

GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

After the Election of United States Senators the Legislature Proceeds to Routine Work.

NO SURPLUS IN THE IOWA TREASURY.

List of Pardons and Paroles Granted by Ex-Gov. Shaw—Various Measures Proposed for Legislation—War Claims—Cost of State Institutions—Other Notes of Interest.

[Special Correspondence.]

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 20.—With the election of United States Senators W. B. Allison and J. P. Dolliver the legislature freed itself from the distracting preliminary business of the session, and, committees being announced, finds itself able to proceed to business. The principal committee chairmanships are as follows:

Senate—Ways and means, J. M. Junkin, Montgomery county; appropriations, Warren Carst, Carroll; judiciary, Thomas D. Healy, Webster.

House—Ways and means, M. L. Temple, Clarke county; appropriations, John Hughes, Iowa; judiciary, George W. Clarke, Dallas.

These committees are the three upon which every member hopes for an assignment. However, this year there are other important places. The congressional districts committee, the railroad committee, the corporations committee, the committee on cities and towns all are of prime importance, and places on them were extremely popular. Both Speaker Eaton and Lieut. Gov. Herriott had extreme difficulty in making assignments, for the reason that an exceptionally large number of former republican members returned and there were no contests over organization.

In No Surplus.

Treasurer of State Gilbertson has notified the legislature that it is an error to assume that there is a surplus in the state treasury available for general appropriations in excess of the regularly collected revenue. The theory has been that there is a surplus of about \$1,000,000, but the treasurer states that there is not. There is now the sum of about \$655,000 on hand. But the appropriations already made will exhaust this sum and leave the treasury with an even balance to begin the new appropriation period, April 1. This is a disappointment to the members of the assembly who have believed that they would have a large sum to appropriate for needed things, aside from the regular revenues.

Excursions.

The legislature will indulge itself in three or four excursions in a body during the session this winter. Already two dates have been arranged. On January 30 the assembly expects to visit the state normal school at Cedar Falls and on January 23 a visit will be paid to the state university at Iowa City. The state agricultural college at Ames will also arrange for an excursion, possibly later than the one to Iowa City. It is expected also that an excursion will be planned to the new state insane hospital at Cherokee. This institution is just being completed and the work of furnishing it will have begun about the time the legislature adjourns. The Cherokee hospital is said to be the finest in the entire country. It is not the largest, but is said to be superior to any other in the nation in equipment and modern facilities. Representative J. L. Warren expects to take the assembly to Knoxville February 22 to see the industrial home for the blind which it is proposed to convert into a normal school.

Bank Deposits.

State officials, the legislature and financiers have been much pleased by the official statement just issued by Auditor of State Merriam that the bank deposits of the state increased \$1,400,000 during the six months intervening between June and January, according to the statement made by the state and savings banks to the auditor covering their business on December 10. The total deposits now aggregate \$121,852,942. On June 30 last year they amounted to \$120,466,645. Since June 30, 1898, they have grown from \$59,326,458, or more than 100 per cent. These figures are for the deposits in state and savings banks alone. It is estimated that the deposits in the national and private banks amount to as much more and show corresponding growth.

Pardons and Paroles.

The longest pardon message ever submitted to the legislature was sent in by Gov. Shaw the past week. The following is a synopsis of its contents: Full pardons..... 8 Pardons issued paroled persons on expiration of natural limit of sentences... 51 Commutations..... 22 Remissions of fines..... 62 Remissions of forfeitures and judgments... 51 Suspensions..... 244 Pardons from industrial schools..... 11 Revocations..... 46 Applications for pardon by life convicts transmitted to the legislature..... 32

Total number of cases..... 473

During his last two years the governor has followed the policy of paroling such prisoners as made a good showing to him. Of the 244 paroles issued he found it necessary to revoke 45, the persons paroled failing to comply with the conditions imposed, which include monthly reports to the executive office, together with a sworn statement of income and detailed expenditures. The governor's theory is that the state should try to reform instead of punish. He favors a parole and indeterminate sentence law.

Interest on Public Money.

