Council Bluffs

NO LIGHT THROWN ON CASE

Coroner's Inquest Does Not Disclose Manner of Collins' Death.

COLORED MEN WITH BRAINSTORM

Men in Powell House at Time Declare They Were Too Excited to Know What Happened.

The inquest held yesterday afternoon by Coroner Treynor over Eugene Collins, the negro dining car waiter, who was shot and killed Friday morning at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Powell, 23 South Eighth street, failed to throw any further light on the tragedy.

Stories told on the witness stand by the several inmates of the house were more or less contradictory. While the young wife, Mrs. Grace Belle Collins, claimed she shot twice at her husband in self-defense, the investigation yesterday afternoon failed to disclose who fired the shot which struck Collins between the shoulders and severed the vertebrae. Medical testimony showed that this shot must have been instantaneously fatal and that the bullet which caused this wound must have dropped him in his tracks unless the shot was fired into his body after he had fallen following the shot in the left temple.

The jury, consisting of Lee Albert, Ovide Vien and John Walsh, was unable to determine who fired the fatal shots, but recommended that Needham Whitmire and Quito Calamese, the young negroes who were rooming at the Powell house, as well as Mrs. Collins, be held for furtner investigation. The three were committed to the county jail pending a further investigation by the authorities.

J. W. Watts, husband of the eldest daughter of Mrs. Powell, who had been placed under arrest with Whitmire and Calamese Friday, was released after the inquest. Mrs. Powell and her daughter, Mrs. Watts, had not been placed in custody after they had testified before the grand jury Friday afternoon.

Testimony of Wife.

Mrs. Collins testified that when she fired at her husband, and she said she fired two shots, he was facing her. She was unable to account for the fatal wound in her husband's back.

City Physician Tubbs, who was called to the house shortly after the shooting, testified that either Mrs. Collins or her sister, Mrs. Watts, told him that Collins had shot himself. One of the young negroes, who was identified yesterday afternoon by Dr. Tubbs as Calamese, told him that Mrs. Collins, shortly after the shooting commenced, came to their room and he handed her a revolver. Both Calamese and Whitmire, when on the stand, denied having had a gun in their room.

Whitmire and Calamese denied knowing anything about the shooting, and both claimed they were seized with a brainstorm through fright. They declared they had never seen Collins until they saw him lying dead across the threshold of their room.

Watts swore that he was so scared when the shooting began down stairs that he jumped out of bed and hid behind the door of his room, covering himself with the bedclothes. He said he did not leave his hiding place until he was assured all danger was over, and then for the first time he saw the dead body of his brother-in-law.

Both Mrs. Powell and her daughter, Mrs. Collins, said that when Collins entered the house he acted like a madman and was frothing at the mouth.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee January 15 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

L. C. Empkie and wife to Clarence Arthur Empkie, n26 feet lot 4, block 9, Hyatt's sub, Council Bluffs, ...d.	$ 3,500
Louisa Smith, widow, to A. E. Fuller, w52 rds, sw¼, 11-76-43, w. d.	2,125
John Harding, widower, to George Briggs and Walter H. Briggs, n½ se¼ and ne¼ sw¼, 15-74-39, w. d.	2,880
William Leeka and wife to same, s½ sw¼, 15-74-39, w. d.	2,440
Clarissa Louise McCartney, unmarried, to E. H. Lougee, w½ se¼ se¼ 2-75-43 and w½ ne¼ ne¼, 25-75-44, w. d.	100
R. V. Innes and wife to Ingvard Jensen, part lot 5, Aud. sub., ne¼ se¼, 25-75-44, w. d.	50
George L. Judson et al. to John W. Baldwin, lots 6 and 10, block 9, Galesburg add., Council Bluffs, w d	90
William J. Hruska et al to E. H. Lougee, w½ se¼ se¼ 2-75-43 and n½ ne¼ ne¼ 25-75-44, w. d.	400
Total, eight transfers	$11,589

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The South First Street chapter of the Woman's guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Forrest Smith, 744 Madison avenue.

All Knights of the Maccabees are requested to meet at the hall at 1 o'clock this afternoon to attend in a body the funeral of the late Sir Knight George Sutton. The funeral will be under the direction of Council Bluffs tent No. 32, which will conduct the services at the grave.

