

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

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MINOR MENTION.

Davis, Crags. Lewis Cutler, general director. 'Phone 27. Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 286. FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET. Majestic ranges, P. C. DeVoll & Co. Big piano sale now on at Hoopes', 29 Pearl St. Be ready for the big sale at Hoopes', Read ad. Cut flowers, Herman Bros., florists, 16 Pearl street. HAND PAINTED CHINA, 30 per cent discount. Lettner's. Typography outfits and wood. Alexander's, 22 Broadway, upstairs. Two, three or five rooms for rent, 323 West Broadway, upstairs. Sheet music prices shot to pieces at Hoopes', Saturday, 29 Pearl St. Plenty of help, not long waiting at Hoopes', 29 Pearl St., Saturday. BAIRD, LONGNECKER & BOLLAND, Undertakers, Phone 10, 211 Main St. GET YOUR WALL PAPER WORK DONE RIGHT. SEE BOWWICK, 211 8th St. The Lincoln Woman's Relief corps will meet in regular session this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Grand Army hall. A building permit was issued yesterday to Jay Smith for a one-story frame residence at 2218 Avenue F to cost \$2,400. No house in any city has such a display of music as Hoopes', Saturday, at Hoopes', 29 Pearl St. Come in and see. The preliminary hearing in the case of John Lewis, charged with beating and entering the chicken coop of Thomas Johnson and stealing about a dozen prairie chickens, will be held in police court yesterday until Saturday. Central chapter of the Woman's guild at St. Paul's Episcopal church will entertain at a Martha Washington card party Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. A. Brown, to which all friends of the church are invited. Joseph Gerspacher, eldest son of A. Gerspacher, grocer at 740 West Broadway, was married in Chicago to Miss Mary Ricker of Des Moines. The ceremony was performed in the Holy Name cathedral. The young couple will make their home in Council Bluffs. Patriotic exercises in observance of Washington and Lincoln's birthday anniversaries will be held in the schools of this city today. In some of the buildings elaborate programs have been prepared. The parents of the pupils are invited to attend these exercises. The funeral of the late James S. Williams, 1406 Avenue G, will be held at 2 o'clock at St. Bernard's church. Rev. J. M. Williams, the pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery. Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Council Bluffs and vicinity who drew Tripp county farms to hold at the hotel hotel Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dennis O'Leary, a former Council Bluffs newspaper man, who drew a farm in the opening four years ago and located adjoining Tripp county, will be present and explain a few of the difficulties of the situation. George William Pepper, charged with the theft of \$114 from the residence of Mrs. J. M. Williams, was held in police court yesterday. He was formerly employed, was arrested by Police Judge Snyder in May, 1908, and was held in jail until about two weeks ago, but had to be sent to St. Bernard's hospital to be treated for a nervous ailment. He was discharged from the hospital Wednesday and in default of a bond placed at \$100 was sent to the county jail. MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT Dobbins Takes Time to Plead to Charge of Swindling. John R. Dobbins, alleged to be a member of a gang of bunco experts said to have made Council Bluffs their headquarters, was arraigned before Judge Thornell in the district court yesterday morning under the indictment in which he is charged with the larceny of \$20,000 from T. W. Ballow, a banker of Princeton, Mo. Through his counsel, Emmet Tinley, Dobbins took time to plead. This formality occupied but little time and after the usual entry had been made in the court records Dobbins was escorted back to the county jail. It was stated yesterday that Dobbins' attorneys would ask the court to reduce the amount of the bail bond. Henry Wehlers, one of the eight young men of Boomer township indicted on the charge of malicious destruction of property, had his trial yesterday. He was brought to a verdict last evening of not guilty. The young men were charged with shooting into the residence of R. T. Ward in Boomer township on the night of October 25, last, during a charivari in honor of the marriage of Arthur C. Ward, son of R. T. Ward and Miss Elsie M. Witt of Honey Creek. The promiscuous discharge of shotguns and other fire arms, it is alleged, followed the refusal of young Ward to contribute \$5 for treats for the crowd. The acquittal of Wehlers may result in the quashing of the indictments against the other young men. A rather unusual petition was filed in the district court yesterday. It was in the name of the state of Iowa ex rel. Pauline Witt against Adolph Drier. It asked for an attachment of \$1,000 against property belonging to the defendant, Adolph Drier. Witt accused Drier of being the father of her unborn babe. In the petition Drier is stated to be a resident of Hardin township and to own personal property of the value of \$2,000. The trial of Isaac Robbins, indicted on the charge of assaulting with intent to murder G. T. Hamilton, will be begun this morning. The following petit jury was drawn yesterday afternoon for the March term of district court in this city: D. M. Steele, Joshua Carlie, Lewis Fields, John Carlson, Newark township; Lewis Wooding, J. A. Johnson, Lee Kastner, Garner township; John Coyne, Jr., Lewis township; Ed. W. Wilkins, W. G. Keppner, G. D. Talbot, John Wakehouse, Fred Roome, York; Paul Letzke, James A. Flynn, Minden; E. J. Maxwell, W. Russell, James T. Fleming, Jean Larsen, Frank Whitsett, C. W. Boyer, D. A. Huisler, E. C. Harden, R. H. Huff, James Deiser, George Southard, G. C. Sunderland, A. J. Brown, C. A. Morgan, William Walter, Ernest Smith, C. E. Williams, W. Cross, Council Bluffs. The term opens March 19 and unless otherwise ordered by the judge the petit jury will appear for service on Monday, April 5. COB SHED MAKES A BIG BLAZE Causes Rumor Big Implement Warehouse Was Burning. Fire of unknown origin in a shed used to store cobs at the corner of the warehouse at the Shugart & Burns Seed company at Sixth street and Tenth avenue, shortly before 7 o'clock last night, made a big blaze for a short time and caused a report that another large implement warehouse was a prey to flames. As the fire department was starting house from this blaze the glare in the sky indicated there was another fire in the vicinity of Sixteenth avenue. It proved to be a small barn at the rear of the grocery store of Nellie Christoffersen, 1833 South Eighth street. In the fire, which was of unknown origin and which destroyed the barn, a small pony was burned to death. Be ready for the big sale at Hoopes', Read ad.