Representative Eugene Secor, of Winnebago county, has prepared a bill for an act to require the state to collect interest on public money deposited in banks. At present the state gets the benefit of no interest, although during the past two years the balance of cash

on hand in the treasury has averaged about \$900,000 continuously. However, the banks have been compelled to furnish the bond of the state treasurer and his deputy, and the cost of these alone would amount to perhaps \$5,000 for the year. Gov. Shaw recommends that the state furnish the bonds for the treasurer, for, as his salary is but \$2,700 a year, he cannot afford to pay \$2,500 for a bond. Mr. Secor drafted his bill in conference with Treasurer Gilbertson, who in his biennial report recommended that the state deposit its surplus funds in banks at interest. The proposed measure will require a minimum interest of one per cent; will require the executive council to let the money to the most responsible and best bidder among the accepted banks; will require the successful bidder to place in the hands of the state sufficient securities to indemnify the state for all possible loss of its money, it being provided that in case of trouble between the state and the bank about the state deposit the state may sell the securities to reimburse itself. There is now a law permitting boards of supervisors to collect interest on public funds in the county treasuries deposited with banks, but it is so worded that so far not a single board of supervisors in the state, it is understood, has taken advantage of its provisions. It may be amended at this session of the assembly to make it effective.

Official Vote.

The official vote of the state as canvassed by the legislature is as follows:

For governor:	
Cummins (rep.).....	226,902
Phillips (dem.).....	143,778
Boates (pro.).....	15,859
Baxter (soc.).....	3,462
Weller (pro.).....	750
Cummins' plurality.....	83,063
For lieutenant governor:	
Herriott (rep.).....	227,371
Ferguson (dem.).....	113,488
Way (pro.).....	12,605
Jacobs (soc.).....	3,291
Engle (pro.).....	706
Herriott's plurality.....	113,882

To Limit Injunctions.

At separate meetings of the executive boards of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Locomotive Firemen, meeting in Des Moines last week, resolutions were passed calling to the attention of the Iowa legislature what is designated as the Hoar bill in the congress of the United States, which seeks to limit the operation of the law relating to injunctions, and asking the general assembly to memorialize congress in favor of its passage. The boards unanimously agreed to request this action on the part of the legislature, and the resolutions will be delivered to that body next week.

To Force Appropriation Bills.

Representative N. E. Kendall, of Marion county, has introduced a resolution into the house providing that no appropriation bills shall be considered by the legislature after February 20, unless introduced before that date. This is designed to force the appropriation bills, which are usually held back to the front for the action of the assembly within a reasonable time from the end of the session, thus to avoid any possibility of hurried action on account of the approach of the close of the session. A three-fourths vote, however, will permit of the consideration of such bills after the date named. Mr. Kendall is not sanguine that the resolution will pass both houses without the string of reconsideration attached to it, but many members endorse it as an effort in the right direction. It has already passed the house.

Iowa War Claims.

Attorney General Mullan has been notified that the treasury department at Washington has transferred the claim of Iowa for \$456,533.29 on account of money advanced by the state during the civil war in the equipment of government troops to the court of claims, where it will be tried and adjudicated. It was expected by the attorney general that the matter would be taken before the secretary of the treasury before reference was made to the court of claims, if any should be made eventually, and this action is a surprise. It is due probably in part to the fact that Gov. Shaw will be secretary of the treasury before the claim can be reached for a hearing in that department, and undoubtedly he would not wish to pass upon it himself. The claim will now be tried in the usual way before the court of claims, at whose head is Joseph Reed, of Council Bluffs, and the state officials and legislature firmly believe that the state will be recompensed for the half million it expended on account of the general government.

State Institutions.

The following is the January statement of the state board of control showing the number of inmates and expenses of each institution in December and the balance on hand in the support funds January 1:

	No. Inmates	Expenses	Balance
Anamosa.....	426	\$10,245	\$8,284
Fort Madison.....	451	9,056	24,617
Clarinda.....	558	12,168	10,678
Independence.....	1,077	12,160	7,528
Mount Pleasant.....	1,023	12,149	8,284
Council Bluffs.....	226	6,782	2,295
Vinton.....	143	2,705	6,629
Davenport.....	470	6,377	6,220
Knoxville.....	226	6,377	6,220
Marshalltown.....	741	10,510	281
Glenwood.....	501	16,135	2,842
Elmira.....	613	11,746	7,751
Mitchellville.....	152	2,738	1,447
Cherokee.....	226	2,641
Total.....	7,139	\$116,217	\$84,258

Schley at Santiago.