Mrs. Eva Simpson, wife of E. D. Simpson, 110 Fourth street, died yesterday afternoon, aged 50 years. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Joseph L. Martin of Vermillion, S. D.; A. E. Martin of Omaha and one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Harris of Lemars, Ia. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

The district court grand jury having completed its labors was ready to report shortly after noon yesterday, but as Judge Thornell had adjourned court until Monday, it was obliged to adjourn to that time. It is understood that the grand jury will report quite a big batch of indictments as the result of its deliberations.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cusworth, who died Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Clark in Hazel Dell township, will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Grange church in Boomer township. Elder Clark of the Latter Day Saints' church of this city will conduct the services and burial will be in the Grange cemetery.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Wadding, wife of James Wadding, died Friday evening at her home in Hardin township, aged 70 years. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Shaw of 40 Gould avenue, this city. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. John Kroonemeyer, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church, will conduct the services.

Charles Clark Hamilton, aged 58 years, died yesterday morning at his home, 1809 Avenue A, from tuberculosis after an illness of three months. He is survived by three daughters and four sons. Deceased was a carpenter and contractor. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. Edgar Price, pastor of the First Christian church, will conduct the services.

The following officers of Unity Rebekah lodge were installed at the regular meeting last week: Past grand, Mrs. A. H. Gibson; noble grand, Mrs. Charles Taylor; vice grand, Mrs. John Larsen; inside guard, Mrs. John Daugherty; outside guard, Mr. Stead; chaplain, Mrs. Rider; right support noble grand, Mrs. Frank Hitchcock; left support vice grand, Mrs. John Spare; right support vice grand, Mrs. Gunnison; secretary, Mrs. Barbara Tucker; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Sharp.

At the meeting last week of Conrad hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, the following officers were installed by Miss Ella Mark, state commander: Commander, Mrs. Anna Gibson; past commander, Mrs. Anna Banger; lieutenant commander, Miss Jessie Barstow; record keeper, Mrs. Bertha Waicutt; finance auditor, Miss Sarah Sterle; chaplain, Mrs. Traffe; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Mary Sunderland; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Louise Luchow; sentinel, Mrs. Bowers; picket, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Charles Francis Adams, a former resident of Council Bluffs, died Friday night at Marshalltown, where he was an inmate of the Iowa Soldiers' home. Deceased, who was 66 years of age, served as a member of the Eighteenth Illinois regiment through the civil war. He is survived by his wife, one son, Albert Adams of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Grace Schicketanz of Alma, Neb., and Mrs. Mary Lavenburg of this city. The body was brought to this city late last night and taken to the Woodring undertaking establishment. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

LITTLE MONEY FOR CITY

Only Fifteen Thousand to Run it to April 1.

According to the report of City Auditor McAneny of the general fund on January 1, there is but $14,905.79 left out of the appropriation of $87,000 with which to maintain the various municipal departments for the remaining three months of the fiscal year closing March 31. The cost of maintaining the city government during December was $6,468.54.

The appropriation for the streets and alleys department has been exhausted for several months. The appropriation of $2,000 for the city electrician's department has been exhausted and on January 1 there was an overdraft of $4.01, although the law specifically provides that the appropriation for any department shall not be overdrawn. The appropriation for the city health fund is overdrawn to the extent of $397.20, while the emergency fund is overdrawn $2,709.60. The latter fund, however, will be reimbursed at the close of the fiscal year with whatever remains unexpended out of the other appropriations.

