Council Bluffs

PUBLIC WORK DURING YEAR

Two Small Jobs and Then the Paving is Out of the Way.

LARGE SUMS SPENT ON STREETS

Street Railway, Water and Lighting Companies Improve the Condition of Their Plants.

Contractor Wickham yesterday began work on the last two sections of street paving that will be undertaken this season. A big force of men are grading North Eighth street for the two blocks of pavement between Avenues G and I. The grading will be completed and the foundation ready for the concrete by this evening or tomorrow. Brick are being hauled for resurfacing Willow avenue on the south side of Bayliss park. Only the most improbable weather conditions will prevent the early completion of these two small sections.

Rough estimates of the amount of work done on the streets during the last season, including paving, sewers, curbing, sidewalks, etc., and that done by the street railway, telephone, gas and electric companies and the water board will approximate fully $500,000. This estimate does not take into account the permanent improvements in the way of building enterprises, which will aggregate a large sum, showing the greatest number of dwellings and comfortable cottages for homes that have followed the building activities in any year.

The purpose of the city administration to push the street paving to the extent of about $50,000 each year until all of the principal streets are paved has been much more than realized. The estimates of permanent street improvements exceed $150,000.

The work done by the street railway company in the extension of its lines and the rebuilding of the double tracks on Broadway has caused a cash outlay of more than $100,000, a large portion of which has gone for the payment of labor.

Improves Lighting System.

The Citizens' Gas and Electric company has expended about $50,000 on the streets in providing extensions of gas mains and electric light lines and the installation of the new flaming arc lights and undergrounding of its lines in the business sections of the city. In addition to this, about $15,000 has been expended in other directions for the betterment of the service.

The telephone company has paid one bill of $18,000 for cable, conduits and labor in connection with the consolidation of the two plants, and the total cost of the work done on the streets will be very much in excess of $20,000. The work required the rebuilding of many manholes, and the construction of several new ones with expensive side lines. The removal of one big pole at the corner of Broadway and North Eighth street entailed an expense of $600. The cost of the new switchboard and its installation is about $20,000, and the contract price of the new building, without furnishings, is approximately $15,000, making a total expenditure by the company during the season, of $55,000. A large part of this money has also gone for the payment of labor.

New Water Mains.

When the water commissioners conclude the work now under way the expenditure will approximate $80,000. This includes the one mile of twelve-inch pipe on South Main street, the installation of a large number of steamer fire hydrants on that street and Broadway, and the lateral pipe connections, tying the big main with the six-inch mains on adjoining streets, and the extensions on other streets, adding more than two miles and making an actual total of three and one-half miles of twelve, eight and six-inch mains. It also includes the new reservoir at the Thirty-seventh street station, which will cost $45,000, the electrification of that plant and its installation in a $3,500 fireproof structure; the new $10,000 boiler house and installation of the new 8,000,000 gallon pump, amounting to $25,000, and the other improvements that have been made of a general character.

This leaves untouched a balance of more than $50,000 cash on hand realized from the sale of the $600,000 bond issue, after paying for the plant itself. It also leaves available all of the profit from an income of at least $92,000 which will be received from water consumers during the year.

The first report of the commissioners will show some agreeable surprises concerning the profits from the operation of the plant. Commissioner Jensen said yesterday that more than ten miles of water main extensions would be made in 1912, that will give first class water service to sections of the city so long in need of the relief. Nothing less than six-inch mains will be laid.

These figures show that Council Bluffs has enjoyed a very prosperous year in many respects.

Thumb of Lineman Whitney is Crushed

J. O. Whitney, a telephone lineman, residing at 810 Avenue A, had the thumb of his right hand crushed yesterday. He was engaged with others in removing a cottonwood tree at Twenty-third and Sixth street. He was in the tree, twenty feet from the ground, and had sawed off a big bough, to which ropes had been attached from above. When it was cut off it swung outward and then came back with great force, the heavy end striking against the trunk. Whitney was held to the trunk by his safety belt and was unable to get entirely out of the way. His right hand was caught and the thumb badly crushed and the index finger injured. Dr. Matt Tinley dressed the wound, patching together the splintered bones so skillfully that amputation will not be necessary.

Mr. Whitney has been working for the company all summer and has been faithful and capable. He expected to start for the south in a few days to find employment at line work during the winter in a milder climate.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night L-1702.

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Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of The Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott Street. Phone 43.

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Genuine Victrola, $15. A. Hospe Co.
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Every Victor record in stock. A. Hospe Co.

Place your orders now for Xmas framing at the Fauble art shop.

EYES TESTED and glasses fitted. Lefferts, registered opticians, 503 Broadway.

