

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

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The Board of County Supervisors will meet this morning for the purpose of receiving the supplementary report of the checkers, whose work has disclosed so much looseness in the methods of keeping the books as to require the attention of the terms preceding the incumbency of Auditor Hannan. They will be in session but a few hours. C. Hafer, head of the Hafer Lumber company, is enjoying a visit from his aged father, William Hafer, whose home is at Chambersburg, Pa. Mr. Hafer is 81 years old. He has previously visited Council Bluffs and falls in with the general environment in which he found himself that he is seriously contemplating making it his final abiding place. On account of the paving which is being done on Broadway the street cars have had a difficult time trying to round the corner of Pearl and Broadway. On account of the looseness of the street. One of the cars went down about 9 o'clock on a considerable length of time, but finally they were put into operation by the car men. Mrs. John Nolan, accompanied by her three children, left yesterday for San Francisco, where she will join her husband in China. Mr. Nolan is engaged in important mining enterprises there. Mrs. Nolan will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Louise T. Nolan, of the city. At San Francisco she will be met by a Japanese nurse, who will accompany her the remainder of the way to assist in caring for the children. E. W. Bushnell, sheriff of Mills county, and E. W. Brothel, clerk of the county court there, were in the city last evening on route home from the convention of the state associations of sheriffs, clerks and recorders at Fort Dodge. There were thirty-eight sheriffs at the meeting, and nearly as many clerks and recorders, but sheriff Bushnell said that nothing whatever was done but having a good time. He was rather disgusted at the lack of purpose of the associations. Hickory camp, Modern Woodmen of America of Omaha, has extended an invitation to the Modern Woodmen of America, to pay them a visit on Tuesday, August 1, at their hall on Twenty-fourth and Lake streets. Omaha will be many Omaha members and teams present to participate in the opening of their hall. All members are requested to be present on that date. There will be a smoker, also the initiation of candidates. The 14-year-old daughter of John Hattie, Probation Officer Herner was called upon to help find her. The young girl has been staying at the home of Mrs. Goldsberry, who has charge of the De Long mission on Avenue D. Her disappearance created a good deal of concern. Officer Herner early discovered that she had bought a ticket for a return to her home. A telephone message disclosed the fact that she was there the guest of a near relative. Miss Mary W. Schmitt, 131 North Twenty-third, was taken to Mercy hospital yesterday and underwent an operation for appendicitis. Miss Schmitt is a graduate from the Iowa state university, after taking a four-year course, especially fitting herself for a career in the field of a responsible position in the high school at Leavenworth and is spending the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayden. She withstood the operation well and is expected to recover speedily. Neal Cassidy and Miss Ida Rushing, both of South Omaha, applied to Deputy Clerk Roy Hardisty yesterday for a marriage license. They appeared to be in great haste, and gave other evidence of immaturity that strongly impressed the deputy clerk that there were impediments in the way. The youth had a suggestion of down on his upper lip, and the young woman looked as though she were wearing her first long dress. Two beardless youths who offered to become witnesses added nothing to the evidence in favor of granting a license and it was refused. The practice of railroad companies appropriating coal shipped to customers whenever it is needed for use in handling the trains is to have another try out in the district court here. O'Neill, local coal dealer, began a suit against the Northwestern Railway company to recover \$22.11 for a car of coal received by the Northwestern from the Illinois Central on January 30, last, and appropriated by the former company. A similar case was tried in the district court last winter and a verdict for the full amount returned to the plaintiff. The case was appealed and is still in the supreme court. Preparations for opening the O'Connell department store on Saturday morning have been completed. Schmitt Bros., the street jobbers, who purchased the stock, have placed it in the hands of the Harper Adjustment company, which is endeavoring to close it out in the briefest possible time. The stock had been repurchased where needed, and all arrangements made for what the managers say will be a sensational sale. The stock is valued at nearly \$50,000 and was sold for \$25,000. All of the old clerks have been engaged for the sale. Messrs. Wynant and Atchews of Chicago have charge of the sale. A carload of material for the electric light conduits, which was received on Wednesday, was being put under ground with remarkable rapidity by Contractor Wickham. He had then at work at the time as they could be spaced for a distance of two blocks digging the trench and others laying the conduits. The work was completed on Broadway from the Methodist church to the Ogden house during the day and the block beyond that point finished. He expects to have the conduits all in place on Broadway by the close of the week. The delay in the arrival of the material was due to a wreck which damaged the car and made it necessary to delay it for repairs. Charles Hackmiller, yard officer for the Northwestern railroad, is confined in an Omaha hospital by reason of a foot ailment. The accident and the refusal of his doctor to permit him to leave the hospital made it necessary to postpone the hearing of the Austrians captured in the raid on their camps last Sunday morning until next week. Hackmiller was the chief witness for the prosecution in the case, and without his testimony the state's case would have lacked some substantial facts. County Attorney Capell decided to ask a continuance for the week, by which time Hackmiller will be able to leave the hospital. He offered to come yesterday provided an automobile was sent after him and when arrangements to comply with his request were reported to the hospital physicians the patient was ordered to keep his room. Seven of the cases were dismissed yesterday afternoon by County Attorney Capell on account of lack of evidence. Some of the men were liberated on bond and some of them, Peter Tomiska, was partially completed. B. Hummer, a Council Bluffs youth of 25, found himself in a peculiar predicament yesterday morning when he was arraigned in police court on the charge of the theft of his mother's piano, and was unable to make any explanation sufficiently reasonable to prevent Judge Snyder holding him to the action of the grand jury. A year ago Mrs. Hummer went out of town on a visit, leaving her home in the care of her thirty son. During her absence the young man invited Abe Gillinsky, second-hand man, to visit the premises, and succeeded in striking a bargain with him by which Gillinsky was given possession of the piano in consideration of the payment of \$25. Mrs. Hummer located the missing instrument in the possession of Gillinsky, who was a wholly innocent purchaser. Gillinsky patiently lied his time until young Hummer, who remained conveniently absent for some time, returned to the city. Then he procured his arrest. The testimony in police court yesterday was convincing, and the young man was held to the grand jury under \$200 bonds.

