Felton is composed of E. N. Sealey and J. A. Felton, who reside in the petition that the Midland Guaranty and Trust company entered into a contract with them for the sale of the Crystal mill property in November, 1906. The price agreed upon was \$30,000, and of this the plaintiffs say they paid \$4,000. The sale, they assert, included the machinery and fixtures of the mill.

The firm occupied the mill and remained in possession of the property, according to the petition, until the spring or early summer of last year, when they ceased to operate the mill, and say they placed the property in the hands of N. P. Dodge & Co., who were agents for the Midland Guaranty and Trust company, to find them a tenant. The plaintiffs state that they had procured policies of insurance on the property amounting to \$6,000 and that these policies, together with other valuable papers, were left by them in the safe in the mill.

Just what crime cost low for the year ending September 30, 1908, will be shown in the report of the secretary of state to be published in the course of a week. During that year there were in all Iowa 1,112 convictions for crime. Six of this number were sent to the industrial school, 361 to the penitentiary, 10 to county jail, 112 to county jail or fined, and 430 were fined.

The total amount of fines imposed by district court amounted to \$109,901.60 and the total amount collected to \$63,213.12. The total expense to the counties on account of criminal prosecutions, outside of attorneys' fees, was \$48,767.22, and the total expense paid county attorneys and other officials on criminal prosecutions and salaries amounted to \$136,475.82.

School Men Meet.

The legislative committee of the Iowa State Teachers' association is in session here discussing the recommendations of other legislative committees and other proposed legislation. The members present are State Superintendent of Education E. F. Carroll today issued execution papers for William Beck under arrest. Council Bluffs is the scene of a history as the greatest civil action ever brought before the tribunals of the country. The record already comprises twenty-two printed volumes and represents a cost to the litigants of nearly \$10,000. The filing of briefs by counsel will add another million or so words to the already monumental mass of testimony and court records. Arguments of both sides next April before the full bench of the United States circuit court sitting in St. Louis will further enlarge the record, and as the case is to be taken to the supreme court of the United States, which today practically ended so far as the submission of evidence is concerned, will undoubtedly go down in legal history as the greatest civil action ever brought before the tribunals of the country. The record already comprises twenty-two printed volumes and represents a cost to the litigants of nearly \$10,000. The filing of briefs by counsel will add another million or so words to the already monumental mass of testimony and court records. Arguments of both sides next April before the full bench of the United States circuit court sitting in St. Louis will further enlarge the record, and as the case is to be taken to the supreme court of the United States, which today practically ended so far as the submission of evidence is concerned, will undoubtedly go down in legal history as the greatest civil action ever brought before the tribunals of the country. The record already comprises twenty-two printed volumes and represents a cost to the litigants of nearly \$10,000. The filing of briefs by counsel will add another million or so words to the already monumental mass of testimony and court records. Arguments of both sides next April before the full bench of the United States circuit court sitting in St. Louis will further enlarge the record, and as the case is to be taken to the supreme court of the United States, which today practically ended so far as the submission of evidence is concerned, will undoubtedly go down in legal history as the greatest civil action ever brought before the tribunals of the country.

Water Works Bill to Come Up

Senator Saunders Expects No Difficulty in Passage.

City Clerk A. W. Casady was advised yesterday by State Senator C. G. Saunders that the bill proposing to enable the city council to enable the city to use the water works sinking fund to defray expenses preliminary to the construction of purchase of a municipal water works plant, introduced by Senator Saunders, probably would be passed without difficulty.

The bill was forwarded to Senator Saunders by Mr. Casady some time ago, together with a copy of the resolutions of the city council in favor of the purchase of a municipal water works plant, introduced by Senator Saunders, probably would be passed without difficulty.