Time now to order your new books for the new year. Morehouse & Co.

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EXCLUSIVE AGENCY FOR COLE'S HOT BLAST HEATERS, the stoves that warm the floors, $10 up. P. C. DeVol Hdw. Co., 504 Broadway.

B. F. Patterson, foreman of the car repair department in the local yards of the Illinois Central railroad, is confined to his home by illness.

If you want WINDOW GLASS call Bell phone 509, Bluff City Glass and Mirror Works, 5½ West Broadway. We make a specialty of GLAZING at low prices.

SAM SNYDER LOANS MONEY on household goods, horses, cattle and all chattel securities at a big discount of the usual rate. Office over 339 West Broadway.

There will be a joint meeting of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief corps at Grand Army hall in the Young Men's Christian association building this evening. All members are requested to be present.

Night Sergeant Short of the police department is at the Edmundson hospital, suffering an attack of stomach trouble, which has been an increasing infliction for several weeks. He has been off duty since Tuesday.

The tax ferret suits that were brought against the Deetkin estate in 1903 and which were dismissed by a court order were called up during a session of the Board of County Supervisors and a full settlement of all claims were made by the payment of $50.

A special meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of President Tinley, for the purpose of considering the plans for the proposed new addition to the high school building, which the building committee of the board authorized Architect Cox to prepare.

Arthur McFarland, the negro indicted by the grand jury for enticing young boys away from their homes and whose trial is set for the present term of district court, applied to Judge Arthur yesterday for an order to bring here at the cost of the state two witnesses, whom he alleges are vital to the defense he expects to make. The witnesses are Frank Sanders and Henry Brown.

The funeral of Clarence Bennett Craig, who died at the Edmundson hospital from the effects of a strange abdominal tumor, will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Perry Badollet, 310 Park avenue. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Williams, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church. Tomorrow morning the body will be taken to Beatrice, Neb., for interment.

An agreement between Martin Jensen and his wife, Carrie Jensen, and A. M. Landgraf was filed in the district court yesterday as final settlement of a pending suit involving $10,500 and the title to two tracts of farm land in Greeley county, Nebraska. The Jensens agreed to endorse without recourse two notes executed to Charles F. Jackson, September 1, 1910, one for $6,500 and the other for $4,000. The deal is connected with the assignment of a mortgage covering the land.

A barn on the premises of J. E. McGill, located at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue, was prevented from being destroyed by fire at noon yesterday by the quick action and good work of the firemen. The barn was well filled with household furniture that had been stored there, but the fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done. No one was at home at the time, and the cause of the fire was not ascertained. The building and contents were protected by insurance carried in one of the companies represented by H. W. Binder & Co.

A long engagement in New York does not necessarily prove the worth of a play. That city's judgment is often fragrantly bad in estimating dramatic values. But when the metropolitan verdict is pronounced correct from cities as widely separated from New York as London, Berlin, Chicago, Washington, Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco, Baltimore and Los Angeles the big town may be said to have spoken truly. "The Servant in the House" will be seen at the Dohany on Sunday matinee and night under the direction of Gaskell & MacVitty and with Henry Miller's original production and Hugo B. Koch in the title role.

An application was made yesterday by Mrs. Elizabeth Short for a modification of the decree of divorce granted September 7, 1910, by which the custody of a daughter, Irene, now aged 6 years, was given to the father upon the admission of the mother that she was then in too poor health to properly care for the child. She alleges now that her health has been restored and that her circumstances are such that she can give her daughter the proper care. She asks, however, that the husband be required to contribute to the support of the child. Some further allegations are made that friends and acquaintances of the husband indignantly deny, and assert that they are not only improbable, but impossible. Judge Arthur set the hearing for November 23.

With the expiration of the contract with Tax Ferret McCoy, due to the repeal of the law under which his contract was made, the Board of County Supervisors has acted upon the suggestion of County Treasurer Mitchell and appointed a number of special collectors, who will look after the collection of delinquent personal taxes, receiving as compensation 15 per cent of the amount collected. The county treasurer selected a number of men whom he knew to be efficient and responsible and recommended their appointment. The board complied with the request and named these men: Henry Peterson and George A. Burke, Council Bluffs; Frank Galloway, Macedonia; J. R. Challoupka, Carson; J. L. Bunker, Walnut; Fred Bole, Hancock; Ray Maxfield, McClelland; August Damrow, Treynor.