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MANY SMALL LAKES DRY UP

Some that Have Not Been So for Fifty Years Have No Water.

BIG LAKE IS BICYCLE SPEEDWAY

Boys Scoury About Its Smooth Bed—Spoon Lake is Now a Mere Puddle—Manawa Very Low.

Big lake has lost its prestige. Its name is a misnomer and it is no longer entitled to the distinction of being called "Big." Boys, mounted on bicycles were yesterday riding over what was formerly one-tenth of the area covered by water. The surface they rode upon was as firm and smooth as asphalt pavement, with here and there great cracks yawning, disclosing unknown depths of dry earth. The dimensions of the lake have been restricted to a small area immediately around the bathhouse, with all fixtures remaining to float nothing weightier than a fence plank. It is the first time in the history of the lake that its waters have vanished under the stress of long drought duration and the fierce heat of the sun. The boys and girls of today, with good memories will be able to recount half a century hence the "extraordinary dry season of 1911 when Big lake went dry." The little spot of water that remains is derived from the never-falling Mynster springs, and it fills the little depression where the deepest water of the lake once was. The remaining water is so shallow that it is dry. Boys have found amusement picking up the remnants of fish and other aquatic creatures whose existence was painfully terminated by the long drought. Even the crawfish have become discouraged and have abandoned the deep wells that had sunk earlier in the period of normal dryness. They have populated the little speck of water until it has become overcrowded and yesterday they were making a long and dusty journey that intervened between the lake bed and the body of water known as Gilbert's pond, designed for ice production and filled by water from the springs.

Many Ponds in Dry State. Ponds in other parts of the river bottoms surrounding Council Bluffs where the boys have gone swimming for two generations are dry for the first time. "Spoon lake," whose bottom has been concealed for fifty years by nearly twenty feet of water, has been reduced to a little puddle. "Big Weedy" and "Little Weedy," where only strong swimmers could venture, have not a drop of moisture in their bottoms. "Hunt's pond," which never failed, and which certain eminent local hydraulic engineers were insisting a year ago should be used as the source of the city's water supply, has gone into the invisible aqueous vapor of the atmosphere. Pastures on the surrounding farms and grass on the hills in the vicinity of the city is dried to its furthest roots, and the hillsides would be as brown as they are in December were it not for the shrubbery and trees. These have lost none of their freshness and green, and seem to be untouched by the drought. Lake Manawa has reached its lowest ebb. Never in its history has its water level been as low as now. There are very few places where the water is deep enough to prevent wading. Operation of the boats outside of the dredged channel between the pavilion and the kursal is almost impossible and the larger boats are finding difficulty to secure enough deep water to swim in. Despite the unfavorable conditions corn and other field crops continue to look well and promise a good yield.

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Road Supervisors Will Get Rude Jolt

New Law to Be Invoked and They Are to Be Haled Into Court for Laxness.

