

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of the Omaha Bee is at 15 South Street, 2nd Floor, 43.
Davis, drugs
Borwick, wall paper.
Lewis Cutler, funeral director.
Woodring Undertaking company.
FAUST'S BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.
Majestic ranges, P. C. DeVos Hardware.
Café flowers, Heiman Bros, florists, 10 Pearl street.
Picture framing a specialty, C. E. Alexander, 233 Broadway.
W. W. Dickerson, the watchmaker, has moved to 22 West Broadway.
BAIRD, LONGENECKER & BOLAND, undertakers, Phone 112, 14 N. Main St.
H. E. Kiesel has received word of the death of his brother, H. R. Kiesel, in Denver. He leaves a wife and daughter.
A building permit was issued yesterday to F. W. Cate, for a one-story frame residence at 212 Eleventh avenue to cost \$2,900.
P. R. Sullivan, who has been visiting relatives here, will leave today for Edmond, Okla., to resume his work in railroad construction.
The regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon in the club room of the public library building.
A marriage license was issued yesterday to James Driver, aged 21 and Helen Witt, aged 19, both of Honey Creek, Ia. They were married by Rev. Henry DeLong.
Mrs. Eva Armstrong yesterday filed suit for divorce from Harry Armstrong to whom she was married January 7, 1926 in this city. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment.
Jim Watson, who was stabbed by an unidentified drunk on West Broadway, Monday night, is expected to recover. His wound, while severe is not as serious, it is said, as first reported.
Officers and members of Harmony chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are requested to meet at Masonic Temple this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Knobloch.
Word has been received here of the death at Gordon, Neb., of Gardiner A. Heywood, formerly a resident of Council Bluffs for thirty-six years. He was a native of Iowa, 31 years of age. He was married at Nauvoo, Ill., in 1846 and came to Council Bluffs soon after. He left Council Bluffs in 1882 and took up his residence in Sheridan county, Nebraska where he lived until his death.
Mrs. Desha Children, wife of W. C. Children, died yesterday morning at the Jennie Edmondson hospital, after a brief illness. Deceased was 23 years of age and besides her husband is survived by one son and one daughter. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Children's mother, Mrs. S. E. Children, 93 Third street and interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.
Real Estate Transfers.
These transfers were reported to The Bee, March 18, by the Polkattawmie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:
Ida E. Glueck and husband to John C. Voorhees, land in sections 20 and 21, in T. 22, R. 10, W. 12, 86,875
John J. West and wife to C. A. Sample, part lot 4 and a subdivision of part of section 18, T. 22, R. 10, W. 12, 86,875
C. A. Sample and wife to W. W. McRory, undivided one-half of lot 23, Auld's subdivision of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of 12-25-49, W. 12, R. 10, T. 22, 400
Kath C. Gundy, et al, to Mary A. Gundy, et al, NE 1/4 of 22-26-28, q. c. d. 4,000
Harry H. Spahl, Mr. Heywood was 3 Gundy, et al, NE 1/4 of 22-26-28, q. c. d. 6,000
E. H. Lougee and wife to Wilbur G. Heywood, lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.
Total eighteen transfers \$77,451

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PROFITS OF THE GANG BIG

Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars from April to October.

QUARTER OF MILLION AT BLUFFS

Complete List of Victims for Six Months and the Amount Each One of the Mikes Contributed to the Gang's Funds.

According to the memoranda contained in a small red leather account book belonging to J. C. Maybray, the alleged head of the "swindling syndicate," the profits of the gang from its operations in Council Bluffs between April 1 and October 13 of last year amounted to \$162,500. Maybray's share of this amount, according to the same little account book, was \$32,500. This little red leather memorandum book was found, with many other papers, in Maybray's trunk when he was arrested in Little Rock, and is now in possession of the federal authorities. In this little book Maybray evidently kept his private account of the tricks turned by him and his gang of bunco artists. One entry in this book shows that the gang turned between April 1 and October 13 of last year twenty-nine "tricks," netting the swindlers the neat sum of \$162,500. Another entry shows that between October 28 and November 13 the profits were \$2,000, but there is nothing to indicate how many "tricks" were turned to secure this amount.

From the memoranda found in Maybray's trunk, Inspector Swenson has found evidence that Maybray and his associates cleaned up \$256,250 from their operations in Council Bluffs alone during the fall of 1929 and during the several months of 1928 they made this city their headquarters. This large sum of money, Mr. Swenson said yesterday, represented what they secured by fake horse races, wrestling matches and prize fights in Council Bluffs alone. Even this sum, Mr. Swenson says, does not represent all the "earnings" of the gang, as he knows of several victims who dropped good sized bank rolls here during this period whose names are not to be found among the papers discovered in Maybray's trunk.