The following shows the amount appropriated for the several departments and the balance on January 1:

Purpose	Appropriation	Unused
Salaries, executive dept.	$11,020.00	$ 3,004.85
Police and marshal's dept.	22,250.00	5,713.79
Streets and alleys	10,000.00	
Fire department	26,500.00	5,055.64
Electrical department	2,000.00	* 4.01
City hall department	1,500.00	545.92
Engineering department	5,000.00	938.08
Printing and supplies	1,200.00	394.60
City Pound	650.00	33.72
Elections	2,300.00	2,300.00
Emergencies	1,680.00	* 2,709.60
City health	1,900.00	* 397.20
*Overdrawn.		
Total general fund	$85,700.00	$18,016.60
Less overdrawn		3,110.81
Actual balance		14,905.79

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
W. E. Lewis, Omaha	25
Cora Campbell, Council Bluffs	22
Harry E. Alexander, Missouri Valley, Ia.	25
Macie McWade, Ossian, Ia.	22
G. L. Rockwell, Council Bluffs	22
Pearl Cox, Council Bluffs	18
W. H. Brown, Omaha	26
Lillie M. Benkert, Omaha	21

Iowa News Notes.

MARSHALLTOWN—According to an announcement made today, Rev. L. B. Hix, who for four years has been pastor of the Congregational church, of this city, will present his resignation next Sunday. The resignation is to become effective March 1. Rev. Mr. Hix came here from Muscatine, Ia.

LOGAN—Installed officers of the Modern Woodmen of America, lodge of Persia: Charles Parnell, W. A.; H. Lamen, V. C.; J. A. Burns, E. B.; D. A. Arrasmith, clerk; O. J. Hammond, escort; J. E. Murfield, sentry; O. O. Hammond, manager for three years; Z. W. Swanger, manager for one year.

MARSHALLTOWN—According to a telegram received here today, J. W. Hackney, supposed to be George Marshall, who is wanted here and in other western towns for forgery, was arrested last night at La Porte, Ind. The discription of Marshall, alias Hackney was sent to La Porte today by Chief of Police Nicholson, and it tallies closely with the man under arrest. Marshall is wanted here for passing a worthless $19 check on J. E. O'Brien, a shoe merchant. He will be tried first in La Porte.

Council Bluffs

ANNUAL BANQUET OF D. A. R.

Council Bluffs Chapter Will Entertain Many Visitors.

FUNCTION AT GRAND MONDAY

Miss Harriett Lake, State Regent; Mrs. R. J. Johnson, Historian; Mrs. C. E. McGrew, Regent of Chicago Chapter, Here.

The leading social function this week promises to be the annual banquet of Council Bluffs chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Grand hotel tomorrow evening. The date was set for January 17 as that day is the anniversary of the marriage of George and Martha Washington. A number of prominent women have accepted invitations to attend. Mrs. Drayton W. Bushnell, national vice president general of Iowa, will have as her guests the state regent, Miss Harriett Lake of Independence; Mrs. R. J. Johnson of Humboldt, Ia., who is state historian, and Mrs. C. E. McGrew of Chicago, regent of the Chicago chapter. Judge and Mrs. Smith McPherson of Red Oak will be the guests of Mrs. R. E. Montgomery.

Covers will be laid for about 100 guests, who will be seated at small tables. The national colors will be used throughout the banquet hall and on the tables for decorations. Mrs. Donald Macrae will preside as toastmaster. The address of welcome will be given by Mrs. Drayton W. Bushnell, and the program of toasts will be as follows: "D. A. R.'s, What They Have Accomplished, Not for an Age, but for Allw Time," Miss Barriett Lake; "The Real Thing," Mrs. R. J. Johnson; "Sister States," Mrs. Galt, regent of the Omaha chapter; "Belles of the Past," Mrs. Eva Metcalf; "This Is My Own, My Native Land," Judge Smith McPherson.

Several functions will precede and follow the banquet. Mrs. Thomas Metcalf will entertain the executive board Tuesday afternoon at a luncheon, Miss Harriett Lake of Independence, the state regent, and Mrs. R. J. Johnson of Humboldt, state historian, to be guests of honor.

Mrs. Donald Macrae will entertain at a reception Tuesday evening at her home, 809 Fifth avenue, from 8 o'clock to 11 o'clock, to enable all members to personally meet the state regent, Miss Harriett Lake, Mrs. R. J. Johnson of Humboldt, state historian, and other out-of-town guests of the chapter.

Mrs. R. E. Montgomery will entertain at luncheon Wednesday afternoon at her home in honor of the out-of-town members of the society.

