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Peter Rief, former justice of the peace for Lewis township at Marand, and now living at 1206 South Sixth street, is reported seriously ill with pneumonia.

Central chapter of the Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Virginia McConnell, 207 Willow avenue.

The annual meeting of the Iowa and Nebraska Wholesale Grocers' association has been called for Tuesday, May 11. It will be held in the ball room of the Grand hotel in this city.

Jury court, The Hon. Ben H. H. will meet tomorrow evening for election of a delegate to the state meeting to be held at Council Bluffs on June 6. At the close of the business meeting a social session will be held and refreshments served.

The regular monthly business meeting and session of the Woman's Aid society of the First C. M. Episcopal church will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at Mrs. A. J. Durfee, 120 Park avenue. Mrs. Durfee will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. G. H. Lantz and Mrs. Earl Beardsley.

St. Mary's chapter of the Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. J. Peterson, 225 West Broadway. Morning service chapter will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Hahn on Washington street. The first street chapter will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Jackson, 37 South First street.

Myrtle Maloney and City Engineer Elyette expect to leave tomorrow morning for Chicago to inspect different kinds of paving, especially "Tarmac." They expect to stop at Des Moines, Burlington and other cities in the state enroute and will return not later than next Sunday. They will make a report of their investigation to the city council at its meeting Monday night, May 10.

The regular midweek service at St. St. John's English Lutheran church will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The choir will meet for rehearsal immediately after the service. The ladies' aid society will hold its monthly meeting and social Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Lantz, 102 North Seventh avenue. Arrangements are being made for a piano recital by Joseph Gahn in the church Friday evening, May 14.

Rev. Frank A. Case, pastor of the First Baptist church, makes the following announcements for the week: Monday—Pastor's Bible class in the church parlor at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday—The regular meeting of the Missionary society will be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Matthews, 76 Angle avenue, with Mrs. H. W. Binder as assistant hostess. Wednesday—The Ladies' aid society will hold their regular meeting in the parlor at 8 p. m. There will be a special meeting of the Ladies' aid society at the home of Mrs. Peter Lewis, 35 Fourth street. The organized class of Philanthropia will meet with Miss Vaughtaux, 102 North avenue, Friday. The choir will meet at 7:45 with Mrs. W. J. Hammill, 736 Willow avenue.

The regular monthly meeting of the official board of the Broadway Methodist church will be held at the church this evening at 8 o'clock. The Woman's Foreign Missionary society and the Ladies' aid society will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. L. Franzer, 224 Elder street. The regular monthly school board meeting will be held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. L. Mickel, 237 Mill street. The regular midweek service will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Subject for the evening, "A Study of the Book of Jude." The regular monthly church social will be held Thursday evening and will be under the direction of the Knights of St. Calixtus. An interesting program is being arranged by the committee in charge. The Knights of St. Calixtus will hold their regular monthly business meeting Friday evening at the home of George Deffenbaugh, 508 East Street.

Big Gift to Hospital. BOSTON, May 3.—By the will of Miss Elizabeth Brigham \$1,900.00 is given to the Robert B. Brigham hospital for incurables, for the founding and maintenance of which her brother left the bulk of his large fortune.

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REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR

No Judgments for Personal Injuries or Injuries to Property.

CASES SETTLED OUT OF COURT

History of Litigation Involving City's Interest During Year to Be Presented to Council Meeting Tonight.

According to the annual report of City Solicitor Clem F. Kimball, which he will submit to the city council tonight, no judgments were rendered against the city for personal injuries or injuries to property during the fiscal year which closed March 31. After calling attention to this satisfactory condition of the municipal litigation, Mr. Kimball says in his report:

"None of the foregoing cases have been settled by anything paid at the expense of the city. One claim against the city has been settled before any suit was begun. This was the claim of Mrs. A. D. Porter on account of injuries on a defective sidewalk. There was abundant evidence that the sidewalk was defective and dangerous, and on examination and recommendation of the city physician the city solicitor to settle the claim, which was done at an expenditure of \$250, which, in my judgment, was reasonable and advisable. It will be observed that the docket of cases against the city has been largely cleared since my last report. This has been done with very slight expense to the city, and the prospects are that the judgment fund will not be drawn upon very heavily during the next year. The cases in which material controversies are pending are being brought forward and tried as speedily as possible."

The following cases reported in April, 1908, as pending have been disposed of, as follows:

Walker Manufacturing company against city; action for \$40,000 damages for defective fire apparatus; judgment for city on demurrer; appeal to the supreme court; appeal in the supreme court dismissed.