List of the Victims.

Maybray and his gang operated in Council Bluffs during part of the fall of 1927, while their headquarters were actually in New Orleans. Maybray's memoranda bear indisputable evidence that the gang turned "tricks" in Council Bluffs during the fall of 1927. Here is the list of "tricks" turned by the gang in Council Bluffs between April 1 and October 13 with the names of victims and the amounts "contributed" by the Mikes, all of which data is taken from the little red leather private account book of J. C. Maybray:
April 2, Z. Pierpont, Maryville, Mo., \$2,100.
April 28, J. Hemenbracht, Bairoct, Neb., \$5,000.
May 4, M. Meuer, Bristol, S. D., \$30,000.
May 12, E. L. King, Fort Dodge, \$2,000.
May 2, C. E. Hayward, Garden City, S. D., \$5,000.
June 9, W. J. James, Blue Springs, Neb., \$5,000.
May 18, Ithene Nelms, Wis., \$4,000.
June 15, A. Harrington, Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000.
June 20, S. Stine, Chicago, \$1,440.
June 9, J. C. Bowman, Silverton, Colo., \$12,700.
June 15, Day & Mansfield, Winnebago, Neb., \$12,700.
July 5, Joseph P. Walker, Denver, Colo., \$5,200.
July 9, Shull, Minneapolis, Minn., \$2,800.
July 15, J. Corby, Chicago, \$2,000.
July 17, George Brown, Horton, Kan., \$2,200.
July 23, Thomas Calc, Fond Du Lac, Wis., \$5,000.
July 25, C. Walker, Denver, Colo., \$5,000.
July 27, Adolph Yeake, Hardin, Mont., \$1,200.
August 5, E. G. Aispaugh, Terre Haute, Ind., \$1,600.
August 11, Samuel Sutor, Cass, Lake, Minn., \$5,000.
August 15, D. C. Harrington, Pipestone, Minn., \$5,000.
August 18, H. Harrington, Hartel, Colo., \$4,000.
August 21, W. H. Bedford, Ray, Mo., \$5,000.
September 2, Servus & Whalen, Port Arthur, Canada, \$5,000.
September 8, Mattingly, Nashville, Tenn., \$5,000.
September 16, Alex Delain, Walton, Wis., \$2,500.
September 22, George F. Castle, Britt, Ia., \$5,000.
October 1, George S. Bedford, Greeley, Colo., \$12,500.
October 13, T. W. Ballow, Princeton, Mo., \$20,000.

State Grand Jury at Work.

The grand jury which was impaneled yesterday afternoon at the opening of the March term of district court by Judge O. D. Wheeler started right to work on what County Attorney Hesse stated will be a thorough investigation of the swindling operations of J. C. Maybray and his gang

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of bunco steers, who made Council Bluffs their headquarters and the scene of their activities during several months of last year.

The length of time that this investigation by the district grand jury will take will depend upon the number of victims who come here to testify. It is said that several members of the "Order of Mikes" organized by Maybray are in the city in response to the request of Postmaster Inspector Swenson to come to Council Bluffs and testify before the district grand jury, but if this is the case, most of them are keeping under cover. Samuel Sutor, the hotel man from Cass Lake, Minn., who was "bumped" for \$5,000, is here, having remained in the city after appearing before the United States grand jury, which returned two indictments against Maybray and one of the latter's alleged accomplices, C. C. Vanderbeck of St. Louis, who dropped \$5,000 through the machinations of the gang, is here, as is W. H. Bedford of Ray, Mo., who was bumped out of \$5,000. Both Bedford and Vanderbeck are in consultation with County Attorney Hesse and Mr. Swenson yesterday afternoon in the former's office in the court house.

It was said that a man named Collins from Dallas Center, Ia., who dropped a big bank roll was also here, but he could not be located yesterday. Two Denver men, one of whom is said to be connected with a leading trust company of that city, are rumored to be here, but are avoiding any publicity.

C. C. Vanderbeck, according to Post-office Inspector Swenson, dropped \$2,000, and would have lost \$3,000 more had his wife not delayed in sending him the draft from St. Louis. The draft came, but, unfortunately for the St. Louis man, arrived one day late. The gang evidently fearing to wait for the arrival of the draft, pulled off the race and took what Vanderbeck had with him, namely, \$2,500.

