

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs office of the Omaha Bee is at 15 South Street, Omaha, Mo.

Diamond playing the best vaudeville. COLLIGANS, undertakers, Phone 148.

For rent, modern house, 735 6th avenue. FAUST BIER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.

WOODING UNDERTAKING COMPANY, Tel. 323. Lewis Cutler, funeral director, Phone 27.

When you want reliable want ad advertising, use the Bee.

Miss Edna Starbuck will play the adventures in "When We Were Twenty-One" at the Star Theater, Council Bluffs, next Sunday.

Twenty per cent discount on best make of shoes, everything in men's, women's and children's footwear.

COME IN OUT OF THE COLD AND WE'LL get acquainted. We can save you some money.

Today we have, in addition to the four of the Daisy brand, that we sell at 10 cents per can.

SMOKED HALIBUT, 20 cents; cod fish at 15 cents; potatoes, 10 cents; peas, 10 cents; beans, 10 cents; corn, 10 cents; tomatoes, 10 cents.

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Cost of Dying

Low if Poor

Bids for Caring for County Charges Are Much Reduced Under Latest Bids.

While the cost of living has been steadily increasing the expense of dying, in a person happens to be a county charge, has materially decreased in Pottawattamie county during the last two years.

In 1908 the board of supervisors let the contract for the burial of county charges at \$100 but yesterday the contract was awarded to Lewis Cutler, a local undertaker, at \$65.00 and this rate is to include coroner's cases, which have usually been a trifle higher than ordinary cases.

Two other undertakers, H. J. Baird and H. J. Boland, asked for the contract, Baird asking \$67.50 a case and the Woodring Undertaking company wanting \$75.00.

Last year Dr. Mac Hanchett of this city received \$50 for medical attendance on the poor of Kane, Lewis and Garner townships, the janitor of the county poor farm at McClelland and the prisoners in the county jail. This year he offered to do the work, with the exception of the county poor farm, for \$40 and the board awarded him the contract.

Medical services for the county poor farm will be arranged for by the committee in charge of the institution.

George T. Miller was re-elected overseer of the poor in Council Bluffs and Kane townships for 1910, his salary being fixed at \$25 a month as heretofore.

The contract for printing books and other supplies needed in the county offices was awarded to Morehouse & Co.

The bounty for gopher claws was fixed at 30 cents per pair, the same as it has been, and the registers who have received claims for this bounty in different sections of the county during the last year were reappointed, their commission to be the same as before.

The official bonds of J. T. Kelley and H. M. Murphy as deputy sheriffs serving without expense to the county or sheriff were approved.

The board expects to begin this morning its semi-annual accounting with County Treasurer Mitchell.

Realty Company

Ready to Build

W. H. Thomas, with W. J. Coad and Others, Form Company to Erect Omaha Office Building.

Articles of incorporation of the Thomas Realty company of Council Bluffs were filed yesterday afternoon with County Recorder Burghausen of the Bluffs.

The incorporators are: W. H. Thomas, Oscar Keelie, Charles R. Hannan, Jr., and John M. Galvin, all of Council Bluffs, and W. J. Coad of Omaha.

The capital stock of the company is placed at \$200,000, divided into shares of \$100 each.

The officers of the company are: President, Oscar Keelie; vice president, John M. Galvin; secretary, W. H. Thomas; treasurer, Charles R. Hannan, Jr.; and Mr. Coad, comprise the board of directors.

The company will do a general real estate business and it is stated will erect a large office building at the corner of Harney and Seventeenth streets, Omaha, which will cost \$100,000 or more.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to the Register yesterday by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

M. R. Porter and wife to J. W. Blum, lot 1, block 1, Eubank's 2d add., w. d. 1,000.

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Iowa

BROKER HAS TIGHT CLAMPS

Colored Man Held in Bondage by Pawnbroker.

NEW SAVINGS BANK FORMED

Don Stearns Will Be Candidate of Manufacturers for Railroad Commissioner—Statistics of the Farm.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—A surprising case of penance came to the attention of the police department yesterday.

A colored man named James Bratton is the victim. He asked the police for aid and insisted that he was penniless and almost starved.

He said he had been employed and had earned something right along. Investigation showed he had borrowed \$20 from a pawnbroker four years ago, since which time he had paid \$20 to the broker and still owes him a large amount.

It was found a systematic method of keeping the colored man in debt had been followed. An effort will be made to prosecute the broker.

Form New Savings Bank.

There was filed with the secretary of state today the articles of incorporation of the Farmers Savings bank of Council Bluffs, with \$25,000 capital; also the incorporation of the Modern Construction company of Grand Junction, with \$50,000 capital, and the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of Linn township, Linn county.

To Fix Western Classification.

N. S. Ketchum of the State Railroad commission goes in a few days to San Antonio, Tex., to be present at the meeting of railroad men and shippers for consideration of revision of the western freight classification.

