

# TO CREATE REFORMATORY

Measure Before the Iowa Legislature for Removal of Convicts Over Thirty-One Years Old.

THE BILL MAY PASS BOTH HOUSES.

Adoption of Woman Suffrage Amendment by the Senate Will Probably Fall in the House—Biennial Elections Meet with Favor—Other Legislative Notes of Interest.

[Special Correspondence.]

Des Moines, Ia., March 3.—An important measure passed by the senate the past week and then reconsidered was the Emmert bill, creating a reformatory at Anamosa and transferring all convicts above 31 years of age to the state prison at Fort Madison. As the bill first went through it provided that judges should sentence to the reformatory without determining the length of sentence to be served. It also transferred from the power of the governor to the state board of control the right to parole convicts confined in the reformatory. Reconsideration of the measure was voted on the grounds that the constitution did not permit this transfer of power either from the judiciary or from the chief executive to another department of the state government. The measure in an amended form will probably pass both houses before the end of the session, as the movement toward the establishment of a reformatory is becoming very popular in this state.

**Wigwags for Indians.**

The legislature is ready to appropriate \$7,000 to buy wigwags and blankets and other supplies for the Indians on the Tama reservation, whose property it has been found necessary to destroy because of the prevalence of smallpox on the reservation for the past year. It is impossible to fumigate the property and the state desires to destroy it and replace it with new supplies. It is thought that the government will reimburse the state for the \$7,000.

**Woman Suffrage.**

The adoption of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment resolution by the senate was not a surprise to the friends or the opponents of the measure. This legislature is the first to pass upon the question. It will have to go through the next general assembly before it can be submitted to the people. It is thought that the house will not pass the resolution. The members are not giving extended consideration to the proposition at this session, because it will fall to the next legislature to determine finally whether the amendment shall be submitted to the people or not.

**Biennial Elections.**

The passage of the biennial elections amendment resolution by the senate the past week was practically unanimous, and there seems to be no doubt but that it will pass the house. There were only five votes cast against it in the senate, and it is said that no material opposition to it will be expressed in the other branch of the legislature. This amendment will also have to pass through another general assembly before it can be submitted to the vote of the people.

**Memorializing Congress.**

A large number of resolutions memorializing congress to pass certain measures and requesting the Iowa delegation to vote in certain ways on certain measures have been proposed in this assembly. One related to the bill affecting swamp lands. Another related to Senator Harris' resolution pending in congress restricting the right of federal judges to issue injunctions during labor strikes, and another relates to the congressional measure strengthening the interstate commerce act. The swamp land resolution was passed by the house, but was put to sleep in the senate. The resolution on the Hoar bill passed the senate but was killed in the house. The resolution with respect to the interstate commerce commission has not yet been considered.

**Last Junket.**

Probably the last junket of the legislature is that arranged to the State Agricultural college at Ames. Trips have been taken to the State normal school at Cedar Falls, to the State university at Iowa City and to the proposed normal school at Knoxville. It was thought that the legislature would attempt to go to Cherokee, but it will not do so, because no difficulty was experienced in securing the appropriation for the completion of the building, amounting to \$138,000 and the extra support fund necessary to put the institution on a basis equal to those in the other institution cities.

**Country Roads.**

An effort is being made in the legislature to get together on the proposition to enact legislation looking to the improvement of the country roads. Several bills have been introduced in the assembly, two of which it is thought will be combined. One of these provides for county organization for the distribution of road taxes to be raised in cash, while the other provides for a township plan. It is believed that the township plan will go through, because a majority of the road districts of the state are in rural communities, in which it is regarded as desirable to retain control of the officers hav-

ing in charge the expenditure of the money raised by road taxes. The principal advantage of the proposed measure is to secure the payment of road taxes in cash, which may be expended under a county or township system, and which will result in a systematic improvement of the road, instead of the present system of haphazard improvement, which is of such a temporary nature as to be absolutely valueless.