On convening court, Judge Wheeler announced that the saloon injunction cases, of which there is a long list, will be taken up on Monday, March 25. M. S. O'Leary, attorney for the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, was in court, as he appears as attorney for the twenty-eight suits brought against local saloons by Joseph Leader, a resident of Oakland. Leader's suits are against the following saloons: L. Rosenfeld & Co., August Boyson, George L. Smith, M. Kempkes, Mrs. Anna Karrer, Emil Kohl, Gregers Jensen, Charles Wrightman, State Hotel company, J. McCluggage, Pat Donahue, F. B. Cunningham, L. Mitchell, Charles Moldaner, Hansen & Nielsen, Charles Henrietta, Charles Lebold, Phoenix Bar company, Edward Murphy, C. Geise & Son, C. A. Burright, Neunmayer & Mergen, W. P. Kane, Barnhart & Klein, W. T. Fry, John Morgan, Hans Clausen and Seth May. The docket is unusually heavy and the term promises to be a busy one.

BATTEY INDICTMENT IS GOOD

Judge Thornell Overrules the Motion of Defendant to Quash.

Judge Thornell, after hearing additional evidence yesterday morning, overruled the motion of H. V. Battey, former clerk of the district court, to quash the indictment returned against him by the district court grand jury on February 29 on the charge of embezzling funds alleged to have belonged to the county.

In handing down his decision Judge Thornell made a statement as to how the grand jury came to be called before him on February 29 after a "no bill" had been voted. He recalled the circumstances connected with the resubmission of the Battey case to the grand jury, the request of the grand jury for a conference with the court and the court's additional instructions to the grand jury as to the law on embezzlement and other crimes.

He said that he overruled the motion, as he held that the charges of coercion were not sustained by the evidence. In announcing his decision he suggested that while possibly some of the jurors may have been improperly influenced by his instructions as to the law in the case, that was not the fault of the court and that the court could not be held responsible for the failure to make finished lawyers of grand jurors in the course of fifteen minutes. He appeared from the statements of some of the jurymen that they had received as a result of the court's instructions an erroneous idea of the law, but the court could not avoid that. It is impossible to make lawyers of jurymen in a day, and the matter is one on which the supreme court can pass," Judge Thornell said.

Immediately after the announcement of the court's decision counsel for Battey filed a motion for a change of venue from Council Bluffs. The motion charges that prejudice exists in this portion of Polkattawmie county against Battey, which would prevent him having a fair and impartial trial as provided by law. The motion for a change of venue does

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not suggest where the case should be transferred, but in the event of the application being granted it will probably be taken to Harrison or Mills county. The motion is supported by affidavits of I. N. Flickinger, Fremont Benjamin and George S. Wright, members of the local bar.

On the hearing being resumed yesterday morning the testimony of P. J. Moran, George W. Jensen and H. C. Jenkins, the three remaining members of the grand jury who had not testified yesterday afternoon, was taken. Their testimony did not differ materially from that of the previous witnesses. County Attorney Hesse made a statement in which he denied that he had threatened or intimidated the jury. He said that his appearance before the grand jury was merely for the purpose of calling to the attention of the grand jury in connection with the Battey case which it had apparently overlooked.

The motion for a change of venue does not bar Battey from appealing from Judge Thornell's ruling.

The following first assignment of equity cases was made by Judge Wheeler yesterday afternoon:
Thursday, March 18—State against E. C. Goodrich et al.; State against Beck; State against Sherman & Haley et al.; State against W. E. Meyers et al.; State against Mary E. Noble et al.; State against John Linder, State against Emil Tolbot et al.; State against Marquardt Brook, et al.; State against Andy Spiekerman et al.; State against A. Lottman et al.; state against L. R. Blosser et al.

Saturday, March 20—W. H. Wood against National Real Estate and Investment Company et al.; George F. Smith against Dorothy J. Foster et al.

Monday, March 22—Jessica Siedentopf against A. C. Keller et al.; Dora Hamer against William Hamer.

Tuesday, March 23—Charles Schroeder against C. J. Gerock; Benjamin Febr Real Estate Company against Robert J. Clancy et al.

Wednesday, March 24—Arthur S. Beede against Neil Nelson; Kate R. Troop against Elizabeth M. Sutton et al.

Thursday, March 25—E. J. Lund against Charles T. Christensen et al.; final report Frank R. Hahn estate; J. W. Rounds & R. Blosser et al.