This bill asked for an amendment to section 74 of the code relating to the uses of the water works sinking fund by adding the following paragraph:

When a majority of the electors within a city, at any election, shall have previously declared in favor of the purchase or erection of any water works, the city council may provide by contract or otherwise without submission of the same to the electors, for surveys, examinations, appraisements, estimates, plans, specifications, advertisements for bids and all other necessary work preliminary to the making of such contract for such purchase or erection of water works, and pay for same and the expenses of the city election out of the said sinking fund.

A second paragraph provides that the amendment shall be in force immediately after its passage and publication in the Des Moines papers.

There is about \$20,000 in the water works sinking fund which will be more than sufficient to meet all preliminary expenses attendant on either the construction of a new municipal water plant or the purchase by the city of the present water works system. The amendment to the present law, if passed by the legislature, and there is every reason to believe that it will be, will enable the city to pay the expense of engaging Burns & McDonnell, the Kansas City firm of hydraulic engineers, to assist City Engineer Elyre in presenting the revised plans and specifications which are to be submitted to prospective bidders on the proposed new plant. The firm is, under its contract with the city, to receive \$2,500 for its services, and if called upon for future consultations is to be paid \$2 a day and traveling expenses. It is estimated that the preliminary expenses for which the city council anticipates drawing upon the sinking fund will aggregate upwards of \$10,000. In the event of much litigation these expenses will, it is expected, be more than doubled.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

George E. Fisher et al. to L. C. Bjorkman, 2100 feet lot 15, block 5, Underwood, w. d. 200

Benjamin Febr et al. to J. S. Squire, lot 8, block 9, Benson's 2d add. and lot 2, block 10, Benson's 2d add. w. d. 200

Evans & Brigg add. w. d. 200

James Pethybridge, single, to Katherine E. South, part lot 2, block 4, Benson's subdiv. w. d. 200

J. D. Edmundson, widower, to William Martin, lot 11, block 20, Bayless & Palmer's add. w. d. 200

George Stodemister, single, to William Martin, lot 10, block 17, and lot 15, block 5, town of Underwood, w. d. 2,900

Total eight transfers, \$1,118

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. Ferdinand Peterson, South Park, Wash., 30 Hazel E. Bailey, Council Bluffs, 20 Gilbert J. Dillon, Omaha, 23 Grace Colver, Omaha, 19

Drink Redwines.

Kind of all bottled beer, L. Rosenfeld Co., distributors. Both 'phones 111.

The Legislature is now in session

Matters of great moment to the people of Nebraska will be discussed. You should be in daily touch with them. It's your business. It is not a private affair of the members.

H. H. PHILPOTT and G. F. FISHER

Two of the best posted newspaper reporters in Nebraska are daily writing the history of the Legislature for

The Omaha Bee

You cannot keep thoroughly posted on what is happening unless you read an accurate account each day.

The Omaha Daily Bee, Omaha, Neb.

It will be mailed you three months for \$1.50

BIG OIL CASE NEARS END

Record in Standard Suit Makes Twenty-Two Printed Volumes.

LAST TESTIMONY TUESDAY

Briefs Will Contain Million Words Additional—Case Costs Litigants Over Ten Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—With the examination of W. W. Pilkington, in charge of the records of the Standard Oil company's pipe lines on matters relating to the shipping of Lima, Indiana and Oklahoma oil, the government's suit for dissolution of the Standard Oil company came to a close here today. There are still two or three witnesses to be heard in rebuttal, but these will be examined in Chicago next Tuesday, an adjournment till then having been taken for the purpose at the conclusion of today's hearing.

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Speech by Mrs. Mackay.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay, whose fame herebefore has rested upon her achievements as a social leader, gathered fresh laurels for herself today in the role of political exponent and public speaker.

Before an audience made up of society women and woman suffrage advocates, Mrs. Mackay, who has just been elected president of the Equal Franchise league, strongly advocated granting of the right to vote to women, on the theory that it is impossible for the half to express the whole. The speech, which was delivered

before the Interurban Woman Suffrage council at the Hotel Astor, was warmly applauded.

