

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of the Omaha News is at 15 South Street, North 7th floor.

David, druggist. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 27. Wooding Undertaking company, Tel. 23.

FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET. Majestic restaurant, P. C. DeVol. 12th St. E. Easter spools at Laffer's, 75 cent to 22.

W. W. Dickerson, the watchmaker, has moved to 623 W. 12th St.

No question about it, Hunter's leads in style, quality and low prices.

The best wall paper cleaner, 15c per can. W. Nicholson, 14 1/2 Main St.

Pictures and art novelties for Easter gifts. C. E. Alexander, 22 Broadway.

HAIRD LONGENECKER & BOLAND, Undertakers, Phone 124, 14 N. Main St.

You can't go wrong by supplying your Easter fixings at Hunter's. They are always right.

L. A. & B. of R. T. will hold their third annual ball April 12, Masonic Temple.

Up-to-date wall paper and wall paper work at reasonable prices. H. Borwick, 21 South Main street.

Our spring outfits are all here. See them in our window. We have a special appeal to you. Duncan Shoe Co.

Our big discount sale on steel ranges, for the month of April, is on. See them on our floor. Peter & Schone.

John T. Mowery and Lillie May Ebbert, both of this city, were married yesterday by Rev. Henry DeLong at his home on Avenue J.

William Lee Vilges and Hattie M. Southern, both of Omaha, were married in this city yesterday. The ceremony being performed by Justice Kwoy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian association will be held Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Hase, 4 P. 12th St.

Frank Riley filed original notice in the district court yesterday of suit for divorce from Goldie Riley on grounds of alleged cruel and inhuman treatment.

William I. Winslow filed an information in Justice Court yesterday morning charging J. F. Callahan with assault and battery. Callahan admitted the assault and paid a fine of \$2 and costs.

Mrs. Ida R. Wilson, Modess, vice president for Iowa of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, will speak at the Broadway Methodist church this evening. She will be the guest while in Council Bluffs.

The socialists of this city will hold a mass meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Danahill hall to discuss former President Roosevelt's recent article in the Outlook on socialism.

The socialist party in Iowa, will be present and address the meeting.

C. A. Chapman of this city, a graduate of Northwestern university, will address the men's meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association at the Baptist church at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The subject of his address will be "Does Christ mean a state secret?" Among the musical features of the meeting will be a duet by Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Klein.

KENNEDY GOES BACK TO FARM

Has Had All He Wants of Seeing the Night.

Dan Kennedy, the aged and wealthy farmer from Ulysses, Neb., who came to Council Bluffs to see the sights and succeeded in seeing a goodly share of them, was sent home yesterday. The police, who gathered him in for safe keeping Friday, gave him enough money of what he had left to pay his way home.

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MONTH'S WORK OF THE POLICE

Not a Single Arrest for a Serious Offense.

The report of the police department for the month of March, issued yesterday by Chief Richmond, shows that Council Bluffs is almost immune from crime of a serious character. During the month only 141 arrests were listed and these were almost entirely for minor offenses, as shown by the following record:

- Drunk, 21; disorderly, 26; vagrancy, 12; burglary, 1; assault and battery, 1; violation of ordinance, 8; drunk and reckless driving, 4; maintaining a nuisance, 3; witness, 2; handling stolen goods, 1; violating city ordinance, 1; assault with a dangerous weapon, 2; disturbing the peace, 2; obscene language, 1; highway robbery, 1; assault and battery, 1; kidnapping, 1; larceny from the person, 1; burglary, 1; larceny, 1; assault with intent to commit great bodily injury, 1. Total, 141.

The following shows in detail the work of the department for the period covered by the report:

- Alarms responded to, 23; presents made, 14; accidents reported and investigated, 8; buildings found open and owners called, 2; burglar, 1; burglar frustrated, 3; contagious disease signs posted, 14; dead bones taken to morgue, 1; dead animals reported, 2; disturbances signs posted, 14; dead bones taken to morgue, 1; dead animals reported, 2; defective sidewalks reported, 5; defective streets reported, 1; defective sewers, 3; fires attended, 11; five ailments, which persons cared for, 1; intoxicated persons cared for, 1; lost children found and returned, 1; lost dogs accommodated, 2; lost property reported, 1; lost property recovered, 1; miles traveled by ambulance, 8; meals furnished for indigent, 28; nuisances reported, 21; prisoners taken to county jail, 1.