The seventy-five or more road supervisors of Pottawattamie county are due to receive a jolt within the next few days that will cause them to sit up and take notice of the fact that the Iowa legislature last winter passed at least one law that they should have familiarized themselves with. The Board of County Supervisors will this morning be asked to order the arrest of every road supervisor in the county with the exception of those in Crescent township for failure to comply with the new law requiring the use of the road drag. Crescent is the only township in the county that has complied with the law. The sudden invoking of the law will be due to the action taken last night at a meeting held in the Commercial club rooms when an effort to revive the Council Bluffs Automobile association failed for want of a quorum and was turned into a good roads meeting. There are eighty charter members of the automobile association, but the last meeting held by the association was about half a year ago. The call issued by Secretary Towne of the Commercial club for a reorganization meeting last night was responded to by an insufficient number to legally do business, and, on motion of H. W. Searles it was changed into a good roads meeting. Dr. Macrae was made chairman and O. B. Towne, secretary. The first action taken was calling upon the county board to procure enforcement of the road drag law, and a committee of three, consisting of Robert B. Wallace, H. W. Searles and Fred Emplie was appointed to wait upon the supervisors this morning and ask them to constantly using the road drag or by covering the surface with some suitable material. Mr. Searles said there was a ledge of shale a few miles south of town that afforded ideal material for permanent and cheap road surfacing, and Secretary Towne was instructed to make inquiries to determine what would cost to bring it into use. Dr. Macrae urged that whatever work is undertaken should be on the roads most used by the farmers and gardeners in bringing their products to town.

Real Estate Transfers. Real estate transfers as reported to The Bee July 20 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs: C. F. Stevenson and wife to William L. Lucey, M. Reynolds, nee of 12-75-38, W. d. \$17,600. Mary Etta Alexander to Elmer E. Alexander, nee of E. Auditor's sub., nee of 12-75-40, W. d. \$1,000. Two transfers, total \$18,600.

TEAM SCARED BY AUTOMOBILE

Driver of Car Which Causes Accident at Griswold, Ia., Runs Away, but is Captured.

GRISWOLD, Ia., July 21.—(Special).—Coley Mitchell, a farmer living west of Griswold, was driving home from town when he met an automobile. His team became frightened and ran away. He was dragged several feet and was badly bruised and his arm was broken. When the team became frightened the driver of the automobile turned and went in the opposite direction, not stopping to see what damage had been done. Mr. Mitchell's wife, who was with him, had the presence of mind to take the number of the machine. The constable started in pursuit of the man, but was unable to overtake him. He telephoned the police authorities at Carson, and the driver was arrested when he reached Carson and is now being held. There were two persons in the machine, a man and a woman. It was a Nebraska machine.

Woman Unconscious Three Days.

IOWA CITY, Ia., July 21.—(Special).—After lying in a state of unconsciousness during a period of sixty-five hours Mrs. Charles Toms, the wife of an Iowa City business man, has quite recovered and her nervous system is proceeding the state of coma has disappeared entirely. Doctors believe her trance will prove helpful to her. Her husband found her unconscious in a chair and she showed no signs of awakening until nearly three days afterwards.

Peat Bed on Fire.

MASON CITY, Ia., July 21.—Big areas of peat bed lying north and west of here are on fire. A large number of men from all parts of this district are making efforts to check the fire and guard property, which owing to dry weather is in danger.

Iowa News Notes.

CRESTON.—Eighty-five out of the 120 taking the teachers' examinations at the normal held here in June, have been granted certificates to teach. KENT.—Charles Thomas of Kent has announced his candidacy for state senator on the regular ticket from the Fifth district, composed of Union, Ringgold and Decatur counties. CRESTON.—State Superintendent of Instruction M. Devo was in this city yesterday consulting with Superintendent Flickert of the Creston schools and the local school board, relative to placing the normal course of instruction in the Creston High school this year. No definite action was taken, but the matter will be decided later. CRESTON.—Word has been received here of the critical condition of the former congressman Fred E. White at his home near South English. While unwhittling his team from a mover he was kicked in the breast by one of the horses and, the report says, he is in a helpless condition. Mr. White is the father of Mrs. W. H. Robb of this city and served the Sixth district as representative in congress a number of years ago. He was the democratic nominee for governor.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons: Name and Residence. E. A. Osenbaugh, Lincoln, Neb. \$25. Anna Williams, Lincoln, Neb. \$25. Thomas W. Bowles, Omaha \$25. Julia Ekwall, Omaha \$25. Perry Anderson, Council Bluffs \$25. Bessie V. Guilford, Council Bluffs \$25. John E. Christiansen, Minden \$25. Emma M. Day, Minden \$25.

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