JEALOUS MAN SHOTS SELF

Sidney Gibbons Follows His Wife to the Home of Her Parents.

THREATENS TO SHOOT WOMEN

When Police Are Called He Turns Weapon on Himself and Fires Two Bullets Into His Own Breast.

After gaining admission to the house, the doors of which had been locked against him, by climbing through a kitchen window, Sidney Gibbons, a railroad man, shot himself twice through the breast near the heart yesterday afternoon at the home of his wife's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Edwin McClelland, 800 Avenue H. The weapon used was a small revolver of 22-calibre. Gibbons and his wife, who was Nellie McClelland, had only been married since December 23, last, and had been making their home with the husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amy Gibbons at 1429 Third avenue. Gibbons, who is 22 years of age, the same age as his wife, had developed, it is said, an insane jealousy of his wife, even objecting to her continuing her friendly relations with her mother. Following a quarrel Wednesday evening Mrs. Gibbons, it is said, returned to her parents, where she remained during the night. Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Gibbons appeared at the McClelland home, but was refused admission by Mrs. McClelland, who locked both the front and back doors. Gibbons then went to the rear of the house and unlocked the kitchen door and also locked a window and climbed through. According to the statement of Mrs. McClelland Gibbons was holding the revolver in his right hand as he climbed through the window. After gaining in this way admission to the house Gibbons began to speak and to upbraid his wife and when her mother interfered he said to have made sundry threats against the two women. Mrs. McClelland ordered Gibbons to leave the house and when he refused to do so telephoned for the police. According to the statements of the two women Gibbons, when he heard Mrs. McClelland telephoning for the police, placed the revolver against his breast and fired twice in rapid succession. When he learned that the ambulance was outside the house and that it was the intention of the doctors to take him to a hospital, Gibbons made a desperate resistance and, after a four men, despite his wounds, to hold him. He was finally placed in the ambulance and at the request of his parents, who had been summoned, taken to their home on Third avenue. It was found later, however, necessary to remove him to the Edmundson Memorial hospital. Gibbons made a statement to the police made by Mrs. McClelland and blamed his mother-in-law for all the trouble. Until a short time ago Gibbons had been a fireman on the Northwestern railroad, but had been out of work recently.