THE TWIN CITY HURDLY

Will have a sales ground on Avenue 'A' and 25th street, next to the car line, from April 1st to May 1st, 1909, where can be obtained all kinds of fruit, shrubs, ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, etc. Home-grown Corn and get your stock and save half your money. Yours truly, W. W. HOLMES.

When you buy Gold Medal Flour be sure it is Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal Flour. This is important.

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FITCH MAKES EXPLANATION

Business Worries and Constant Application Too Much for Him.

DEEPLY REGRETS HIS ACTION

Story of Operation for Appendicitis a Fiction Intended Simply to Throw Searchers Off Track and Let Him Disappear.

Edward P. Fitch of this city, who last October, while traveling in Europe, dropped out of sight and after a fruitless search had been made for him turned up at Naples a few weeks ago, has issued a statement explaining to clear up the mystery of his disappearance. Mr. Fitch is still visiting relatives in Evanston, Ill., and the date of his return to his home in this city is as yet uncertain. The statement, which was sent to an intimate friend of the family here with the request that it be given full publicity in the newspapers, follows:

I am returning to Council Bluffs, my home since boyhood, and having since arriving at New York two weeks ago, been placed in the possession of many facts, it is my duty, both morally and legally, to make a plain statement of events occurring during the four painful months of my absence.

The reluctance of one to return to the scenes where explanation must be made for his misdeeds must be apparent to all, but the necessity for such an act is equally apparent.

Realizing that no words can ever make reparation for the suffering endured by my family and friends; that no words can express the gratitude I feel for the sympathy, encouragement and aid offered to my sisters; that no words can extenuate my actions, yet I may help to a certain understanding if the simple facts are known.

Appreciating gratefully that the press has kindly and manfully through which my friends have been kept informed of the efforts put forth in behalf of my wife, I regretted that I could not be deeply regretted because of their inaccuracies and inappreciated my assistance in correcting.

Deeply absorbed in a business requiring close application and careful study, I was, I believe, so completely engrossed in my duties that I became so bewildered that it became impossible to me to give up any portion of my time to my family. The necessity for it increased by an ever increasing business.

In justice, I admit that my employees were urged to relinquish much of their work; to place details in the hands of others and to secure relaxation by the same means. Even this seemed impossible to me.

Thought of Self-Destruction.

Increasing difficulties and complexities were brooded over and proportions and the daily task became too heavy for proper accomplishment. Outdoor exercises presented no attraction, hence there was no physical outlet to this mental strain.

Gradually and insidiously the thought of self-destruction took possession of me. This idea remained until hours of morbid thoughts were given to it. Finally came a retrospection of my entire life.

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CRECHE ON A HURTLE FOR FUNDS

Mortgage on Building Must Be Paid by Fifteenth.

The mortgage debt on the property occupied by the creche, conducted by the Associated Charities must be paid on or before April 15 and a campaign to raise the money has been inaugurated. Mrs. Lewis Cutler and Miss Baker compose the committee having this campaign in charge.

The plan of the campaign is to secure pledges from 150 churches to each raise or donate the sum of \$5 by the date stated. An attractive circular has been prepared by the committee, telling of the work of the association of the creche in particular, including a condensed report of the superintendant and enumerating a few of the cases which have received relief from the organization. On the front of the folder is a picture of a number of the babies being cared for at the creche.

The committee is working hard and is sanguine of raising the money needed by the date specified.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee April 3 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Basile, Catherine, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

F. M. Forward and wife to Edward Martin, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Paul Olsen and wife to Adolph A. Wright, 2 1/2 lots, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Carl Jensen and wife to James C. Brunow, part w. d. 2 1/2 lots, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

William T. Edwards and wife to A. L. Arfield, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

John P. Burke, trustee, to W. D. Harlan, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

W. H. Treynor and wife to G. A. Ayer, south 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Clarence E. Stallard, lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Jessica J. Sidentoff et al to Frank and Susan Wescott, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Vernon E. Olsen and wife to William Hills, lot 12, block 14, west 1/2 of lot 25, in block 14, High School Place, to her husband, Arthur McKelvey, w. d. \$750.

Total, eleven transfers \$10,150.

PAST WEEK IN BLUFFS SOCIETY

Women's Club Elects Officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. W. F. Lyon and son, Clyde, are visiting relatives in Des Moines.

Judge W. E. Paulson of Ottumwa, Ia., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Marcus P. McClure.

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