Friday, March 26—Will F. Siedentopf against William Moore; Ethelton R. Teague against Orville E. Teague; Friend and Leonard Hays against Maggie A. Hays.

Saturday, March 27—First National Bank of Council Bluffs against City of Council Bluffs.

Monday, March 28—Twenty-eight saloon injunction cases.

Tuesday, March 29—Arthur A. Gaines against William Barker et al.

Roaming Interest in Missions.

For the purpose of inciting interest in the interdenominational laymen's movement for mission work, committees composed of pastors and lay members of several churches of this city held meetings last evening in six towns in this and neighboring counties. The object of these meetings was to organize branches of the movement preliminary to a state meeting to be held in Des Moines Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

The meetings held last night and the delegations from Council Bluffs attending them were as follows:
Neola—Rev. Frank A. Case, O. J. McManus, W. H. Kilpaek, Louis Orcutt.
Logan—Rev. S. Grant Lewis, J. P. Hesse, C. E. Smith, C. E. Point, W. E. McConnell.

Missouri—Rev. A. V. Babbs, J. G. Wadsworth, W. J. Levett, C. M. Atherton.
Malvern—Rev. G. W. Bell, Harry Curtis, Dr. R. O. Williams.
Iowa—Rev. J. M. Williams, E. H. Jackson, B. F. Driscoll, R. B. Wallace, Frank S. L. Thomas.

Missouri—Rev. J. M. Williams, Henry Peterson, Frank Caldwell, C. C. Chiffin, Jones Peterson, Joseph W. Smith, C. F. Kimball, A. J. Jorgenson.

Serious of Lenten Readings.

The Methodist churches of this city will conduct a series of weekly union Lenten readings commencing today and closing on Good Friday. There will be four such services and they will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Broadway church. The following is the program for the series:
Wednesday, March 17—"The Cultivation of Faith; A Message of the Spring Time," Rev. Frank Caldwell.
Wednesday, March 24—"The Certitudes of the Gospel," Rev. S. Grant Lewis.
Wednesday, March 31—"Purposes of the Imagination; or, What is Christianity?" Rev. A. V. Babbs.
Good Friday, April 9—"Immortality: The Homeward Instinct of the Soul," Rev. James W. Williams.

Meeting of Probation Officers.

Rev. Henry DeLong received yesterday a copy of the program of the meeting of probation officers to be held in Des Moines next Tuesday. Mr. DeLong is on the program for an address on "My Experience in Settling Cases Out of Court." Judge A. P. Thornell of the district court will address the convention on "Rural Probation Work." State Senator C. G. Saunders of this city is down for a talk on "Reformatory Measures." Mr. DeLong is probation officer of the juvenile division of the district court of Council Bluffs.

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Iowa

REGULATING THE HOTELS

Senate Passes Bill Containing Stringent Provisions.

CITIES MAY PENSION FIREMEN

W. A. Young Concludes He Does Not Want the Job of Custodian of the Capital and His Nomination is Withdrawn.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, March 17.—(Special.)—The senate passed today a bill which was originally introduced in the senate by Smith of Mitchell, but which has already passed the house, intended to give protection to the traveling public by placing stringent regulations on the hotels of the state as to fire escapes and safety appliances and fireproof construction, also providing a state hotel inspector on salary, who will look after the enforcement of the law and shut up hotels that do not comply with the law.

The senate also passed a substitute for the house bill in regard to quarantine expenses, leaving the control of quarantine with the state board, but also providing that the local boards shall have greater authority over the matter of expenses.

The senate also passed the following:
Frudden bill to authorize the state to give to the city of Dubuque certain land within that city.

South of Des Moines bill to authorize the city of Des Moines to create drainage districts like the drainage districts of other cities.

House bill, to permit sentencing to hard labor in jail men of any age, removing the present limitation of 21 years as a condition of election.

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The senate this afternoon passed the Saunders bill to authorize cities to create unions for the pensioning of old disabled firemen, also the bill from the house to permit the trial of persons for murder, while they are yet servin sentence for a lesser crime.

Optometry Bill in the House.

A prolonged discussion was brought out in the house over a bill to give some regulation to optometry and giving the State Board of Health additional power to license persons to practice optometry. It developed into a general discussion of the acts of the State Board of Health and the doctors in general. In the end the bill failed of passage having 45 votes for and 45 against. One member had changed his vote in order to move a reconsideration and the bill will be brought up again.

Did Not Want to Be Custodian.

W. A. Young of Keokuk county, who was appointed by Governor Carroll to be custodian of the capital building and grounds, today, after a consultation with the governor and members of