SATURDAY SPECIALS—Dressed spring chickens, per pound, 14c; fresh oysters, per quart, 45c; fancy celery, lettuce, parsley and green onions. We are now handling home-made mincemeat, made by the Trinity church ladies, per pound, 15c. Our new dried fruits have arrived, such as new prunes, per pound, 15c; Sultana raisins, per pound, 15c; seeded raisins and currents, per pound, 12½c; also citron, orange and lemon peel. Try some of our sweet cider, per gallon, 35c. New nuts of all kinds from 15c per pound up; pure buckwheat, per sack, 45c; pure Vermont maple syrup, in quarts, ½ gallons and gallon cans. We have the same old flour at the same old price, Lily Cream, $1.35 per sack. Best coal oil, per gallon, 10c; 5 gallon lots, 45c. L. Green, 124 Broadway. Tel. 324. Opposite C. Hafer Lumber company.

READ THESE SATURDAY SPECIALS and be convinced that you are getting value received for every dollar spent in our meat department: Breakfast bacon, by the strip, lb., 13½c; veal, lb., up from 10c; home-made head cheese, lb., 10c; solid pack oysters, qt., 45c; fancy beef roasts, lb., up from 10c; Dressed spring chickens, lb., 12½c; beef soup meats, lb., up from 8c; fancy oleomargarine, lb., 18c; No. 1 fancy skinned hams, lb., 14c and 16c; beef pot roasts, lb., up from 10c; good beef steak, lb., up from 10c; three-pound pail Rex lard, 39c; fancy boil beef, lb., up from 8c; home-made pickled corned beef, lb., up from 10c; home-made sausage, 2 lbs., 25c; pork roasts, lb., up from 12½c; veal roasts, lb., up from 12½c; mutton, lb., up from 8c; home-made hamburger, 2 lbs., 25c. J. Zoller Merc. Co., the big uptown store, 100-102-104-106 Broadway. Phones, call 320.

A COUPLE of spoons were spooning. No, that is not what I started to say. We are giving spoons free today. With every 15-cent package of Voigt Cream Flakes you get six spoons free. Not solid silver, but just the thing for picnics and every day use. New dates are in, 15 cents a package; figs, in packages, 10 cents; new almonds, 25 cents per pound; new walnuts, 25 cents per pound; new dried apricots, 25 cents per pound; new prunes, 15 cents per pound; grapefruit, two for 25 cents; smoked Halibut, 20 cents per pound; smoked salmon, 25 cents; codfish, 15 cents; Spanish onions, two pounds for 15 cents. We just received another lot of that home-made sorghum, 40 cents per one-half gallon. We keep oleomargarine, 25 cents per pound. Our customers tell us we have the best oysters in town—we don't water them. We still sell New York roasted coffee at 25 cents per pound; Golden Rule flour, $1.40 per sack. Bartel & Miller. Telephone 959.

The Board of County Supervisors yesterday made a final settlement with O. L. Garritt, former steward of the county farm at McClelland, whom the board forced to resign and leave his office, on November 1. The settlement included the checking of his accounts for the last two quarters of the year, or from June to November. The checking showed that Mr. Barritt's expenditures had been in excess of his receipts to the amount of $151.93, and that amount was due him. He had vouchers for all of his expenditures. The settlement included the payment of the amount named and finally, terminated all of his responsibilities to the county. Mr. Barrett had previously refunded to the county about $650 arising from errors in bookkeeping covering a period of three years, and which showed in the final summing up of the checking as shortages, although Mr. Barritt and his friends strenuously denied that any misappropriated money was represented.

J. B. Fulton of Huron, S. D., arrived in the city yesterday for a conference with Attorney Clem F. Kimball, preparatory to the issuance of patents that have been allowed upon his new cutting device for repairing and moving machines and which many implement dealers have pronounced to be of a revolutionary character. It doubles the cutting power of a machine while reducing the power required to drive it. It was tried out during the summer and autumn upon the tough and wiry grass of the South Dakota prairies, which resisted the attacks of common mowing machines, except when the horses pulling the machine were being driven to their limit of speed. The Fulton machine, driven at the slowest rate possible by non-energized mules, sheared off the tough grass as if clipped by a razor. Mr. Fulton is negotiating with several big factories, but is inclined to accept proffers made by a new factory that is being established at Sioux Falls, backed by the Commercial club of the place. Mr. Fulton expected to reach here in time to exhibit his device at the annual meeting of the Nebraska and Iowa Retail Implement Dealers' association at Omaha, but got the dates a little mixed. He will go to Atlantic Monday to visit his mother. Mr. Fulton was for many years one of the successful real estate dealers of Council Bluffs and Omaha and has never been troubled with visions of impractical ideas. Mr. Kimball and several Council Bluffs people are interested in the development and application of his radical improvement device.