The newspaper men of Des Moines have arranged to bring George Edward Graham to Des Moines for a lecture on "Admiral Schley at Santiago" January 28, and it is intended now to send invitations to all the newspaper men of Iowa to attend the lecture. Mr. Graham was representative of the Associated Press and was at Schley's side during the battle. He testified before the court of inquiry. His lecture will be illustrated by 100 views taken on the spot from the flagship of the admiral during the battle.

LEON BROWN.

IOWA STATE NEWS.

Engine Exploded.

The Denver limited on the Rock Island road was wrecked at Victor by the explosion of the locomotive boiler as the train was running through the town at a good rate of speed. The engine was demolished and every coach was thrown from the track, but, strangely enough, none of the passengers was hurt. Engineer W. Williams, of Brooklyn, and Fireman E. Hoar, of Valley Junction, were instantly killed and two porters and a brakeman were slightly injured. Williams, the dead engineer, had been in the service of the road for 28 years, and was regarded as one of the ablest in the employment of the company. The run was not his regular one, he having taken it to accommodate a brother engineer.

A Serious Charge.

Fred W. Wells, of Waterloo, and Ellsworth Morrison, of Cedar Rapids, two youths, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Stewart on the charge of breaking open a lock box in the Waterloo post office, stealing letters therefrom, taking drafts from the letters, forging a signature and cashing the draft. They were held to the federal grand jury.

New Eye Grafted.

Dr. Paul Walter, of Clinton, removed the cornea from the eye of a Belgian hare and grafted it on the eye of William Strickell, of Anamosa, who lost one eye and had the other badly injured in a mine explosion a number of years ago. A filmy growth completely covered the cornea, which was entirely removed and that of the rabbit was substituted.

Stole His Belt.

I. Solomon, a Syrian living at Keokuk, was held up in Kirksville, Mo., and robbed of a money belt containing \$8,500. Solomon had sold out his business in Keokuk and was looking for a location. Two fellow countrymen have been arrested and charged with the robbery. Solomon says one of them held him while the other cut the belt from his waist.

Granted a Parole.

One of the last official acts of Gov. Shaw was the paroling of Hon. A. L. Wood, of Winterset, who has been confined in the penitentiary at Fort Madison for perjury. Wood served in the legislature, was a prominent editor and was postmaster at the time of his conviction. His term was half out.

Married Seventy-Two Years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, of Sibley, with only the heritage of the vigorous physiques of New England's sturdy pilgrims, aided by simple habits and plain living, have come to the ages of 92 and 90, and have celebrated the seventy-second anniversary of their marriage.

Dies with Her Lover.

George A. Smith, aged 30 years, was found dead at the home of Eva Green Ryan in Maquoketa. While the coroner was investigating the woman took strychnine and died in half an hour. She said while dying that she loved Smith and did not want to live without him.

Editors Organize.

The Iowa State Editorial association has been organized in Des Moines, nearly two score of the best known editors in the state being in attendance. C. M. Junkin, of Fairfield, was elected president and W. A. Parrott, of Waterloo, secretary. Meetings will be held annually.

Suicide a Mystery.

John Rolston, a prominent citizen near Marshalltown, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. He was about 67 years old and was wealthy. His suicide is a profound mystery to his friends.

News in Brief.

A Spitzer, a wealthy farmer, dropped dead at the Iowa Central station in Corwith.

Felgar Bros.' general store at Trenton was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$5,000; insurance small.

George W. Bean, one of the pioneers of Osceola county, died at Sibley. He was a member of company H, One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio infantry volunteers, and served in West Virginia.

Richard Williams (colored), has been convicted of murdering William Sharper at Buxton, and the jury recommended a death sentence.

Mrs. M. J. Gast, aged 85, living alone at Grandview, was burned to death.

W. B. Walter's millinery store, the largest in Webster City, has gone into bankruptcy. The assets are about \$1,000; liabilities not known, but large.

Jack Berg, a well-known sporting man in Dubuque, was found dead in bed with his face lying in the pillow. He had been on a spree for two weeks.

Rural free delivery service will be established on February 1 at Steamboat Rock, Hardin county, one carrier; length of route, 22 1/2 miles; population served, 350.

Iowa Spiritualists held a four days' convention in Oskaloosa.

H. C. Adams, of Webster City, was arrested and taken to Iowa Falls. He is charged with complicity in the shooting of a farm hand near Iowa Falls last summer.