Coal Famine Growing Worse

Supply at Marshalltown Not Large Enough to Supply Ordinary Demands.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The coal famine, which has become acute in smaller central Iowa towns, has reached a climax in this city itself. The Iowa Soldiers' Home has only coal enough to heat its nine buildings until next Monday. Unless coal arrives the high school building will not open next Monday. It had only coal enough to last today and bank the fires over Sunday. The supplies of the Lennox Machine company, Lennox Furnace company and Marshall Oil company and other big manufacturing plants are practically exhausted. Very little coal has been received by any of the dealers this week and only the mild weather has prevented suffering in some quarters.

While the Iowa Central claims to be no longer confiscating commercial coal, it is alleged that it is taking for its own use practically the entire output of the southern and western Illinois mines it controls or reaches.

In this city's yards this morning there were approximately 100 cars of bituminous coal destined to northern Iowa and southern Minnesota points. Many of the sidetracks between this city and Albert Lea are filled with loaded coal cars. Superintendent H. G. Kruse is authority for the statement that the company has not the motive power to move the coal. Heavy snows in northern Iowa yesterday and the night before have added further delays to deliveries and in one instance caused the abandonment of a passenger train which was stalled in the snow.

From all over central and northern Iowa the small towns are crying for coal and using every effort to get it. Some of them have practically none and the supply of others is rapidly diminishing.

Kindness Rewarded in Will.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—A fortune for the kindness shown, is revealed by the will of the late Mrs. Nora Bolander of this city; and Mr. Frank Cowles, a student at the conservatory of music at Ellsworth college is the recipient of the unexpected good fortune. A little over six months ago, Mrs. Bolander moved here from Ackley which has been her home since 1868. Buying a little home on the south side, she settled down in the evening of life to enjoy her remaining days among friends. Mrs. Cowles, whose home is in New York, came here a few years ago to furnish his musical education under the direction of his friend, Prof. A. E. Bullock, director of the college conservatory of music. Without any home here, Mr. Cowles took a home at the home of Mrs. Bolender and in return for many kindnesses shown his landlady, she took a fancy to the young man and had decided to provide the funds for the completion of his musical education, to secure which Mr. Cowles was dependent on his own resources. It was a complete surprise, therefor, to Mr. Cowles and his numerous friends in this city when the will of Mrs. Bolender, who died suddenly last week, revealed the fact that the bulk of her fortune had been left to her newfound friend.

It is a dangerous thing to take a cough medicine containing opiates that merely stifle your cough instead of curing it. Foley's Honey and Tar loosens and cures the cough and expels the poisonous germs, thus preventing pneumonia and consumption. Refuse substitutes and take only the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package. Sold by all druggists.

Ladies of the Grand Army.

These officers of Garfield circle No. 11 were formally installed for the new year Friday evening by Department President Mrs. Clara Lyon: President, Mrs. Sarah A. Smith; senior vice president, Mrs. Lizzie Metcalf; junior vice president, Mrs. Alice Atchison; treasurer, Mrs. Camilla Elliott; chaplain, Mrs. Eleanor Davis; secretary, Miss Grace Berger; conductor, Mrs. Sarah Johnson; guard, Clara Huntoon. Following the installation refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

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Benson.

C. F. Martin spent a few days during the last week visiting in Elk City.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McKeowan on Thursday, January 6.

Miss Lettie Reed is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Truckey of Benson.

Arthur Kaiser is recovering from his recent operation at the St. Joseph's hospital.

L. P. Sipe spent last Sunday in Kansas City, returning to Benson the first of the week.

Mrs. D. Whistler of Council Bluffs spent last Sunday at the home of her son, E. J. Whistler.

Mrs. E. C. Hodder entertained last Tuesday in honor of Mrs. F. Finnisson and children.

Mrs. Thomas Degan was hostess to the B. L. S. club at her home last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. William Huntzinger and son spent a few days of the last week with relatives in Lincoln.

Earl Furbush returned home last Thursday from a visit with his brother in Woodbine, Ia.

Max Nippel, the architect of Benson, has opened offices of his own in the Paxton block of Omaha.

Miss Ruth McGuire entertained at lunch last Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Lottie Melchoir.

Lynn Colson has returned home from Rushville, Mo., where he spent a couple of weeks visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Speedie spent last Sunday in South Omaha as guests at the home of friends.