J. W. Mikesell Dies at a Ripe Old Age

J. W. Mikesell, a resident of Council Bluffs for the last forty-two years, died at his home, 1007 Avenue L, after a short illness from heart trouble. Mr. Mikesell was 82 years old and Mrs. Mikesell is past 75. If he had lived until Christmas they would have been permitted to celebrate their golden wedding.

Mr. Mikesell had been vigorous all of his life until the last few years and continued to discharge his duties until within a very short time of his fatal illness. He served in the city council as alderman and had held numerous other positions of trust and responsibility of a public nature. He is survived by his wife and six children. The daughters are Mrs. Ira Benge of Pleasantville, Ia., and Mrs. J. W. Clatterbuck, jr., and Mrs. J. F. Peterson of Council Bluffs. The sons are W. J. and J. W. Mikesell, jr., of this city and Donald Mikesell of Denver. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Latter Day Saints' church, conducted by Elder Robert McKinzie. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Getting Value Received for Every Dollar Spent in Our Grocery Department.

60c can Paxton & Gallagher gas roasted coffee, 53c; fancy table corn, 7 cans, 55c; ½-gal. can table syrup, 18c; green onions, per bunch, 5c; new radishes, per bunch, 5c; new lettuce, 3 bunches, 10c; 10-lb. sack pure buckwheat, 45c; maple butter, per pail, 25c; home-made sorghum, qt., 25c; pure codfish, per pkg., 18c; English bloaters, 3 for 10c; boneless herring, lb., 20c; new dates, per pkg., 10c; new figs, per pkg., —; new cauliflower, per head, 15-20c; new seedless raisins, 2 pkgs., 25c; new currants, per pkg., 15c; new sweet cider, gal., 35c; fancy cooking apples, per pkg., 15c; Grape Nuts, per pkg., 10c; 10c pkg. rice biscuit, 5c; home-made mince meat, 3 lbs., 25c. J. Zoller Merc. Co., The Big Uptown Store, 100-102-104-106 B'way. 'Phones: Ring 320.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers as reported to The Bee November 17 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

William T. O'Neill and wife to Patrick B. O'Neill and Felix S. O'Neill, lot 124, original plat, and e25 feet lot 126, original plat, w. d.	$5,000
Ohio Knox and wife to G. T. Karges and E. A. Karges, lot 6, block 4, Sackett's add., s. w. d.	1,000
Frank W. Miller and wife to E. G. Coburn, lot 24, block 11, Burns' add., w. d.	700
Three transfers, total	$6,700

Council Bluffs Produce Market.

The following quotations, showing prices paid to producers, are corrected daily by William Higgeson, city weighmaster, for publication in The Bee:

Corn, 66c per bu. new, 60c per bu.; wheat, 92c per bu.; oats, 45@46c per bu.; hay, loose, $11.00@12.00 per ton; alfalfa, loose, $12.00@13.00 per ton.

These Are Real Tempters,

because you get value received and more for every dollar spent. In the hardware department: Oil heaters, no smoke, no smell, no danger; will heat an ordinary room in ten minutes; every home should have one; special for Saturday, up from $2.88. Wood lined stove boards, 58c; extra heavy oilcloth rug, 58c; $2 extra heavy copper bottom wash boiler, $1.50; heavy 6-inch stove pipe, each, 12c; 6-inch stove pipe elbow, 12c; charcoal, per pkg., 16c; Economy cobler sets, complete outfit for mending shoes, 65c; steel skillet, 19c; ironing boards, up from 85c; guaranteed wood saw, $1; steel frame wringer, $2; washing machines, up from $3.75; One Minute washing machine, $19 (let us send you one on trial); soot destroyer, for cleaning furnace or stove pipes, pkg., 15c; weather proof storm door paper, each, 15c; weather strip, per foot, up from 1c; felt edge weather strip, per foot, 5c; rubber weather strip, per foot, up from 2c; square ash sifters, 15c; metal ash sifters, 35c; furnace ash sifter and shovel, combined, $1.25; steel furnace scoop, 55c; large furnace or coal scoop, 89c; steel shovels, 58c; good ash shovels, 2c; the Vulcan toaster, toasts four slices of bread at once, 19c. J. Zoller Mercantile Co., The Big Uptown Store, 100-102-104-106 Broadway. Phones, ring 320.

Secretary Pierson Resigns His Place

A painful surprise was given the directors and officers of the Young Men's Christian association yesterday when Secretary Pierson sent in his resignation, to take effect at an early date. It had been known for some time that Mr. Pierson had been considering other offers, many of them of a better character than could be given him here. The announcement yesterday was that he had accepted the offer made by the association at Moline, Ill.