There has been general desire that the shipping interests of Iowa be represented at this meeting and Mr. Ketchum has been designated to attend.

Candidate of Manufacturers.

It is announced that W. B. Hays of Humboldt, who has become a candidate for railroad commissioner, will be the candidate of the manufacturers and jobbers of the state.

He has announced a platform which would indicate that he would give special attention to this phase of the rate of the railroads.

Agricultural Statistics.

The assessors of Iowa will this week receive from Secretary Simpson of the State Board of Agriculture extended blanks on which to make reports of agricultural information.

Under a new law they will be required to report on the acreage and yield of all crops, also the animals, implements and farm equipment, the poultry and butter and all other products.

It is expected that in this way the state will soon be able to have a valuable report on farm values.

Barney for Food Commissioner.

It is announced here that W. B. Barney of Hampton, a well known stock breeder, is to be the next state food and dairy commissioner.

Gets Title to Large Estate

Court Gives Iowa Man Right to Redeem Property Given in Trust.

CLARION, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—By the decision of Judge C. H. Lee of the Eleventh judicial district, made in the Clarion court today, William J. Fort of Marshalltown stands in a fair way to recover from Mrs. Mary E. Colby, late of O'Brien county, Iowa, and Chicago, but now of Des Moines, 4,385 acres of valuable land, of an estimated value of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The land is in Marshall, Wright and Dickinson counties, Iowa, and Marshall county, Illinois.

The case dates back to 1882 when Fort, for a consideration of \$125,000, gave mortgages for the land to Mrs. Colby and secured the mortgages with trust deeds.

All of the leases for the land were turned over to her, and she has since leased a great deal more of it and sold many hundreds of its acres.

Claiming that the deeds he gave were but trust deeds and only secured the mortgage, Fort brought suit asking that the court allow him the privilege of redeeming the land.

Mrs. Colby, in contesting the suit, alleged the deeds represented bona fide sales of the land to her and that she had meantime already sold much of the land.

Judge Lee in his decision holds that Fort has the right to redeem the land, which virtually establishes his title to it.

The decree is not to be entered in the case until an accounting of the revenues derived from the land is made, which she has received during the eight years she has been in possession of it.

This accounting will be had in the Clarion court during this winter, when it is expected to establish the amount it will require to redeem the properties.

This vast acreage was the estate of Phineas Stevens, a rich Marshalltown banker, who died years ago, and who left it to his daughter, Mrs. Fort, who in turn died and bequeathed it to her husband, W. J. Fort.

WANT TIME TO KEEP WARM

Iowa City High School Closes for Lack of Fuel.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Though it was confidently announced yesterday by Dean W. C. Wilcox and other University of Iowa officials that classes would begin Monday morning, yesterday's developments in the coal famine changed the prediction, for coal dealers announced that it is not improbable that the local high school will have to shut down.

"We will have to cut down somewhere," said one coal dealer. "Mercy hospital and many of the private consumers must be supplied, so I fear the high school will be closed. It may be a month before the university can get enough coal or it may be a week. It is hard to tell anything about it."

Students are continuing to leave for their homes. They cannot even use the building on the campus which is kept at the usual temperature. Fraternity and boarding house managers are laying in as much coal as possible and it is to supply these people that renders the shutting down of the high school probable.

Probably half of the student body is still here and it is to keep these warm that is causing the coal dealers the extra worry.

Daughter Rescues Mother.

COLFAX, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Martin Luther, the wife of a rich German, was adjudged insane by the county commission a month ago, her daughter, Minnie, filed objection and petitioned the court to set aside the decision.

The case was decided today in district court in favor of the petitioner and the mother was released. The case has caused a sensation here.

Iowa

Boys Are Feature of Short Course

More Than Usual Number Attend Special Classes at Ames Institute.

AMES, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The total enrollment at the short course Tuesday evening was 575. This is very nearly as many as were here at the same date last year and is considerably better than was expected, considering unfavorable conditions of the weather.

The combined entries at the senior and junior corn shows are greater than the total number of entries at the Iowa corn show at Des Moines.

Two hundred and fifty exhibitors are represented in the senior show and nearly two hundred in the junior show. The entries will average nearly two to each exhibitor.

The gratifying feature of these corn shows is the large number of new exhibitors that have been brought out.

At the evening session of the short course last night Mr. Tavenor, city superintendent of schools at Coln, Page county, Ia., told something of their plans of education at that place.

Sewing, nature study and gardening are taken up in the grades, leading to a four years' course in agriculture in the high school.

This work is correlated as much as possible with the regular studies. About two-fifths of the time is given to the new studies, the remaining three-fifths being taken up with the regular work.

The teachers find that so much more enthusiasm is created by this new method that more can be accomplished along regular lines in the three-fifths of the time given to them than could be done in the entire time before the new lines of work were introduced.

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