Annie L. Steinbaugh against city; action for \$10,000 personal injury and death; demurrer pleading statute of limitations; case stricken from the docket.

Bechtel, Forby & Co. against city; company against city; action to quiet title on special assessments; decree in favor of city on demurrer.

William H. Wood against city; action to quiet title on various lots; action dismissed as to the city.

Kate W. Shaw against city; action to quiet title on various lots; case dismissed as to the city.

City against Illinois Central Railroad company and Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad company; action in mandamus to compel the erection and maintenance of automatic crossing gates; removed to the federal court on remand cause to state court pending.

Mrs. Michael McCarthy against city; action for \$2,000 personal injury and death; \$2,000 verdict for the city; still pending on motion for new trial; has been stricken from the docket.

First National bank of Council Bluffs against city; appeal from assessment by board of Public Utilities.

Charles E. Carville against city; action for personal injuries; judgment for city; appeal from assessment by board of Public Utilities.

City against Chicago & Great Western Railroad company; action in mandamus to compel erection and maintenance of automatic crossing gates; motion for removal to the federal court withdrawn; case for trial.

City against Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad company and Chicago & Great Western Railroad company; action in mandamus to compel erection and maintenance of automatic crossing gates; motion for removal to the federal court withdrawn; case for trial.

W. A. Harrison arrested. W. A. Harrison was arrested by the police at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and charged with breaking and entering the residence of Fred Stephens at 27 North Main street. Stephens and Harrison are brothers-in-law and the latter denies any crime. He declared that he went to the house, and find-

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Proposition to Invite Evangelist to City Being Considered.

"Billy" Sunday, known as the base ball evangelist, may, if the proper arrangements can be made, hold a series of revival meetings in Council Bluffs. The Ministerial association is back of the movement to bring Evangelist Sunday here and it is now up to the church people of the city to say whether or not they will give the proposition their support. While no definite action has been taken as yet by the Ministerial association, the proposition was called informally yesterday to the attention of the members of the different churches by their respective pastors.

The matter was also brought up by Harry Curtis, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, at the men's meeting yesterday afternoon in the First Baptist church. It is said that the sentiment appears to be in favor of inviting Evangelist Sunday to come here.

Mr. Sunday is at present conducting a series of meetings at Marshalltown and it is not at all certain that he could be secured for Council Bluffs for several months yet. "The demand for Mr. Sunday's services is great," said Mr. Curtis yesterday afternoon, "and it is not at all certain that we could get him here even if we decided we wanted him. I am informed that he has 150 applications from towns and cities that want him. He is doing a great work and I would like to see him come to Council Bluffs."

Deaths of Day. Mrs. Cinderella C. Starbuck, widow of the late Calvin Starbuck, who had made her home with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Emphie, 613 South Sixth street, for the last twenty-five years, died yesterday morning at the Jennie Edmondson Memorial hospital after two weeks' illness, aged 65 years. Another sister, Mrs. R. L. Wood of New York, also survives her.

On account of alterations being carried out at the Emphie home funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Congressman Walter I. Smith, 126 South Seventh street, conducted by Rev. Marcus P. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Following the services the body will be taken to Topeka, Kan., for burial.

Mrs. M. Cool, aged 72 years, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 2114 Avenue B. Two daughters, Mrs. D. W. Spiriting of Chadron, Neb., and Mrs. Mary Johnson of Omaha, and three sons, Lee Kimball, Bert and Daniel Cool, all of this city. Mrs. Cool came to Iowa in 1859 and settled in Avoca, moving to Council Bluffs four years ago. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Otto Volstedt, who served for two years as a deputy in the office of County Treasurer James W. Mitchell, died yesterday morning at the home of his mother in Walnut, Ia., from tuberculosis. Mr. Volstedt, who was a young man of sterling character, was obliged to give up his position in the county treasurer's office the latter part of February on account of his health. He had a large number of friends in this city, to whom the news of his death will come as a shock. He was a member of Excelsior Masonic lodge of this city, which will have charge of the funeral, to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home in Walnut.

Pure Food Law Violated. CHESTON, Ia., May 3.—(Special.)—State Food and Dairy Commissioner Wright filed information against G. G. Whitney of Cumberland in an Atlantic justice's court last week for a violation of the food laws for an irregularity in the weight of sacks of cornmeal, which weighed but nine pounds, while labeled ten pounds. A fine of \$10 and costs was assessed, which was paid. This is the first instance of a violation in the food laws found at that place, and is Justice to Mr. Whitney it must be explained that he was unknowingly guilty, as the sacks were branded by the milling company and accepted at their quotation.