Hand-Painted China—Discount 20 Per Cent.

It's Pickard's—there is no equal to it for daintiness and artistic execution. This is your chance to get that piece of china so long desired. Suitable for wedding gifts. See special window display. Lettner's.

Upholstering.

George W. Klein, 15 South Main street. Both 'phones. "Have it done right."

COMMERCIAL BANQUET SPEAKERS

President Winchell of Rock Island and Ex-Mayor Dunne Accept. Announcement was made yesterday by Henry H. Van Brunt, chairman of the program committee, that E. L. Winchell, president of the Rock Island Railroad company, and Edward F. Dunne, former mayor of Chicago, have been secured as two of the speakers at the annual banquet of the Council Bluffs Commercial club, which will be held at the Grand hotel Thursday, March 18. The committee is in correspondence with a third prominent speaker and expects to have a favorable reply in a few days.

Victor E. Bender, who returned from Chicago yesterday, acting for the program committee, personally presented the invitation of the club to Mr. Winchell and Mr. Dunne and secured acceptances from both. Subjects have not been assigned to these two speakers, but it is expected that Mr. Winchell will speak on transportation of some other subject connected with the railroad business. It is thought likely that Mr. Dunne will elect to speak on municipal ownership of public utilities. Mr. Van Brunt said yesterday that his committee was making elaborate preparations for the banquet. Handsome souvenir programs will be prepared and several novel features will be added to the program.

Lincoln music stock at 6c, 8c, 10c and 12c a copy, Saturday, at A. Hoopes Co., 29 Pearl St. No music played during this sale.

It is worth your time to read Hoopes' ad today.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 264 Night, F-1702. Meet me at Hoopes' Saturday.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee February 18 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

- John R. Toller and wife to Charles F. Schick, lot 11, block 7, Fleming & Doniphan's add to Council Bluffs, \$1,000. George Tuck and wife to Zenas Graybill, part sec 24, 10-7-42, g.c.d. 1. Elizabeth M. Stacker, widow to Zenas Graybill, part sec 24, 10-7-42, g.c.d. 1. George Sexton and wife to Zenas Graybill, part sec 24, 10-7-42, g.c.d. 1. Emily Lyons, widow to Julius Patrick Danahy and wife to Julius Jones, lot 2, block 7, Fleming & Doniphan's add to Council Bluffs, \$1,000. N. R. Whitsett and wife to Edmond Baine, lots 1 and 2, block 4, Avoca, W. S. Denton, \$1,000. Will E. Siedentopf et al to Eva D. Thrush, lot 2, block 7, Fleming & Doniphan's add to Council Bluffs, \$1,000. M. Theodore Christensen to Jacob H. Witt, n.w. 1/4, 21-7-44, W. 2, 2,700. James Van Buskirk and wife to James R. Van Buskirk, lot 1, block 10, McMahon, Terwilliger's add to Council Bluffs, \$200. Christian Nelson and wife to H. T. Ehlers, lot 15, block 10, McMahon, Cooper & Jeffers' add to Council Bluffs, \$1,000. H. T. Ehlers, part lot 1 add, subd. 29, 24 sec 29-7-45, W. 1, \$200. Total, twelve transfers \$5,634.

Special Sale.

On Saturday we will place on sale a large lot of ladies' misses' and child's shoes at \$1.30-\$2.00 values. Duncan Shoe Co.

FOR MEDICAL AND FAMILY USE BUY YOUR LIQUORS AT L. ROSEN-FELD CO., 218 SO. MAIN, PHONE 23.

YOU CAN ALWAYS be sure of the quality of your wedding rings. Lettner's.

It's a piano you want, come to Hoopes', 29 Pearl St., Saturday.

Survey for Sioux City Line.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Thirteen civil engineers in the employ of the American Engineering company of Indianapolis, Ind., have commenced a survey for the Sioux City & Des Moines Interurban line between here and Correctionville. President Wilson of the construction company believes that the road can enter Sioux City on a 1 per cent grade. General Manager M. H. Miller of Des Moines will not comment on the canvass for subscriptions in Sioux City until the report of the special committee of the Real Estate association relative to the enterprise has been filed.