Mrs. Deighl was guest of honor at a dinner at the home of Mrs. Thomas Degan last Tuesday evening.

Harry Gravert is again able to be up and around the house, convalescing from a badly sprained knee.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Cooper in two weeks, on Wednesday.

Miss Nell Howard went to Omaha last Thursday evening to attend a card party at the home of a friend.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawson entertained at dinner Wednesday, when covers were laid for six guests from Benson.

Misses Ruth McGuire and Madeline Horton were entertained at dinner last Sunday by Miss Virdie Pryor.

Miss Edith Pierce has returned to her home in Bennington after a few days spent at the C. F. Martin home.

Miss Mae Patterson of Papillion spent a day during the last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Speedie.

Miss Marie Christiansen has gone to visit with relatives in Pastina, Ia., after a visit at the B. C. Peterson home.

Miss Sue Scott of Clarkson hospital spent a few days last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. E. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Smith left Monday to spend the rest of the winter at the homes of their children in Iowa.

Mrs. R. K. Anderson entertained at lunch Sunday evening for Miss Emma Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Young of Omaha.

Hans Johnson is at home from the hospital, where he was a couple of weeks, and is slowly recovering from the operation.

Morris Jansen has opened up the former Grange home on the West Main street "Y" for a cigar and confectionery store.

A small girl's Sewing club has been organized in Benson and met last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. J. Ellman.

Harry Keller and Charles Bailey have purchased the pool hall formerly owned by L. P. Sipe. The change was made during last week.

Mrs. K. Parker will entertain the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society at her home next Wednesday afternoon. Lunch will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hoffman returned on Tuesday from Fremont, where they spent a few days visiting at the home of the former's father.

Mrs. Dawsen of Denver and Mrs. D. D. McCoy of Red Oak, Ia., who have been guests at the C. W. Reed home, left for their homes Saturday.

The funeral services of the 3-year-old daughter, Mary B., of Mr. and Mrs. Baert, took place last Tuesday. Interment at Mount Hope cemetery.

Mesdames Henry Johnson and Will Snyder of Omaha were guests at dinner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Snyder of Benson.

At this evening's service at the Methodist church the pastor, Rev. Mr. Atack, will talk on the second of his series of sermons, being "The Gambling Devil."

At the special meeting of the Board of Education the new school house question was discussed; also the various sites. A public meeting will soon be had.

Misses Marie Christiansen and Agnes Nelson, who have been guests at the home of Mrs. B. C. Peterson, have left, one for Pastina and the other for Council Bluffs.

The Golden Glow club was entertained at the home of Mrs. L. S. Rice last Thursday afternoon. The time was spent, socially and a luncheon was served by the hostess.

The Women's Christian Temperance union met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. K. Beach, when a number of new features were discussed by those present.

The Workmen lodge has changed its night of meeting from Monday to the first and third Wednesday of each month. Next Wednesday the installation of officers will take place.

Mrs. William Huntzinger entertained the Omaha Card club at her home last Wednesday afternoon. There were four guests from Omaha and Mrs. Kinder of Columbus, Neb.

Mrs. Ben Morton was hostess to the Jolly Thirteen club last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. O. C. Ager won first prize and Mrs. Will Yarton the second. The hostess served a dainty luncheon.

The interior of the Methodist church has been remodelled during the last week in the way of the ceiling being repainted, walls repapered and all generally cleaned. Now it looks like a new church.

Mrs. C. W. Childs entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, when the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Robbins of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ruffner and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vallieu, Conrad Anderson of Benson and John Gilbert of Blair were guests at a turkey dinner on Sunday at the home of George Newkirk, who received the turkey from South Dakota.

Mrs. Frank E. Young entertained the West Farnam Kensington club at her home last week, when a 12 o'clock lunch was served by the hostess. Six guests from Omaha and Mrs. Atack of Benson were present.

The Swedish Lutheran Ladies' Aid society met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Oleson. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. F. J. Ellman; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Oleson; secretary, Mrs. Charles Oleson.