**Scheme Defeated.**

The scheme to subject ten per cent. of the wages of the wage-earners to execution on judgment for debt has been defeated by the committee of the house to which it was referred, and the senate itself has discouraged the proposition, although the merchants of the state support the measure. The opposition to it was very strong and extremely bitter. It was regarded as a serious assault upon the rights of labor, not being regarded as in the line of collection of honest debt, but it being assumed that the measure would be used to harass wage-earners to collect illegitimate bills. Another measure which has been practically defeated is that relating to the abolishment of establishments which sell trading stamps to business houses and sell their wares in this way.

**Land Titles.**

A proposition will be submitted to the legislature providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the Torrens system of registering land titles. The bill was of such great length when it came before the committee of the legislature that it was decided not to attempt to go into the merits of the enactment of this proposed measure at this session, but it was suggested that a commission might well be appointed to advise upon the advantages of the system and the proposition for its enactment into law in this state, and this may be provided for at this session.

**Will Visit Boy Murderer.**

It has been planned to send a committee to visit Wesley Elkins, the 12-year-old boy who was convicted of murdering his father and mother and who confessed to the crime. A large number of people have urged the legislature to issue a pardon to this young man, who is now about 22 years of age. On the other hand, the residents of Clayton county, in which the crime was committed, are nearly all opposed to the pardon and have protested to the legislature against it. The pardon committees have planned to send a committee to Anamosa to interview Elkins and decide for themselves whether he is a fit subject for legislative favor.

**Primary Election Bill.**

Considerable attention is now being paid to the Crossley primary election bill. This bill provides for the nomination of all officers from state to township at a primary held by all parties on the same day. It will do away with all conventions of every kind so far as the choice of nominees of parties is concerned. At the primary election, under this bill, whoever secures the most votes as nominee for governor or constable will be the nominee whose name will go upon the official ballot without the intervention of any convention. This measure is said to have been the one which is proposed by Gov. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and which was almost adopted by the legislature of that state.

**State Funds.**

It now appears that the state will have about \$1,390,000 in available funds for appropriation by this legislature. The ways and means committee have decided that the available surplus is nearer \$825,000 than \$700,000, as reported by the auditor and treasurer of state. It is estimated that the tax ferrets will produce during the next two years at least \$100,000. The Spanish war claims amount to \$25,000 and will be allowed during the next two years. The civil war claims amount to \$456,000, and at least \$440,000 of this will be recovered during this biennial period. This makes the \$1,390,000 which is now in sight for appropriation and to which amount, practically, the \$3,500,000 asked for must be scaled.

**Insurance Department.**

The most important legislation introduced into the assembly within the last week has been the bill to provide for the establishment of a department of insurance in connection with the state government. The business of superintending of insurance is now in the hands of the auditor of state, and it is proposed to take it out of his hands and place it in the hands of a commissioner of insurance to be appointed by the governor, and formed and managed on the same basis that these departments are in other states surrounding Iowa and in the east. Auditor of State Merriam is pushing the measure.

**Mine Disasters.**

There is but little doubt that the legislature will adopt the recommendations of the commission appointed under the Kendall resolution to recommend measures in avoidance of mine-explosion disasters, such as that at Lost Creek several weeks ago, in which 21 miners lost their lives. The commission recommended the employment of shot examiners, while the representatives of the miners recommended the employment of shot firers as well. All the members of the commission concur with reference to the recommendations with reference to keeping the mine clean and damp and in using certain methods in drilling for blasting purposes.

LEON BROWN.

## IOWA SOLDIERS' HOME.

Members of a Committee Visit the Institution and Are Well Satisfied with Management.

The members of the soldiers' home G. A. R. committee are well pleased with the conduct of the Iowa soldiers' home at Marshalltown in every particular. As a result of their visit they will recommend an increased appropriation when they have their hearing before the members of the appropriations committees of both Iowa houses. Col. L. B. Raymond, of Hampton, one of the members of the committee, said:

"The recommendations of this committee will be closely along the line of the bill already introduced, although we will recommend a few minor changes. As you know, the principal needs of the home are a new laundry, new kitchen, a hospital building for women and an addition to the heating plant. The change that will be recommended by this committee will not affect in any way the new buildings, but will be in the matter of the appropriation for civilian help. The bill already introduced asks for a per capita appropriation of \$10 for civilian help. The members will ask that the support fund be increased to \$15 instead of \$14 per capita, which would increase the total to about \$8,000."