Ex-State Senator Dr. E. M. Reynolds died in Centerville of premature old age, brought on by excessive work in his practice.

Harry Hortman has been indicted at Cherokee for murder in the first degree. Hortman, after a quarrel with Miss Florence Porter, shot her twice, and she died eight days later.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Daily Summary of the Work Done by Lawmakers in the Twenty-Ninth General Assembly.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 16.—The legislature yesterday completed the count of the vote cast at the late election for governor and lieutenant governor. The vote on governor was: Cummins a plurality of 83,063 and a majority of 63,117. Both branches also passed a resolution accepting the invitation of the regents of the state university to visit that institution in a body on January 25, the occasion being the dedication of the new liberal arts building. In addition, the democratic members held a joint caucus and placed in nomination for the offices of United States senator to succeed Senators Allison and Dolliver John J. Seerley, of Burlington, and Judge E. H. Thayer, of Clinton.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 17.—No business of importance was transacted in the senate yesterday.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 22.—In the senate yesterday President Herriott announced the standing committees and gave special recommendations to the committees on ways and means and judiciary, urging the necessity of reform in taxing railroads and other corporations, and he made up the committees of men holding reform views on the subject. President Herriott appointed a new committee, to be known as the committee on telephones and telegraphs, to deal with taxation and other matters. Senator Allison was elected for the term beginning March 4, 1900, and Senator Dolliver for the term which began March 4, 1899, the first part of which he has served by appointment of Gov. Shaw. Bills were introduced for the codification of the session laws passed since the code of 1857 went into effect; to legalize primary elections; to prohibit child labor; to permit discrimination in freight rates by railroads for the benefit of manufacturers within the state, and to increase the building tax levy of the state university from one-tenth to two-tenths of a mill.

The House.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 17.—The house passed a resolution yesterday offered by Mr. Kendall, of Monroe, providing that all appropriation bills must be introduced by February 20 and cannot be introduced after that date, except by three-fourths vote. The resolution was debated. Several attempts were made to amend it. Mr. Hasselquist, of Lucas, offered an amendment which excepted bills that might be formulated by a committee. So much opposition manifested itself that he withdrew it.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 22.—In the house yesterday a ballot for United States senators was taken, Allison and Dolliver each having 82 votes and Thayer and Seerley each 71 votes.

PRESENTATION TO HANNA.

Ohio Senator's Efforts to Secure Amicable Relations Between Labor and Capital Recognized.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 21.—Because of his efforts to bring about more amicable relations between labor and capital and because he was conspicuous in the recent conference in New York between a number of prominent capitalists and labor leaders, a hundred or more of his friends in this city thought it fitting to give the senator some reminder of that occasion and its purpose. Accordingly, in Senator Hanna's beautiful home on Lake avenue, the gentlemen who instigated the movement gathered Monday afternoon and arranged that the senator should be present without knowing the purpose of the gathering. The article that will serve as a constant reminder of the senator's efforts for a better understanding between labor and capital is a fine statue emblematic of "Peace." The figure is full length, of the finest marble, and is the work of an Italian sculptor. It stands 4 1/2 feet high on a pedestal 2 1/2 feet high. "Peace" is represented by a beautiful girl holding a cornucopia of prosperity and the wreath of peace. The presentation was made the occasion of a speech by Judge Sanders, of the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, and a fitting response by the senator.

NO PUBLIC ADDRESSES.

President Roosevelt to Refuse All Invitations Until After Congress Adjourns.

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt has decided to decline all invitations to deliver public speeches until congress has completed its work for the session. Exceptions will only be made in cases like the Charleston exposition, where circumstances seem to require his presence in his official capacity. The president made this statement Saturday to Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, who invited him to attend the dedication of a soldiers' and sailors' monument in Indianapolis in May and also to attend the banquet of the National Manufacturers' association at Indianapolis May 21. The president said in pursuance of the above policy that he would not be able to accept either invitation.

Bold Robbers at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20.—Two robbers held up a dozen men in a gambling room over the saloon of Cliff Cole, at Fourteenth and Douglas streets, at four o'clock in the morning and secured the cash box and \$200 in money from the customers of the place. They were captured ten minutes later, however, by a squad of policemen and locked up. They gave the names of Frank Williams and Frank Jones.

Oskaloosa (In.) Merchant Falls.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Jan. 17.—Fred Romer, a retail clothing merchant of this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are placed at \$59,000 and assets \$32,000.