The Moline association is one of the strongest in the middle west. The extensive manufacturing interests which center there provide rich material for the association work, and which the association is well prepared to carry forward. A new building costing $300,000 has just been completed. Mr. Pierson has been connected with the Council Bluffs association for the last three years, the greater part of the time in closest contact with the members as physical director, and later, as general secretary. In both he was larger than his position, with the result that he greatly advanced the work by arousing the genuine interest of all the members.

Mr. Pierson's resignation was accepted with sincere regret. Nothing has been done toward filling his place, but the directors realize that it is a large task, and also that the capable organization perfected by Secretary Pierson has placed the work in such hands that it can be indefinitely continued while the search for a new man is in progress.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons:

Name and Address.	Age.
Nels Jorgensen, Avoca, Ia.	23
Matilda Anderson, Avoca, Ia.	19
James Dillon, South Omaha	21
Sarah J. Dolan, South Omaha	18
Jens M. Thomsen, Omaha	21
Thomine Marie Anderson, Omaha	18
Clifford Wattles, Omaha	21
Verna Smith, Omaha	18
Dan H. Sweeney, Council Bluffs	23
Irene Olsen, Council Bluffs	18

Grip Thief is Given Five-Year Sentence

DENISON, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Judge Hutchison of Lake City is holding district court here. In the case of John Retmen, who was arrested at Missouri Valley for stealing the grip of a traveling man at Denison, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced for five years. Eliza M. Servis of Harrison county, who was arrested at Dow City for obtaining money under false pretenses while acting as a traveling agent through the country, also pleaded guilty and was given an indeterminate sentence of seven years. On account of his youth the judge suspended sentence and placed him in guardianship of Emmett Tinley of Council Bluffs, to whom the boy is to report and remain accountable during the suspension of the sentence.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR HARRISON SHORT COURSE

LOGAN, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—To insure the success of the short course for Harrison county to be held at Logan, January 15 to 20, the following committees have been appointed:

General Committee—J. H. Johnson, president; C. W. Hunt, secretary. Township vice presidents: Little Sioux, C. W. Huff; Morgan, A. Spooner. Magnolia, F. F. Latta; Jackson, Ezra Miller; Lincoln, J. E. Mann; Raglan, Tom Tovey; Boyer, D. W. Lotspiech; Douglas, Austin Lowery; Calhoun, F. G. Hughes; Cass, H. Knauss; Taylor, W. C. Dewell; Clay, Frank Zahner; Cincinnati, Frank Webb; St. John, Z. A. Jones; Harrison, C. Culver; Washington, Thomas Platter; Union, J. M. Foutch; Lagrange, Fred Beebee.

Finance—R. W. Hills, A. W. Blackbur and C. N. Carson.

Stock Judging—Homer Cadwell, C. W. Huffs, A. J. Podendorf, D. C. Ford, J. E. Mann, A. Spooner, O. S. Larson, F. Divelbess, E. B. Grossman and W. C. Atwell.

Corn Judging—F. F. Beebee, F. F. Latta, G. E. Beck, F. Yocum, Frank Rainier, Tom Tovey, M. S. Moats.

Domestic Science—Rev. C. S. Lyles, Mrs. Maggie Longman, Mrs. Nellie Sarvey, Mrs. E. E. Beck, Mrs. S. G. Rogers, Mrs. S. Mahoney, Mrs. Clara B. Milder, Mrs. L. F. Marvin.

Membership and Advertising—F. H. McCabe, J. M. Davis and Mrs. C. H. Wright.

Entertainment—W. H. Johnson, W. L. Orr, W. L. Stern, Mrs. B. J. Wood, C. S. Cobb, C. A. Harvey, Miss Marcy E. Rice, Mrs. M. A. Humphrey, T. S. Parker, Mrs. J. T. Case.

New Paper Incorporates.

CRESTON, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the county auditor for the new Creston newspaper, the Plain Dealer, by the stock company formed for its publication.

The paper is to have a capital stock of $10,000, divided into shares of $25 each. The articles of incorporation were signed by Charles Bunzendahl, G. H. Compton, S. A. Bowers, C. A. Beatie, H. S. Perry, W. T. Gummere, George Hoffman, C. J. Burdette and Miss Berthe Bowers.

Miss Bowers is to be the editor and publisher of the paper which will be a weekly, and its object is to make for the betterment in municipal affairs. Miss Bowers is the state lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance union organization and has a national reputation, having at one time been a candidate on the national prohibition ticket in a presidential campaign.

Woman Dies from Injuries.