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Iowa

IOWA ROADS PAY MORE TAXES

Reports Show \$73,000 Increase Over Year Before.

LOCAL BUSINESS FALLS OFF

Profits on Interstate Traffic Decrease Over \$1,000,000, According to Showing Made by Companies.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, May 3.—(Special.)—Two months hence the representatives of railroads in Iowa will be summoned before the executive council to be assessed for taxation. All their annual reports for 1908 are past due, but some are delinquent, including the Northwestern and Milwaukee lines. The railroad representatives will have no difficulty in showing that the campaign to make them pay a larger proportion of the taxes has been eminently successful. The reports show that twelve of the lines thus far reported paid in taxes in 1908 a total of \$73,000 more than they did the year before, and this is not half of the total. The Rock Island was hardest hit, having paid \$3,461 more than in 1907.

But the reports made to the state officials will not aid in the campaign which may be made for having the Iowa 2-cent fare law declared invalid because of the loss of revenue. In fact, if the courts are to be appealed to, a different set of figures will be furnished to show that the 2-cent fare law is not a burden.

The Burlington system, in its report on Iowa business alone, not including interstate business, shows that the receipts from passenger fares for 1908 increased by \$9,557 over the previous year and the freight receipts decreased \$88,928.

The Rock Island system reports an increase of \$102,901 in passenger receipts and \$20,754 decrease in freight.

It is remembered that the 2-cent fare was in force in Iowa for just half of the year 1907. The reports now are the first after the full effect of the law is known.

The Illinois Central makes a different showing, that of a decrease of \$1,225 in passenger and \$15,528 in freight earnings. The Great Western shows a decrease of \$3,611 in passenger earnings and an increase of \$2,023 in freight. These two roads alone show a decrease in passenger receipts.

The Wabash reports \$12,474 increase in passenger and \$49,538 decrease in freight receipts. The Omaha line reports \$11,226 increase in passenger receipts and an increase of \$17,131 in freight. The Minneapolis & St. Louis reports \$13,086 increase in passenger and \$108,875 increase in freight receipts.

Reports on the Business. The reports of the railroad companies undertake to make a division as between strictly Iowa business and that which is interstate. The reports of some of the leading lines and some of the smaller ones show as follows on the Iowa business done, including tax paid last year:

Burlington—Gross receipts, \$10,971,107, decrease \$14,720; operating expenses \$7,885,208, increase \$2,718; taxes paid, \$267,912.

Rock Island—Receipts \$12,104,502, decrease \$63,124; expenses \$8,969,348, decrease \$49,345; taxes, \$469,910.

Great Western—Receipts \$5,123,532, decrease \$105,237; expenses \$4,650,088, increase \$18,229; taxes, \$182,898.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—Receipts \$1,061,452, decrease \$12,980; expenses \$768,676, decrease \$25,940; taxes, \$61,207.

Illinois Central—Receipts \$4,882,282, decrease \$47,290; expenses \$3,790,317, decrease \$42,541; taxes, \$156,901.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha—Receipts \$25,220, decrease \$2,498; expenses \$20,761, decrease \$8,444; taxes, \$43,620.

Great Western—Receipts \$178,840, increase \$23,487; expenses \$133,332, decrease \$59,450; taxes, \$15,680.

Wabash—Receipts \$1,062,580, decrease \$59,321; expenses \$882,375, decrease \$48,902; taxes, \$48,700.

Des Moines Union—Receipts \$300,802, decrease \$2,225; expenses \$240,458, decrease \$387; taxes, \$37,498.

Iowa Central—Receipts \$2,661,166, decrease \$107,884; expenses \$1,911,514, increase \$122,000; taxes, \$71,202.

A little computation on the above net systems will show that the net decrease of profit for the year was \$1,204,000. Nine roads show a decrease in receipts, and six a decrease in expenses. The gross receipts include not only the passenger and freight earnings, but all others, including rentals, mail, express, etc., but this is solely on business originating and ending in Iowa, so far as the companies can make this division.

For a number of years the state officials have been engaged in pushing up the total of assessments of the railroads, which accounts for the increased taxes paid; but it seems probable that this year there will be very little increase in the assessment.