"I am convinced that the country needs the woman's vote," said Mrs. Mackay, "and I want to do what I can to interest the women of our country in the question, so important as the future quality of our municipal and state government. The process by which man has gradually allowed morality, decency and altruism to share in the government has been slow and reluctant. We women demand that the real step be taken, that morality, itself the moral, ethical half of the human race, be admitted to government on equal terms."

Stock for Steel Employees.

A total of \$3,000 shares of stock has been allotted by the United States Steel corporation to its employees this year under its profit-sharing plan, according to announcement made today. This is the first year that the privilege of buying the stock has been extended to the employees. They may take 15,000 shares of this at \$2 and 15,000 of the preferred at \$10.

Consumers' League Defends Wiley.

The Consumers' league at a meeting today took up the cudgels in defense of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry at Washington, of whom much criticism has recently been made. A resolution was passed commending Dr. Wiley's work and others were adopted calling upon every state and municipality to provide for sanitary regulation of slaughter houses and efficient ante and post-mortem inspection of all animals slaughtered for food purposes. The league also voted to have its food committee draw up and publish a bill embodying its ideas of proper precautions.

Great 20 per cent discount sale of furniture and stoves. Peterson & Schoening Co.

Constipation Caused By Indigestion

Is Cured By Helping the Stomach Do Its Work As It Should.

All forms of constipation, bowel or intestinal trouble owe most of their origin to the improper digestion of food. The bowels measure 30 feet. The inside walls or surfaces are wound tightly about with millions of nerves. These nerves give life and control millions of little mouths or glands which are supposed to be in the lining of the bowels. The food as it leaves the stomach and passes along this 30-foot human canal.

When indigestion, dyspepsia or stomach trouble occurs, the food being undigested, passes over these millions of mouths, it is fermented, decaying mass and holds no nourishment as it should.

The little mouths suck it up, impart these to the blood, impregnate the little veins with poison and so the work of nutrition and bowel trouble begins.

A natural juice or secretion flows normally in the little cells and glands along the mucous membrane of the 30-foot canal. When indigestion occurs this juice is lacking and so the mass of waste matter cannot pass along as it should and is piled up and caked in the bowel, thus bringing pain and misery.

After a while the nerves and nerve centers which give vigor and life to the bowel become paralyzed, thus forever prohibiting the bowel from performing its natural duties.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, when taken after meals, digest the food properly even though the stomach is sick and it passes to the bowels nourishment and juices which help the intestines not only to do their work once, but builds them up, restoring vitality to the nerves, brings new secretion to the glands and cells, helps bowel action and thus the blood.

Indigestion is the cause. Common sense attendance are one on this point. You see yourself. One little grain of Stuart's dyspepsia Tablets will perfectly digest 3,000 lines of food. The assimilation of a meal one of these tablets is an easy matter and it keeps the stomach clean and sweet so that in a brief time this organ is restored.

Every drugist carries them in stock, 50c. Send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package with full free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 159 Wall Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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ANY CHATTEL SECURITY AT ONE-HALF THE USUAL RATES. Twenty Years of Successful Business. CORNER MAIN AND BROADWAY, OVER AMERICAN EXPRESS. No connection with the firm calling themselves "A. CLARK & CO."



Know What a Want Ad Is.

It's a mistake to think that want ads are only used by people seeking employment—in locating lost articles—in renting houses and flats. These are but a few of their uses.

Read Bee Want Ads every day as thousands are now doing—know what they mean. You will never neglect them when you do. It would be impossible to tell all the uses of Bee Want Ads—you learn new things every day. For instance, unusual desires are quickly gratified by Bee Want Ads. You may be the roommate some congenial person wants. Some one may have the books you want in exchange for the bicycle you don't care for. You can invest money safely. You can buy a store with an established trade. You can obtain information of a personal nature. You see, Omaha people realize the importance of Bee Want Ads. It's a place where all meet for the good of all. Considering the few minutes it takes to carefully read them, there should be no reason for not reading Bee Want Ads every day.