Complete "Merry Widow" songs, eight songs and waltz, all for 50c, at Hoopes', Saturday, 29 Pearl St.

It will pay you to see Sperling & Triplet Co. for automobiles, 327 Broadway.

BATTLESHIPS NEARING HOME

Admiral Sperry's Fleet Within Seven Hundred Miles of Virginia. The near approach of the battleship fleet and its escort, signaled tonight by wireless telegraph as less than 700 miles off the Virginia cape, is reflected in the great crowds of visitors pouring into the hotels here.

The tender Yankton sailed today for Washington, but the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana are still in the roadstead. They finished coaling off Sewell's Point and dropped down to a new anchorage off the Old Point pier. It is planned now to have the cruisers here tomorrow to join the incoming squadron.

The combined forces are expected to arrive at the southern drill grounds, fifty miles off the Virginia cape, some time Saturday. Minor evolutions and maneuvers will be gone through in order to fill the time intervening before the scheduled arrival Monday. The fleet will pass in the cape about 10 a. m.

The dinner to be given by the Navy league at the Chamberlain on Monday evening will be the first of the social functions in connection with the fleet's arrival. While the banquet is in progress a ball for the officers will be given at the Chamberlain. Many other entertainments are being planned for the fleet's stay.

A majority of the members of both branches of congress will witness the arrival and review of the fleet.

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Nebraska State

Everybody knows that Nebraska is prosperous. Many people, however, even in Nebraska, do not know the source of its prosperity, except in their own neighborhood. Neither is it always understood in the cities, as to the cause of the general prosperity of the farmer, and the farmer may not be familiar with what has been most essential in bringing about the prosperity of our towns and cities.

In the coming articles, descriptive of the different counties of the state, the Commercial Club and their good roads campaign will receive attention; from what the state has been developed and the place it holds today in the industrial world; the advantages Nebraska offers to those who may come here; what the farmers of today have accomplished, and the possibilities for the farmer of the future; what the stock-breeders and stock-feeders have developed and what they are trying to develop; what the dairy industry has to offer and how it is being received or rejected by the average farmer. The fruit industry has added to the pleasure and profit of the home; the corn grower has learned and is learning, and his knowledge of improved methods are of immense value to himself and his neighbors. The railroads have done much for the state and have received much in return from the people. Thrifty towns and cities of the state are growing, and how they are making progress will be told. The county schools, the school teacher and county superintendent of schools are entitled to notice and will be touched upon.

All of these things will receive special attention in the future articles. No one can be well posted unless they know their own state. Your friends, elsewhere, will be glad to receive a copy of the issue containing the account of your home county.

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Knockout for Lona Sharks. Iowa will be without pawn brokers and shark money lenders if Senator Hunter's new bill is passed. The measure was introduced today and provides that no contract of loan shall be valid which provides for a greater rate than the legal 8 per cent. Should such be instituted on a contract bearing a higher rate of interest than 8 per cent, the defendant will not only cease to owe the principal and interest, but will be entitled to a refund of the interest he has paid in excess of the legal rate.

Money for Rivers and Harbors. Senator Frudden of Dubuque introduced in the senate a resolution for a memorial to congress in favor of a large appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors and general work on the inland waterways.

The house adopted a resolution by Lee requiring the printing in the journal of all motions for amendments to committee bills, thus curbing the powers of the committees.

The senate passed a house bill to provide for settlement of the estates of absentees, and a senate bill for the publication of rates of health boards. The house passed Saunders' bill to permit the increase of pay of county attorneys where there are two county seats, the Francis bill for lights on steamboats and the Bruce bill to permit the state accountant to settle with the state agricultural department.

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Farm Publishers Organize.

Fifteen publishers of farm papers in the middle west met in Des Moines Wednesday. They organized an association to be known as the "Corn Belt Publishers' association." C. C. Rosewater was chosen president. Meetings will be held at different intervals.