It costs the state of Iowa to-day practically \$68 per year per member of the home. The home secures for each member about \$168, as the United States government makes an appropriation of \$100 per member, which is paid into the state treasury. The soldiers' home is different from any of the other state institutions from the fact that it has no contingent fund. Out of the support fund it has to pay for everything in the way of repairs and for the general expenses. Almost every other state institution has a farm which is worked by inmates and is more than sufficiently large for the institution's needs, and as a consequence they derive some benefit from the sale of farm products. The soldiers' home has only a small patch for truck gardening, and, although the work is mostly done by the inmates of the home, it is all paid for at a reasonable rate of compensation.

## IMPORTANT LIQUOR CASE.

Involves a Point in Interstate Shipment of Liquors That United States Supreme Court Must Decide.

A case of great importance has just been appealed from Council Bluffs to the supreme court. The appeal was taken by County Attorney Killpack, of Pottawattamie county, under direction of Attorney General Mullan. The case is one of certain intoxicating liquors seized from the United States Express company at Council Bluffs and involves a point in interstate shipments of liquor which will probably have to go to the United States supreme court. The United States Express company carried a shipment of liquor from a dealer in Omaha consigned to 20 persons in Oakland, Ia., cash on delivery. The liquor was seized by a constable on a search warrant, an information having been filed before Justice Butler of that town that the express company was keeping liquor for sale in violation of law.

The prosecution contended that inasmuch as the persons to whom the liquor was consigned paid for it when taking it out of the express company's office, it practically amounted to a sale of the liquor there and then. The proceedings under the search warrant were tried before a jury in Justice Butler's court, which returned a verdict condemning the liquor. An appeal was taken to the district court and Judge Wheeler, at the recent term in Avoca, reversed the finding of the justice's court jury and ruled in favor of the express company. Judge Wheeler held that, under a decision of the supreme court of the United States, to seize liquor while in shipment was an interference with interstate commerce, and that the shipment of the liquor, cash on delivery, virtually constituted a Nebraska case. Several similar cases are pending in various parts of the state and Attorney General Mullan, being anxious to have the question decided by the state supreme court, instructed the county attorney to appeal this case.

## RENOUNCES HIS VOWS.

An Iowa Monk Wants to See the World After Twenty-Three Years Seclusion in a Monastery.

An event unprecedented in the history of the Trappist monastery in Dubuque county is made public. Brother Eugene, for 23 years an inmate, has deliberately renounced his vows, which he took nearly a quarter of a century ago. He has left the monastery and is now looking for some means to earn a living. His name is Joseph Graham, and he came from Illinois when 23 years old. The Trappist rules are the most rigid of any monastic order, and Brother Eugene got tired of them. He wants to see the world. It is stated that his permission to leave the monastery came from Rome.

**A Boy Auctioneer.**

Perhaps the youngest auctioneer in the United States is Clair Gladstone Mason, son of A. P. Mason, of Union, Hardin county. He was born November 15, 1892, and though only ten years of age is a member of the Iowa State Auctioneers' association. He is attending the high school at Union and when out of school is helping his father, who is the best known live stock auctioneer in central Iowa. The elder Mason is mayor of his home town.

**A Dual Life.**

There is much excitement in Council Bluffs on account of the resignation of Supervisor B. G. Auld. It is said that he has for a long time been living a dual life, maintaining a home in Omaha, and it is supposed the woman in the case is the one with whom he has departed, deserting his wife and children.

## THE GRAND ARMY.

Arrangements for the State Encampment to Be Held in Des Moines Are Now Under Way.