Last Sunday at the Augustana Lutheran church the following were appointed as Sunday school teachers: Misses Liljenstolpe and Johnson and Messrs. C. A. Blomberg, Johnson, Samuelson and Ellman and Mrs. F. J. Ellman.

Mrs. E. J. McArdle entertained at dinner on Tuesday at her home, when Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McArdle, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Hanlin of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ruth of Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArdle of Cheyenne were guests.

At last Sunday morning's services at the Presbyterian church twenty-three new members were received into the church, sixteen by confession and the others by letter. This was the result of the meeting conducted by Evangelist Bright.

A fire alarm was given last Sunday afternoon which called the hose company to the home of Fred Brodegaard. The fire was caused by trying to thaw out a frozen water pipe. The tank took fire and was destroyed; other damages were slight.

The funeral services of the late John Larson of South Weir avenue, who had been sick some time and died January 6, were held from the Lutheran church. Rev. B. F. Kistler, the pastor, officiated, interment being at Mount Hope cemetery.

The girls of St. Bernard's choir have organized a social club, called the "Utopia." They will give their first social and dance at Odd Fellows' hall on January 21. The officers elected are: President, Miss Helen Norris; secretary, Miss Kate Davis; treasurer, Miss Ruth McGuire.

Last Tuesday evening the installation of the officers of the Woodmen lodge took place. The meeting was open to and attended by a large crowd of members and friends. A program of a number of musical selections and readings was had after the work. Officers were: Messrs. Huber, Jacoberger, Stiger, Bosworth, Ray, Wulff and Wiggins.

Bellevue.

L. N. Purcell has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Eva Waltenrath has again returned to school after prolonged illness.

Lily, Agnes and Rosie Henningson and Enga Rothery visited Omaha Sunday.

Rev. Stephen A. Phelps preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Miss Maud Mitchell has been forced to leave school on account of poor health.

The new cottage which is being built by Mrs. Parker Dillon is nearing completion.

V. W. Chapman has purchased five bobsleds for use in the cornfields on the Clarke farm.

The Ladies Aid society was entertained by Mrs. Lloyd Erion Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Fletcher of Sioux City, Ia., has been a guest of relations here during the past week.

The official bond of A. H. Hood having been approved makes Mr. Hood justice of peace in Bellevue.

The freshmen and sophomores are working on the preliminaries for the declamatory contest this week.

Saint Elmo Lehr has returned from his western trip and is visiting friends and relatives in Bellevue.

Monday Howard A. Clarke come in from Columbus, Neb., to see his aunt, Mrs. E. L. Chaffe, who was quite sick last week.

Miss Hertha Tonghelne was awarded two prizes at the National Corn exposition this year, one for sewing and one for cooking.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Mitchell of Audobon, Ia., are spending a short vacation in Bellevue with the family of Dr. C. A. Mitchell.

While Mrs. H. H. Henningson was cutting meat Saturday she received a serious cut in her left hand which required surgical attention.

Dr. Stookey entertained five of the girls belonging to the literature class, which is studying Shakespeare, at "Macbeth" last Monday evening.

Coasting has become a very popular sport with the college students. Starting from Clarke hall a track of nearly one mile has been made.

Dr. E. L. Robinson of Central City, Neb., was called here this week by the illness of his mother, Mrs. L. B. Moorsman, who is resting easier.

Arthur Wright, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Henry McItoberts, and children, left Monday for Dallas, S. D., after a several weeks visit at the Wright home.

Mrs. D. R. Kerr of Fulton, Mo., who was called to Omaha by the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. Fred Kerr, last week, was visiting Bellevue friends Sunday.

Thursday ended the official term of Harry Peters as county commissioner. This leaves the east end of the county without any local representative on the board for the first time in many years.

Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock W. H. Harrison was awakened to find his house on fire. Grabbing what wearing apparel that was at hand and a small grip near the bed, he made his exit just in time to escape the falling roof. Mr. Harrison's home was the old Bordwell house that stood just west of the Burlington depot and had been occupied by him for about five or six years. The building and contents were partly insured.