Pawn Murdered Girl's Jewelry.

After having attempted to pawn a large diamond brooch which has since been identified as having been the one taken from the body of a girl murdered two weeks ago, John Junkin, a negro, was placed under arrest today. Junkin was released from Port Madison penitentiary January 19, shortly before the murder of Miss Rosen. He has a bad record. The police searched his house, but so far have failed to find any corroborative clues that he committed the crime. The negro claims he found the diamond brooch from the scene of the crime.

Pray Ill at Iowa City.

G. B. Pray of Des Moines is ill at the hospital at Iowa City. He is threatened with Bright's disease, but it is hoped that he will recover. Mr. Pray is treasurer of the Royal United Life insurance company of this city. He was formerly clerk of the supreme court.

Iowa News Notes.

SIDNEY—A stock sale at Anderson fifty head of horses and mules were sold at an average price of \$150 per head. At all sales good prices prevail.

CRESTON—Twenty head of live imported hogs arrived here this morning by express, consigned to a local dealer. They arrived in New York Wednesday, three days later, owing to stormy weather.

NEW HARTFORD—After lying for ten weeks suffering from the effects of injuries received when a barn door fell upon him, a two-year-old colt, one of the old residents of this place, died here this morning.

OWA CITY—Arthur Pickering, the son of a prominent merchant, and Staronia K. Calange, a Greek school girl, have disappeared. It is feared by relatives that they have eloped to Seattle, where the youth has friends. Each is 17 years of age.

MARSHALLTOWN—Dale Seever, aged 28, the son of G. W. Seever, general solicitor of Iowa City, Center and Minnesota, Iowa, St. Louis of Minnesota, died at his father's country home near Oskaloosa last night.

DUBUQUE—Clarence Thorne, a well known attorney of this city, was today departed from practicing for thirty days by Judge Benson for attending improperly to influence a witness. Thorne was very prominent in the temperance crusade here.

MARSHALLTOWN—A double wedding occurred yesterday at the Methodist parsonage, when two brothers, Alvin and Grover Lawrence, married two sisters, Nellie and Maude Miller. The young people were all residents of this place and highly respected and prominent in social circles.

LOGAN—Yesterday a falling tree caught and killed the ground a son of the late Mrs. Carr of Beestown. What the tree was removed by a farmer, who saw the accident, the young man was unable to use his lower limbs and is still in that condition. The tree fell across his spine.

ESTHERVILLE—William M. Williams, father of Mrs. Williams, died at his home here, died at the Lawrence home from asthma. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church yesterday. The deceased was 84 years of age and had been a resident of Estherville for the last twenty years.

WESTER CITY—A suit for damages in the sum of \$1,000 has been brought against the Northwestern Railroad company in Iowa City by R. A. Carrington, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Maggie J. Carrington. The latter was killed December 25, 1908, at the Seneca street crossing by the noon train from the south.

EXIRA—Gladys, the little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nathan, dropped dead while her mother was getting her a drink of water from the little one. The child was found lying in the street and thought to be seriously so. Her death is attributed to heart trouble.

MARSHALLTOWN—Mayor McCongue today served notice on all of the vaudeville theater and moving picture show men that they must purge their stages and picture rolls of all acts and pictures and songs that even tend to be suggestive or indecent. The state railroad commission commenced a notable hearing on the application of certain cities of the state for such

TAFT MADE MASON AT SIGHT

Lodge Dignitaries from Seventeen States Witness the Ceremony.

OHIO GRAND MASTER OFFICIATES

Chairman Hitchcock Comes to Cincinnati for Conference with President-elect Over Cabinet Affairs.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 19.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, is a Master Mason. The impressive ceremonies which brought him that distinction today were conducted by Charles B. Hoskinson, Ohio grand master.

The highest Masonic authorities of seventeen states witnessed Mr. Taft's admission into the order, as did the members of Kilwinning lodge, of which Alfonso Taft, father of the president-elect, was a member, and in which Charles P. Taft was initiated under the auspices of his father.

Scottish Rite cathedral was the scene of the ceremonies. Its main floor and gallery were filled when the distinguished candidate arrived. The procedure which culminated in the declaration that Mr. Taft was a Mason occupied thirty-five minutes.