Arrangements for the state encampment of the Iowa G. A. R., to be held in Des Moines May 20 to 22, are being perfected rapidly. The local committee expect from 7,000 to 10,000 people here. Soldiers from surrounding states, as well as those from Iowa, will be in attendance. Gov. Van Sant and Commander in Chief Torrance, of Minnesota, will attend the encampment. Reunions will be held by the following and many other organizations: Second Iowa infantry and Second Iowa cavalry, Third Iowa infantry and cavalry, Fourth Iowa infantry and cavalry, Tenth and Eleventh regiments of Iowa volunteers, and the Twelfth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third regiments of infantry of Iowa. The Hornet's Nest and Crocker brigades will also take part in the reunion. The encampment opens with a mass meeting at the Auditorium Tuesday evening, May 20. Gov. Cummins and Mayor Hartenbower will deliver addresses of welcome, and Department Commander George Metzgar, of Davenport, will deliver the address in response. Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, of Minneapolis, will give the address of the evening. Wednesday, May 21, meetings will be assigned to the Auditorium on the West side and the Mirror theater on the east. Gen. G. M. Dodge will deliver the address of the day, and the forenoon will be devoted to various exercises to be arranged later. At one o'clock will occur the grand parade, which will pass over the principal business streets of the west and east sides. At three o'clock, following the parade, the regular and the brigade reunions will be held at the Auditorium and Mirror theater. Gen. J. A. Williams will deliver an address at one of these. Wednesday night camp fires and gatherings of old comrades will constitute the exercises as now arranged.

## HAS GONE AGAIN.

An Iowa Editor Seems to Have a Penchant for Disappearing and Forgetting He Is Married.

Editor O. E. Lathrop, of the Ute Independent, is again indulging in his penchant for disappearing. He has left his wife, his newspaper and his home, and gone, no one knows where. About seven years ago Lathrop went to Belmont, bought a newspaper plant, and had his paper all ready for the press, when he turned up missing. For 2½ years his wife found no trace of him, and then she discovered him in South Dakota, working at his trade as a printer. They own their own home and newspaper in Ute, where they have been five years.

Many hold to the theory that Lathrop is one of those unfathomable psychological cases in which men are said to have dual personality. They believe that Lathrop totally forgets he is married and has a newspaper and takes on his character of old days and goes in search of work at the printer's case.

Mrs. Lathrop was in Sioux City the other day looking for a printer to take charge of the paper.

## INDIAN MOUNDS.

Ancient Burial Places Discovered Along Cedar River That Have Never Been Explored.

There has been discovered along the Little Cedar two groups of ancient burial places which have never been explored. These interesting finds are located in beautiful regions along this stream, and represent the last resting places of members of a strangely interesting race of people, generally known as the "Mound Builders." Long before the advent of the white man upon the soil of what is now called Iowa these primitive people occupied this region as well as other parts of our state. These interesting tombs, Prof. Webster tells us, are to be explored, and may yield results of great importance to those interested in unraveling the mystery which enshrouds the history of the human race. He says the ancient burial mounds located near Charles City have already yielded some of the most famous relics, relating to lower types of men, that science has ever known, and they have long since become world famous.

## EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

Statement Issued Showing Number of Pardons Granted in Iowa Since the Year 1890.

During the past week a statement has been issued showing the number of pardons issued by the governors of the state since 1890. This was brought up in connection with the bill to establish a reformatory. The records show that pardons, commutations, etc., have been issued by the governors since 1890 as follows:

	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	Total
Full pardons	8	9	6	15	18	9	28	28	28	28	180
Commutations	13	6	15	13	6	6	6	6	6	6	87
Remission of fines	53	23	65	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	620
Remissions of forfeitures	5	5	1	6	12	7	6	6	6	6	62
Suspensions	45	159	112	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	800
Revolutions	45	7	15	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	80
Paroles	244	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

**Big Gun for Eldora.**

Through the good offices of Senator J. P. Dolliver, the city of Eldora will receive for ornamental purposes in the public park one of the Spanish captured guns from off the Spanish war vessels sunk during the late war with Spain.

## IOWA LEGISLATURE.

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

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 27.—The senate means committee has recommended for passage the bill to give the state agricultural college an additional one-tenth mill building tax to partially reimburse the state for the cost of the building. Bills have been passed removing the limit of fees charged for the filing of articles of incorporation by the secretary of state (already passed by the house); house bill fixing the salary of the physician at Fort Madison penitentiary at \$75 a month; providing that notices to publish four weeks in succession be published once each week for four weeks in succession. Bills introduced: To appropriate \$5,000 for an equestrian statue of Francis J. Herron on the state capitol grounds; to exempt residents of other states which do not charge fish and game license from paying the Iowa license.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—Iowa woman suffragists won a great victory when the state senate, by a vote of 23 to 16, passed Senator Allen's resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage. The senate committee in the Bruce-Emmert contest from the Cass-Shelby district has prepared a report seating J. C. Bruce, contestant and republican, in place of J. M. Emmert, incumbent and democrat, the ballots giving Bruce 15 majority.