Early Sunday evening Henry Collins died suddenly at his residence in the old Fenner Ferguson house, in the lower part of town, presumably of heart trouble. Two or three weeks ago Mr. Collins was suffering with kidney trouble and apparently had about recovered, when suddenly Sunday evening, after eating a hearty supper, he fell over and before medical aid could be had he was dead. Mr. Collins was 60 years old and up to a short time ago enjoyed reasonably good health. The funeral was held from the house, services being conducted by Rev. T. D. Lane. Burial was made in Bellevue cemetery.

The annual oratorical contest of Bellevue college was held at the Presbyterian church Friday evening. The program consisted of several songs rendered by the quartet and five orations as follows: "The Mississippi Valley" by A. C. Barry, "World Confederation" by H. J. Brandt, "The Conservation of Natural Resources" by F. D. Enfield, "The Problem of Immigration" by Roy Findley, and "The Dawn in the Orient" by W. P. Primrose. The judges decided in favor of Mr. Primrose for first prize and Mr. Brandt, second prize. Mr. Primrose will represent Bellevue college in the state contest. Hon. H. T. Clarke awarded the prizes, the first being $20 and the second $10. He thought the other contestants deserved more than honorable mention so he handed each of them a bill.

Florence.

George Bird was ill Monday and Tuesday.

W. B. Thomas is visiting at the home of George Bird.

Albert Bergelt is home after an absence of several months.

Mrs. G. W. Shields was the guest of Mrs. B. F. Reynolds Wednesday.

The Ecneroif club has issued invitations for a dance Wednesday evening.

Mrs. P. A. Haskell was the guest of Mrs. F. H. Reynolds Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Lubold was the guest of Mrs. Edward Hayden in Omaha Monday.

Frank Parker left last Sunday to spend the rest of the winter at Los Angeles.

The city council will hold its regular meeting Monday evening at the city hall.

Rev. P. R. Wedge of Monroe, Neb., was a guest at the Tracy home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. George Foster, who has been visiting among friends at Des Moines, returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Paul Bird were callers at the home of J. A. Thirtle Monday evening.

Charles Palmatier is laid up with two broken ribs as a result of an accident while putting up ice.

T. D. Crane and family of Rosemere have taken a house in Omaha for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. J. L. Houston and Mrs. F. B. Nichols were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, jr., Thursday evening.

Mrs. F. H. Reynolds expects to leave February 1 for Billings, Mont., to join Mr. Reynolds and make their home there.

Mesdames J. B. Brisbin, Harry Brisbin, J. L. Houston and F. B. Nichols were the guests of Mrs. Horn in Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Olmsted and Miss Florence Olmsted left Saturday for Milwaukee and Chicago for a several weeks' visit.

James Nicholson returned from Polson, Mont., Monday, and expects to stay until the first of April, when he will return.

The school board has engaged Prof. McLane for the ensuing three years at a salary of $1,500 a year, a raise of $300 a year.

The Royal Neighbors and the Modern Woodmen will hold a joint installation Tuesday evening at Pascale's hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

J. C. Barcus of Sioux City, Ia., formerly manager of the Florence sanitarium, was a Florence visitor Monday, the guest of Mrs. Sarah E. Tracy and Miss Prudence Tracy.

Adam Kundert sold the last of his Florence property this week to E. W. Cramlich, which consisted of lots 4 and 5 and the east half of lot 6, block 113, for $3,000. The property is on Calhoun street.

The principal diversion of the people of Florence now is coasting parties, and almost every evening large parties of the elder people, as well as the youngsters, may be seen coasting down the steep hills.

A petition is being circulated to have the school board call a special election to vote bonds to complete the school building. The petition says that $800 is needed to complete the work and it is being generally signed.

Mrs. B. F. Reynolds has assumed charge of the choir of the Presbyterian church and promises some good music for the rest of the year. Miss Lilian Bondesen and J. J. Cole are the soloists for this evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. B. F. Reynolds Wednesday afternoon for a musical afternoon. Mrs. G. W. Shields of Omaha was present and recited several pieces.

The express service between Omaha and Florence will be augmented by an automobile truck in the near future, arrangements having been completed this week for the truck, which will be furnished by Andrew Murphy & Son of Omaha.