A COLUMN OF FIGURES.

A new potato contains 80 per cent. of water.

An ordinary plow furrow is nine inches wide by six inches deep.

Ninety-five tons of gold and 520 of silver are mined in a single year.

There are 296 life-saving stations along the coasts of this country.

The Dog of Allen, the biggest in Ireland, is in places 47 feet deep.

Mails were first sent by railway in 1830 between Liverpool and Manchester.

A RED PETTICOAT.

Saves a Train from Destruction and Will Bring a Reward to a Little Iowa Girl.

Superintendent L. B. Beardsley, of the Sioux City division of the Milwaukee railroad, has personally taken up the matter of recognizing the heroic rescue of a Milwaukee passenger train by little 12-year-old Elsie Schlosser, of Greenville, Ia., and the girl will be given the choice of a gold medal or a cash reward.

It was but a few weeks ago that the girl, whose home is near the track, saw a horse fastened in a bridge of the Milwaukee line. The animal blocked the way across a trestle 40 feet high. It was almost the hour for the west-bound passenger. Mounting the track, she planted herself squarely in the



ELSIE SCHLOSSER.

path of the approaching train, threw aside her outer dress and waved her flannel petticoat. The engineer heeded the signal and the train stopped, its nose on the bridge.

A red petticoat appears to be a mascot for Elsie Schlosser. The child's life was saved four years ago by being wrapped in such a garment when her clothes had been set ablaze.

KATE SHELLY A CLERK.

Woman Who Saved Northwestern Train in 1881 Given Position in Iowa State Senate.

Kate Shelly has been elected to the position of bill clerk in the senate.

Kate Shelly on the night of July 6, 1881, saved a passenger train on the Northwestern road that was rushing along through a storm toward the Moingona bridge over the Des Moines river in Boone county.

One of the engines which assisted trains up the Moingona hill had gone through the trestle work into the river, and Kate Shelly started for the nearest station, which was nearly two miles away. She made her way to the station just as the engineer was about to open the throttle.

The railroad men of the country rewarded Miss Shelly, as did the Northwestern company, and she was enabled to take a course in Simpson college, the debt on the small home was removed, and her father was enabled to spend his last days in ease.

Miss Shelly is not in good health, and when it became known that she desired a position in the legislature, where she might earn money for the support of herself and aged mother, there was none to oppose.

FORM A TRUST.

Sioux City Physicians Think They Are Poorly Paid and Organize to Secure Increased Fees.

The Sioux City Medical society and the Sioux City Homeopathic Medical society, together comprising about 90 physicians and surgeons, have perfected a third organization, embracing both societies, for the express purpose of forming a trust to maintain fees.

Most of the doctors have been receiving \$1.50 a visit, and it is proposed to raise the price to two dollars. Any physician giving "bargain prices" will be expelled from the societies.

The physicians say that fees have not advanced for ten years, but that office rent and appurtenances cost much more than formerly. All physicians are agreed in forming the trust.

More Than His Share.

C. W. Moore, of Storm Lake, found himself possessed of more than his share of offices when the new year came in. Besides being city assessor and justice of the peace, he was elected last fall as a member of the board of supervisors. The law would not tolerate such multi-office holding, and he could not serve. Fred Schaller, member of the board for several years, has been appointed to take Moore's place.

To Make Pig Iron.

Davenport is to have a three-stack blast furnace for the manufacture of pig iron, and the investigations are now on foot toward its establishment. Eastern capital is behind the promoters and it is expected to raise about half of the capital stock in Davenport in order to make it a local enterprise. The company will be capitalized at \$250,000.

Will Be Hatless.

Rev. George B. Shoemaker, pastor of the First Methodist church in Iowa Falls, requested the hundreds of ladies in his audience to remove their hats. The majority of the congregation responded to the request and an example was set that, if followed, promises to make hatless congregations in the city popular.

Wants Sunday Closing.

Archbishop Keane has organized the clergy and the laity in Dubuque for the enforcement of the mulet law, particularly regarding Sunday closing. Saloon keepers have organized to resist. The question will enter into both parties' choice of candidates for the spring election.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Revived by the Arrest of Charles Thomas in Des Moines as the Slayer of Mabel Schofield.