An injustice has been done the members

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of the committee on retrenchment and reform of the legislature by wide publication of a statement that the committee was unaware when it fathered the bill to require duplication of vouchers that the code already provided for vouchers for everything before the state auditor has the right to draw a warrant. The bill was introduced at the request, or upon suggestion, of Secretary Davison of the executive council, but Senators Smith, Dowell and Maytag and Representatives White, Moore and Sullivan fully understood that the new law did nothing more than to require duplication of the vouchers which were already required, and the sole reason for this duplication was explained to be that the executive council itself might have as complete a record as the office of auditor of state. It is true, however, that when the duplication law was applied it was discovered that in a few cases, at least, the state auditor had not required the filing of vouchers before issuance of warrants. In fact, it seems that the business of the state has been done in a grossly careless manner for a good many years, in this respect, for while the executive council had been steadily tightening up the lines for a good many years, there had been continued irregularity in the office of state auditor. When the law was set through a few years ago requiring all fees of every kind to be turned into the state treasury and that all expenses should be paid on warrants, it was required that the state auditor should have the vouchers, but it seems this has not been done, hence when the new duplicate voucher law is tried out the loopholes are suddenly discovered to the surprise of many.

Third Tragedy in Family.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 3.—(Special.)—A tragic fate befell the third member of the Slezak family here last night, when John Slezak shot himself through the head in the Senate saloon. He was in a precarious condition today and is not expected to live. A sister of Slezak's was burned to death three years ago and two summers ago his brother was killed in a friendly scuffle over a rifle. Slezak was dependent upon financial difficulties. He has a wife and two small children.

Iowa News Notes.

SAC CITY—Godfrey Daudels, an aged resident of Jackson township, was found dead in his barn last night. Apoplexy was the cause of his death.

KEOKUK—Despondent because he could not get work following the strike of painters which is on in this city, S. Hunt, a barber and painter, committed suicide today by drinking carbolic acid.

WHITTEMORE—During an electrical storm last night the barn on the Rundel farm was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. Twelve cows and three horses were in the barn and were burned.

MOUNT VERNON—The annual festival of music of Cornell college will be held here on May 29, 31 and 32 in addition to a fine group of soloists, Thomas' orchestra will play and the Cornell chorus of 150 voices will participate.

ELDORA—Eldora claims the champion billiard player of the state in Frank Hauser, who last night made a run of 200 in a three-ball game and left the balls in perfect position. Hauser today issued a challenge to any player of the state and is

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Bishop Looks for Live Boys

State Superintendent Wants Fifty Thousand of Them in Nebraska to Grow Prize Corn.

In 6,858 school districts of Nebraska, 5,000 of which are in the "corn belt" of the state, Superintendent E. C. Bishop of the Department of Public Instruction is looking for 50,000 boys to plant at least one ear of good corn and cultivate it with such care that it will be permitted to enter prize winning classes at the National Corn exposition in Omaha and the state contest in Lincoln.

The state superintendent has mailed letters to all superintendents and principals in the state as well as to the newspapers, urging co-operation with the schools to make all work educational, make all work enjoyable, and all work profitable by the combined action of hands and brains.

"The National Corn exposition will be held at Omaha December 6 to 15, 1909. Every Nebraska boy who grows some good corn will be given a chance to enter ten ears of the same at the National Corn exposition. This will not prevent participating in the county and state contests. A strong premium list is being provided for both national and state contests. All interested are requested to correspond with their respective county superintendents, who will be provided with information relative to the work.

"The next state contest and convention of the Nebraska boys' and girls' clubs will be held at Lincoln the week beginning January 17, 1910. A one week course in agriculture and in domestic science will be offered at that time for boys and girls sent as delegates from their respective counties. Substantial premiums will be offered for corn selected from that grown by boys who raise good corn this summer, and for girls in cooking and sewing. Every boy and girl who becomes interested will be invited to participate in county contests where such are organized. In counties where no such contest is held, opportunity will be given to send the results of work direct to the state contest."

Explosion in Peoria Theater

PEORIA, Ill., May 3.—As the result of the explosion in the film room of the Creston Nickelodeon here tonight, resulting in plunging the entire front of the theater into flames, William W. Robinson, city editor of the Peoria Star and manager of the playhouse, is dead.

W. W. Robinson, City Editor of Star, Dies as Result of Inhaling Flames.

Walter Woodrow, the moving picture machine operator, is severely burned. Two women fainted following their successful escape to the street. Over 300 people were in the theater at the time of the fire, but no panic ensued, the crowd walking out of the theater through the fire-entrapped main entrance, without exhibiting any signs of panic.

Robinson dropped dead in an architect's office an hour later as the result of inhaling flames in his efforts to control the crowd following the alarm of fire. He was endeavoring to make arrangements for the rebuilding of the theater. Robinson was one of the most widely known newspaper men in the country.

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