Mrs. C. M. Cottrell held the second of a series of recitals planned in the year's work for her small scholars. Those who took part on the program were Irene Taggar, Mildred Taggar, Hallis Shipley, Clara Baldwin, Eugene Grant, Lura Holtzman, Ethel Long, Christena Christenson, Carrie Christensen, Katie Anderson, Pauline Nesbit, Ruth Wall, Florence Price, Lucile Thornton, Helen Thornton, Rosa Dickins, William Anderson, Ralph Tryor and Eugene Smith.

A large party of Florence crack shots went out to Ted Price's farm last Sunday with the intention of cleaning out the country of wolves or coyotes, but as the snow was so deep they were forced to content themselves with a few rabbits. However, as the snow has melted considerable the last week, and then frozen, putting a firm footing on the top of the drifts, they are going out today. Arrangements have been made for a score of wolf hounds to be brought down from Calhoun, and over sixty have agreed to turn out for the hunt. They will meet at Price's farm on the Calhoun road and there select the captains. The plan is to form a hugh semicircle from the north line of Florence to Coffman, and gradually move eastward toward the river. The wolves have become particularly bold this winter and Mr. Price says he has been bothered with them coming up to the barn after his sheep, and it is no unusual sight to see them while out in the fields hauling hay.

Many of the farmers around Florence are being put in an embarrassing place by the continued cold weather and deep snows. The winter coming on early caught many of them with their corn still in the field, and the weather has not been since so they could get into the fields. One farmer has two cars of hogs and two of sheep on feed and is near the end of his corn. He has over eighty acres of corn in the field that he cannot gather, and if the snow don't melt soon he will be forced to send his stock to market in a half-fat condition. Another farmer has over 100 acres in corn that he can't get at, and has a big bunch of cattle on feed. He says he has enough corn on hand to last him about two weeks, and if the weather don't moderate in that time, he will be forced to put his cattle on the market, as he has so far been unable to buy corn, his neighbors all being in the same boat he is in. Another farmer purchased 100 bushels in Omaha and is hauling it out to his place, in spite of the fact that he has eighty acres of corn on his place waiting to be picked. On the other hand, the fruit men are happy over the deep snow, as it has formed an ideal covering for the strawberries and other small fruits and prevented the thawing and freezing of the vines, which is so injurious to the fruiting. All they hope for is a gradual going off of the snow in the spring and no late freezes, and they will have a bumper of a crop. The deep snow has also been of untold value to the alfalfa fields and pastures.

Dundee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. George have returned from a trip to Chicago.

The Dundee Dancing club gave a dance Friday evening at the Dundee hall.

Ward F. Palmer is leaving this week for Butte, Mont., where he will reside.

Mrs. W. A. Pixley left Tuesday evening for Springfield, Ill., to visit friends for a week.

W. P. Warner spent the week in Grand Island on business connected with the federal court.

E. A. Benson has returned from a business trip to Florida for the Riverview Farms' company.

Mrs. Edmond Barr and children of Chadron, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Barr.

Mrs. Henry C. VanGieson is expected home this week after a visit of several months in the east.

Mrs. J. J. Lampes has been called to Princeville, Ill., by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Henry.

Mrs. O. L. Hart won a prize at the meeting of the Fortnightly card club entertained Wednesday by Mrs. T. Tillotson.

Mrs. Strode of St. Louis, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Robinson, left for her home the latter part of the week.

The Dundee Woman's club will meet Wednesday with Mrs. W. W. Johnson, when Mrs. Hathaway will be leader for the day.

Mrs. Milliam R. Lighton and daughter, Miss Suzanne Lighton of Fayetteville, Ark., are expected soon to pay a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rush.

In honor of Mrs. Strode of St. Louis, who is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Mrs. Clinton Briggs entertained at dinner last Saturday at the Rome hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. George entertained at dinner Thursday evening at their home for Miss Carolyn Johnson of St. Joseph, Mo., who is the guest of Mrs. Henry W. Yates. Covers were laid for eight.

The Dundee Woman's club held a special meeting Tuesday morning at the public library when Mrs. I. S. Leavitt gave a lecture on "Early Italian Renaissance," illustrated with some five stereoptican views.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Dundee Presbyterian church will hold a social Thursday evening