Charles Thomas has been arrested in Des Moines on the charge of murdering Mabel Schofield, October 20, 1899. In default of \$60,000 bail he went to jail.

He is about 23 years old and the son of a family with which the girl lived while in Des Moines. Her body was found in the river on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 1899. There were no marks of violence, and the physicians were unable to determine if she had been drugged.

No evidence could be discovered by the authorities until recently, when it was found that Thomas had bought "knockout drops" the day before the girl disappeared. A witness was also discovered who was willing to swear that he saw the young fellow taking the girl's body to the river in a carriage. On this evidence he was arrested. The girl was the daughter of Dr. Schofield, of Macksburg, Ia., and came to Des Moines to earn money with which to go to college.

Miss Schofield's parents still live at Macksburg, heartbroken in their grief. The young man to whom she was engaged has removed from the state since the tragedy and is now in Missouri. The coroner who served at the time of the inquest is dead; and the organizer of the citizens' committee, which has been investigating the matter and raised the heavy reward, is dead, but the mystery remains.

The interest of Des Moines is intense in the case. It has not diminished during the two years intervening. The Sunday that the girl's body was found in the river 200 of the girls of the industrial school at Mitchellville, a state institution, went on a riot, tore up all the furniture and crockery, routed the officers, threatened to burn the building, and a score escaped. On the same day the Fifty-first Iowa soldiers, returning from the Philippines, landed at San Francisco. But with all this in view, the interest in the Mabel Schofield case was greater than all else.

JOHNSON IS FOUND.

Discovery of a Man Supposed to Have Been Murdered Clears a Farmer from Suspicion.

By the discovery of Martin M. Johnson near Jefferson, a Nebraska farmer named John Nordstrom has had the suspicion of murder, which has rested upon him for five years, lifted. In February, 1896, Martin M. Johnson disappeared from Omaha, and no trace of him could be found. He was known to have a sum of money, and suspicion was at once aroused that he had been murdered. He had worked for Nordstrom, near there, Nordstrom moving the year before to Wahoo.

Johnson had been solicited by Nordstrom to come to Wahoo and rent a farm and finally sold his effects at Omaha and started, as was supposed, for that place. That was the last seen of him. Inquiry showed he never reached Wahoo. The Omaha papers made a sensation out of the matter and public opinion finally settled down to the belief that Nordstrom had made away with Johnson for his money. As no evidence could be adduced for his conviction, Nordstrom was never arrested.

For five years the friends of Nordstrom, who believed him innocent, have searched for the missing Johnson. A reward of \$200 was offered for Johnson, dead or alive. About a month ago it was learned a Martin M. Johnson lived on a small farm just east of Jefferson. An investigation was made and it was found he was the long-lost neighbor of Nordstrom. Johnson has admitted freely his identity, and has promised to go to both Omaha and Wahoo in order that the people may be satisfied he is the right man and thus right the wrong done to Nordstrom.

Perjury Is Increasing.

Judge Smith, of Mason county, presiding at a term of court in Waverly, in his instructions to the grand jury called attention to the alarming growth of the crime of perjury. "It is a growing evil," said Judge Smith, "and one that should be checked and dealt with in a summary manner." He instructed the members of the jury that where all appearances warranted such action they should return an indictment against the guilty party.

Incorporation Fee Law.

Secretary of State W. B. Martin will ask the legislature to amend the incorporation laws of the state. The present law exempts outside corporations for manufacturing purposes which file their articles in this state from paying a fee. Why this was ever done is a mystery to him. He will ask the legislature to strike out this provision and require them to pay the regular fee, just as an Iowa manufacturing concern would have to do.

Murder Charges Dismissed.

The indictments against George and Oliver Bricker for killing Charles Guild and son Clarence last June was the result of a neighborhood feud were dismissed in Fort Dodge, and the Brickers boys, who had expected to stand trial, are at liberty. The dismissal of the suits is due to the failure of the state to convict George Bricker of the murder of Clarence Guild in the trial last October.

Story Will Not Down.

News on what is believed to be good authority comes from Oskaloosa that a syndicate of which J. P. Morgan has the head is in the field to buy up all the coal mines in Iowa. The rumor was started some time ago and then denied, but there appears to be good ground for the belief that such a deal is being consummated.

James Lane, aged 60, who killed his wife at Alden, Ia., for forbidding drunk to sell him whiskey, pleaded guilty to second degree murder.