Des Moines, Ia., March 1.—In the senate the bill abolishing days of grace has been defeated. The committee on schools recommended for indefinite postponement the Hazelton bill providing for compulsory free text-books in all of the schools of the state.

Des Moines, Ia., March 2.—The senate ways and means committee has found that it will be possible to change the time of assessing the railroad property of the state from March 25 to August 1, without interfering with the collection of the road taxes. A bill has been passed to appropriate \$7,000 to buy new furniture for the Tama Indians, whose supplies were burned by the state on account of smallpox infection.

Des Moines, Ia., March 4.—The senate has passed the bill changing the date of making of the railway assessment from March 25 to the second Monday in July and giving the railroads until April 1 to file their reports. Senators Trevel, Whiting and Porter have been named as the code commission to superintend the publication of the codification of the session laws of the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth assemblies.

Des Moines, Ia., March 5.—No business of importance was transacted in the senate yesterday.

**In the House.**

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 27.—Bills have been passed in the house making the last registration day the third before election, providing that all polling places shall be selected and prepared by township trustees; exempting property to the amount of \$500, personal or real, belonging to civil war soldiers of the army of the Mexican war. Bills introduced: To appropriate \$5,000 for the erection of an equestrian statue of Gen. Francis J. Herron on the capitol grounds; to give cities power to levy a tax of two mills for library purposes; to provide that when names on liquor consent petitions do not agree with the names on the poll lists the identity of said voters may be shown by competent evidence.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—When the senate memorializing congress to pass and requesting the Iowa delegation in congress to vote for the Hoar bill to restrict injunctions issued during strikes was taken up by the house Mr. Dunham, of Delaware, offered a substitute expressing confidence in the Iowa delegation and whatever action it may take with reference to this subject, and the substitute was adopted. The committee on amendments and suffrage decided to recommend the woman suffrage amendment for indefinite postponement. A motion to report it for passage was defeated 8 to 3.

Des Moines, Ia., March 1.—The house has passed a bill providing a jail sentence or a fine as one of the penalties for perjury. Bills have been introduced providing that in cities where voting machines are adopted the council may include two or more wards in one voting precinct; providing for the holding of osteopathic examiners and for the regulation of the practice of osteopathy.

Des Moines, Ia., March 3.—The house committee on railroads killed the two-cent fare bill, and the bill raising district judges' salaries from \$2,500 to \$3,000 has been passed. The committee on suffrage voted to indefinitely postpone the woman suffrage amendment.

Des Moines, Ia., March 4.—The house has passed the bill changing the time of assessing the railroads from March 25 to August 1, and the time of requiring their reports from February 15 to April 1; also the bill providing that all express companies shall furnish county auditors with plats of their lines, and changing date of assessments to second Monday in July. The committee on appropriations recommended for passage the Warren bill appropriating \$100,000 for a women's reformatory at Anamosa, to which women between the ages of 16 and 26 are to be sent.

Des Moines, Ia., March 5.—In the house yesterday the bill authorizing one-fifth of a mill tax for the support of the state university failed to pass.

**To Remove to Minneapolis.**

Marshalltown, Ia., March 3.—The general accounting department of the Iowa Central railroad will be removed to Minneapolis, April 1, and Frank Nay, auditor of the Minneapolis & St. Louis, will be auditor of both properties, retiring T. M. Wasson, the present auditor of the Iowa Central. This is the beginning of the consolidation of the roads.

**Shows Phenomenal Growth.**

St. Paul, Minn., March 5.—The annual meeting of the National Association of Cooperative Mutual Insurance companies opened here Tuesday. President W. D. Forbes, Des Moines, Ia., called the meeting to order. The address of President Forbes outlined the phenomenal growth of mutual insurance companies in the United States.

**Relative of Sherman Dead.**

Des Moines, Ia., March 3.—Frank Sherman, an attorney, son of Maj. Hoyt Sherman and nephew of Gen. William T. and Senator John Sherman, died here Saturday morning at the age of 45 years, as the result of a paralytic stroke received five weeks ago while visiting his wife's grave in Woodlawn cemetery.