WINTERSET, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—While on the way to Winterset yesterday with her son, a young man about 19 years of age, Mrs. Jessie Hams, living near Hanley in Madison county, was accidentally killed. They met an auto, at which their team became frightened and, turning quickly, upset the occupants of the rig. Mrs. Hams was dragged quite a distance by the unmanageable team and received injuries from which she died in about an hour. She was 47 years of age. Her son escaped injury.

Accidentally Shoots Self.

SCRANTON, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—While playing with a revolver while cleaning it in his father's barn yesterday, Clarence Carson, aged 21 years, accidentally shot and fatally wounded himself. The bullet entered his right lung. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

PLAN NORTH AND SOUTH LINE

Hawley Roads' Merger in Iowa Has This Significance.

FROM WINNIPEG TO GALVESTON

Purpose is to Have One Company Track Extending the Entire Way—Into Omaha by Way of Atlantic.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—With the granting by the state executive council of the right to the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad today to absorb the Iowa Central and borrow money for extension it became known that the plan of Edwin Hawley and his associates is to connect up a line so they can run trains over one company track from Galveston to Winnipeg. It became known, not only, that it is planned to extend to St. Louis from Albia, but also that it is contemplated that the Storm Lake branch of the Minneapolis shall be extended to Kansas City to connect with the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, making use of the Atlantic & Northern route, recently sold, and connecting for Omaha by way of the new line being built through eastern Pottawattamie county.

State officials admit that the plans that were approved today contemplate the greatest extension of railroads in the state for many years. Authority was given by the state for the merger which completes the deal.

Minimum Weight Hearing.

The State Railroad commission today concluded two days of the hearing of the railroads for a change in the order as to the minimum weight of carloads of live stock in Iowa and was only about half through at adjourning time. As a result the case was adjourned until next Thursday, when further information will be offered. The railroads are presenting the matter by evidence from the general freight agents and will make a hard fight to have the minimum raised.

Man Accused of Murder.

John McDonald was arrested today accused of the murder of Charles Woods, a stranger, who died a few nights ago in jail. It is stated that Woods and McDonald had a fight and that when Woods was taken to jail he was suffering from a blow received from McDonald.

City Lodging House.

The city of Des Moines decided today to open a municipal lodging house to care for the large number of persons in the city who are homeless and in need of help. Arrangements will be made to use an abandoned hospital for that purpose. A free employment agency will also be established.

Model Church Being Built.

Church people of Des Moines have organized to maintain a "model church" and a structure is already being erected on the east side to be the home of the church. It will be inter-denominational, but under the special direction of the Baptists; but the chief feature will be that it will have social life and engage in charity work and carry on all the activities regarded as essential to a modern church in a city. It is intended also to be something of a testing place for many of the newest innovations.

Parishes Will Be Incorporated.

Catholic church officials have taken steps to secure an opinion from lawyers as to the manner of procedure for incorporating the parishes of the church under the Iowa law. It is found that the Iowa laws are liberal and easily complied with and the work of incorporation will be started soon, in accordance with the orders from Rome. Archbishop Keane, who will direct the work, took similar steps for the Wyoming parishes when he was in that state a few years ago.

Do Honor to Late Attorney.

Judge McPherson has set a date, next Tuesday afternoon, for a memorial service in the federal court room in honor of the late Carroll Wright. There will be resolutions presented on behalf of the local bar association and addresses by prominent lawyers of the state who had known Wright for many years.

Militia School.

The officers of the Fifty-fifth regiment, Iowa National Guard, will meet at Red Oak on November 22 and 23 for the regimental school, which will be instructed by Captain Robert McCleave of the regular army, detailed for service with the Iowa National Guard.

Uphold Peterson Law.

Assistant Attorney General Lee returned today from Oskaloosa, where he assisted the county attorney in presenting a case involving the application of the Peterson law forbidding the issue of stock in Iowa corporations without value received in cases except upon permission of the state executive council. The case was that of Charles Winter and William Kemble, indicted for violation of the law. It will be made a test case, as the law as a whole, is attacked.

Will Not Violate Merger Law.

The state executive council asked an opinion from the office of the attorney general as to whether or not the proposed increase in the stock of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad by $10,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring the Iowa Central was in conflict with the Iowa laws, and the conclusion has been reached that it may be legally done. Iowa some years ago passed a stringent law against the merger of railroads that are competitive. George W. Seevers, general counsel, again presented the matter to members of the council today and the council approved the plans. The stock issue will be $10,000,000 for which the Iowa Central will be taken over on payment of $2,500,000.