Mr. Taft received many greetings on a new plane of fellowship as he was escorted from the hall by the committee having in charge his initiation.

The experience of being declared a Master on sight was not ended with the afternoon session of the grand lodge. Mr. Taft witnessed during the evening the regular form of initiation of a member, the ceremony being conducted by Worshipful Master D. C. Patton of Kilwinning lodge on Candidate Frank H. Heston. Between the two sessions of the lodge there was a reception for Masonic brethren at the C. P. Taft residence and concluding the ceremonies was a brilliant ball at the Ains hotel, on one of Cincinnati's seven clubs.

Mr. Taft came here today from Chicago, and after his conference left for Washington. That the discussion related to the undecided post of secretary of the treasury was admitted, but beyond the statement that no decision was reached, no information was obtainable. The suggestion that the place likely will go to Chicago or further west was made. Mr. Taft's only positive statement was that no decision had yet been reached.

The president-elect reached this city at 8:25 o'clock this morning. Aside from his Masonic engagements he passed the day at the C. P. Taft residence, devoting his time to his correspondence, his inaugural address and other literary work he is engaged in.

MR. NEIDLINGER'S CONCERT

Composer Sings His Own Music to Large Audience at the Congregational Church.

"I honestly think that the western people are more kindly disposed to musical art and effort than in the east and that there is far less tendency toward being or trying to seem blasé in this part of the world."

So spoke W. H. Neidlinger as a proffer of the most noteworthy part of his program at the First Congregational church last evening.

"There are some songs which one writes for bread and butter's sake and some songs for glory," he added, smiling. "This third group is of the latter kind." The songs he referred to were his musical settings of Shelley's "O World! O Life! O Time!" "A Prayer," by himself; Longfellow's "The Wreath Hours," and Christina Rossetti's "A Day of Song."

Two of these at least are worth more than simply naming. The double quatrain by the poet's poet's poet is a mighty theme, beginning as it does with an invocation to the universe and closing with a lament for the irreversibility of joy that is gone. The sentiment is momentous enough for any composer. In the music Mr. Neidlinger wrote for his own voice, "A Prayer," there is an effort at symbolism and a successful one. The sentiment of the verse is not unlike Tennyson's familiar "Crossing the Bar."

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Knockout for Lona Sharks. Iowa will be without pawn brokers and shark money lenders if Senator Hunter's new bill is passed. The measure was introduced today and provides that no contract of loan shall be valid which provides for a greater rate than the legal 8 per cent. Should such be instituted on a contract bearing a higher rate of interest than 8 per cent, the defendant will not only cease to owe the principal and interest, but will be entitled to a refund of the interest he has paid in excess of the legal rate.

Money for Rivers and Harbors. Senator Frudden of Dubuque introduced in the senate a resolution for a memorial to congress in favor of a large appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors and general work on the inland waterways.

The house adopted a resolution by Lee requiring the printing in the journal of all motions for amendments to committee bills, thus curbing the powers of the committees.

The senate passed a house bill to provide for settlement of the estates of absentees, and a senate bill for the publication of rates of health boards. The house passed Saunders' bill to permit the increase of pay of county attorneys where there are two county seats, the Francis bill for lights on steamboats and the Bruce bill to permit the state accountant to settle with the state agricultural department.

New Bills. Among the new bills of importance were: By Saunders—To increase punishment for immorality. By Adams—To revise military code in Iowa. By Hunter—To have city road taxes handled by cities. By Larabee—To create office of county health officer. By Harding—To reorganize the state health department. By Adams—To revise law as to insurance investments. By Hackler—Placing geysirum mines under supervision. By Moon—To remove geyserum survey to Iowa City.

Hearing on Railroad Rate Case. The state railroad commission commenced a notable hearing on the application of certain cities of the state for such

revision of the Iowa railroad rates as to partially offset the alleged advantage of the river cities of Iowa because of the fact that all interstate rates are based on either Mississippi or Missouri river points. The latter cities complain that this fact operates to their advantage and they desire a revision of the state rates. Representatives of shipping interests from a number of cities