A lone bold robber with two revolvers held up the clerk at the Victoria hotel this morning at 2 o'clock, relieving the cash register of $25. The robber entered while the clerk and a bell boy were talking back of the desk.

While the clerk was turning the register around for him to sign, presuming he wanted a room the robber whipped out two guns. He demanded the contents of the money drawer.

After securing the money he backed out, covering the two with his guns.

The supreme court today upheld a verdict of $15,000 for personal injury against the Rock Island railroad. The verdict was in favor of Marguerite Murray of Davenport, who lost her fingers in a mangle in a laundry operated by the company. It was claimed that there were no guards on the machine and the girl, who was not familiar with the machine, was not warned. On first trial she got a verdict of $17,350 and on the second, after the court had once reversed the case, the verdict was as stated.

Court Decisions.

Marguerite F. Murray against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, appellant, Scott county; affirmed.

Louis Kinkead, appellant, against Walter Kennedy, Linn county; reversed.

S. H. Sawyer against Wapello county, appellant, Wapello county; reversed.

Katherine Eckert against J. H. Eckert, appellant, Polk county; affirmed.

T. W. Prindle against Iowa Soldiers' Home et al., appellant, Hardin county; affirmed.

Hattie H. Tagg, appellant, against Register Life and Annuity Insurance company of Iowa, Des Moines county, affirmed.

State against C. M. Swearingen, appellant, Fremont county; affirmed, assault to commit injury.

J. M. Harlan against H. N. Hamington, appellant, Polk county; affirmed.

State against O. Wright, appellant, Hanson county, keeping gambling house; affirmed.

State against Harry Allen, appellant, Adams county, statutory crime; affirmed.

Martha Felkner against O. Felkner, appellant, Alliance county, action for divorce; affirmed.

BEN FERREL IS THE HERO

Identity of Boy Who Saved Lives of Three Lads is Disclosed.

NOW SICK AT HOME OF PARENTS

Still Insists that Act in Rescuing Boys from Kountze Park Lake Was Nothing that Calls for Publicity.

At last the identity of the boy who saved Henry and Leroy Lucas, aged 5 and 8 years, and Robert Overmeyer, aged 5 years, from watery graves in Kountze park lake Tuesday afternoon, exclusive mention of which appeared in The Bee Wednesday morning, is disclosed.

The boy who risked his life by wading through the ice choked water and pulling the three boys to shore, was Ben Ferrel, employed as a night messenger with the Associated Press, living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferrel, 2106 Lake street. The boy is now sick at his home, suffering from what is akin to a nervous breakdown, brought on by the excitement following the stirring events of last Tuesday afternoon.

Ben Ferrel is 16 years of age, goes to school during the day and works from 6 o'clock at night until 2:30 in the morning, his earnings in a measure aiding in the support of the family. He is a modest young fellow and his heroic act might never have been known had it not been for the fact that yesterday afternoon a story appeared in one of the evening papers, stating that Julian Allwine was the boy who saved the lives of the Lucas and Overmeyer boys.

The Way It Occurred.

With another messenger boy, young Ferrel was discussing the story. To his companion, the latter, in a most modest manner, remarked:

"Julian Allwine was with me, but he did not go into the water, nor help get the little kids to the shore."

Then his companion pressed him to tell the story, and in doing so, Ferrel said:

"I'll tell you, but I don't want you to give it to the newspapers. I just did my duty and that was all.

"I was up near the little park and hearing the cries of some boys over toward the lake, Julian and I ran over there. As we reached the little pond, I saw three boys in the water. Pulling off my coat, I jumped in and waded out to where they were standing. The water was filled with ice and was about up to their chins. They seemed to be about frozen and were crying to beat the band. I grabbed two of them and took them to the shore and turned them over to Julian. Then I went back into the water and brought out the third. They were so cold that they could hardly stand.

Kept Story to Himself.

"After that, Julian and I took the two Lucas boys to their home at 1823 Spencer, and the Overmeyer boy to his home at Twenty-fourth and Lothrop streets. Then I went home and ate my supper, and that night and every night since, I have carried the messages for the Associated Press.

"I am sorry that the story got out, but I want to say that there was no boy scouting about it. I just jumped into the water and went out to where the boys were, knowing that if I did not do so they would all drown, and that, too, within a few minutes, as the water was filled with ice and the little fellows were slowly freezing."

Shortly after 8 o'clock last night, Ben Ferrel was suddenly taken ill. He was seized with severe chills, followed by dizziness and in an instant his nose commenced to bleed. Assistant Manager Huntley of the Associated Press took him to the office of Dr. Bridges, where he was given treatment, and a couple of hours later he was taken home, apparently suffering from a nervous breakdown, which was accompanied by severe chills.

Foot Ball Player Dies; Schoolmates Pray for Recovery

SIOUX CITY, Nov. 18.—Roland Schneckloth, the young foot ball player of the Correctionville High school, who suffered a fractured spine in a game played against the Sioux City High school eleven at Correctionville on October 14, died today after lingering for a month between life and death.

At the time of his death the students of the Correctionville High school, led by Rev. R. D. Acheson of the Methodist Episcopal church, were praying in concert for his recovery. The prayers were said at the special request of the dying boy. The young foot ball victim was a son of Ernest Schneckloth, cashier of the Merchants State bank of Correctionville.

GOVERNMENT TO EXHIBIT SHEEP AT SHOW IN OMAHA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The Department of Agriculture will be among the exhibitors at the American Live Stock exposition to be held in Chicago December 2-9 and the National Mid-Winter Sheep show in connection with the National Wool Growers' association convention in Omaha December 13-16. The government entry will be two yearling sheep bred and owned by the department.

Secretary Wilson today ordered that this exhibit be made so as to afford sheepmen the first opportunity they have had to observe the progress of the experiment in breeding range sheep started by the department in 1906 and still maintained at Laramie, Wyo.

STERLING TAKES STAND IN FAVOR OF LA FOLLETTE

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 18.—Thomas Sterling of Vermillion, dean of the law department of the University of South Dakota, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator to succeed Senator Robert J. Gamble, announces he will support Senator Robert M. La Follette for the presidency in a letter which will be published in the Sioux Falls Daily Press tomorrow. He pledges himself to support the choice of the national convention.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Politicians Prophesy General Election Next April.

YOUNGER MEN ARE ORGANIZING

John Meyers Takes Two Swallows of Muriatic Acid in Attempt at Suicide, but is Saved by Pint of Castor Oil.

Politicians are prophesying that there will be a general election in South Omaha next April on the basis of statements by lawyers that the extension of the terms of the present administration will not stand the test of the supreme court.

Already a tentative plan is on foot to put in the field a reform non-partisan ticket composed of young men. It is known that in the last general election many young men of the different political organizations were displeased because they believed they had been ignored in the makeup of the ticket.

The proposed action of the younger men, it is asserted, will meet with the approbation of a leader who is said to be financing a recall petition in South Omaha.

Takes Muriatic Acid.

John Meyers, an umbrella mender of Twenty-sixth and M streets, grew melancholy last night. Business was bad and the world seemed gray and drab to him. He thought to shuffle off and chose for his sleeping potion muriatic acid from his tool kit. John took two swallows and then called for the police. Detective John Zaloudek responded and took the man to the station, where Dr. A. H. Roenig and Desk Sergeant Billy Corrigan administered a pint of castor oil to Meyers. Before he left the station Meyers remarked that he would rather take the muriatic route than the castor oil express. He will recover.

South Omaha Bowling.

RED MEN.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
Doe	146	194	164	504
Volsuit	175	156	145	476
Zuk	192	142	150	484
Nichols	121	143	119	383
Christensen	166	156	129	451

PARK'S PAINT CO.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
Kruse	130	126	130	386
Beal	139	144	154	437
Winters	137	134	140	411
Hancock	143	171	144	458

Church Notices.

St. Clement's mission Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock.

West Q Street and East Side missions will have services at 2:30 p. m.

St. Edward's mission Sunday school at 9:30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30.

Lefler Memorial church. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Epworth league at 7 p. m.

West Side Methodist church. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 3:30 p. m. Baptismal services and reception of members will be held.

St. Hilda's guild of St. Martin's church is nearly ready for its sale of useful and inexpensive articles adapted for Christmas gifts. The date will be announced later.

St. Luke's Lutheran, Rev. S. H. Yerion, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Church services at 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Significance of Church Membership." Catechetical class at 5 p. m.

First Baptist church, Twenty-fifth and H streets, Rev. C. T. Ilsley, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. The subject of the pastor's sermon at 11 a. m. will be "A Victory of Intercession." Baptist Young People's union meets at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30.

The Men's club of St. Martin's church will hold its regular monthly social meeting Tuesday evening, November 21, at the residence of T. J. Parker, 2305 D street. The committee in charge this month consists of Prof. Clarke, Dr. F. O. Beck and T. J. Parker.

United Presbyterian church, Twenty-third and L streets, Rev. W. A. Pollock, pastor. Bible class at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11. Subject of sermon, "The Perfect Man." Young People's Christian union at 6:30 p. m. Subject of evening sermon, "The Life of Stephen."

St. Martin's church, Twenty-fourth and J stre