**TOLD OF WOMEN.**

Miss Susan M. Hallowell, professor of botany for the past 27 years at Wellesley college, has tendered her resignation. Her retirement withdraws from the faculty ranks the last member who served in the opening year of 1875.

Mrs. E. L. Stafford, of Washington, maintains and supports a mission out of her own private income in a curious group of ivy-grown stone buildings, erected during the revolution, along the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. It is known as the "Towpath Mission."

## IOWA STATE NEWS.

**Gagged and Beaten.**

Robbers bound, gagged and beat into insensibility James Farrell and his sister Gertrude at their home in the country near Dewitt. The victims were found at noon. Both were unconscious and it is feared their injuries would prove fatal. There was evidence of a desperate struggle, in which the robbers proved to be masters. An empty chloroform bottle and a handkerchief were found in the house, which had been ransacked. One of Farrell's arms was broken in three places and his body was covered with bruises. The mother was away visiting relatives and it was not known what booty the robbers secured.

**Charges Fraud.**

Gilbert S. Gilbertson, state treasurer, and his business partner have filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against Thomas Crenshaw, a grocer in Council Bluffs, who disappeared February 10. They allege that a few days prior to his disappearance they sold the Crystal Lake bank to him, but received no cash, having extended him credit for the purchase money. They further allege he induced the cashier to issue to him a number of certificates of deposit aggregating over \$20,000 and then fled.

**Wants Damages.**

Charles A. Anderson, of Whiting, has filed a claim with the state department at Washington for \$30,000 damages for the death of his sister, Hilda S. Anderson, who was killed by the Boxers in Mongolia province, China, in 1900. Another sister was killed in China during the late uprising against foreigners, but she was a citizen of Sweden. Hilda S. Anderson was naturalized at Rockford, Ill., in 1897, and went to China as a missionary for the Christian alliance.

**Lost an Ear.**

George Collon, of Decorah, lost his left ear on a door hinge at John Hundt's saloon in La Crosse, Wis. He came from the woods with considerable money. After he had drunk some he attempted to leave the place and fell against the partly-closed door. His ear was impaled on a knob on the top of the lower hinge and his weight closed the door on the member, tearing it off.

**Fort Des Moines.**

Secretary Root has signed an order directing that the new military post to be established near Des Moines be called Fort Des Moines in memory of the original fort established in 1842, at the junction of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers by Capt. James Allen's company of First dragoons and Capt. J. R. B. Gardiner's company of First infantry.

**Independent Telephone.**

The voters of Davenport have approved a franchise for an independent telephone company that will enter the field against the Iowa Telephone company. By the terms of the franchise the new company is to pay two per cent. of its gross earnings to the city for five years, and three per cent. thereafter, and is to charge but about half the present rentals.

**Escaped from Jail.**

At Steamboat Rock William Sharpshier hid his way out of jail with the aid of outside persons. He was recaptured and taken to Eldora for safe keeping. He has since been released on bonds of \$1,000. His first offense was that of intoxication, but breaking jail has put a more serious phase on the situation.

**Controls Many Acres.**

Articles incorporating the Iowa Central Land company have been filed in Marshalltown. The company controls 200,000 acres in North Dakota, along the Northern Pacific, involving the investment of \$750,000. Prominent local capitalists and Iowa Central officials are back of the deal.

**News in Brief.**

George Connor, an Iowa Central brakeman, was run down and killed by a switch engine in Oskaaloosa. He was going to work and was walking through the yards. The engineer was a brother-in-law.

The board of supervisors has decided to build a new concrete bridge across the river at Waterloo, and has appropriated \$25,000.

"Grandma Harro Harris" celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday in Cedar Falls. She is in good health and attends to her household duties. She lives alone.

S. Clyde Williams, captain of the 1900 baseball team of the University of Iowa, has been selected by the Iowa board of athletic control to coach the baseball team this spring. He will also manage the team.

The county seat fight is again on between Keusett, and Northwood. Kensett people have secured pledges for \$20,000 to be expended on a new courthouse.

Mother Mary, of Angels, founder of the Order of the Sisters of Humility at Mary, died at the home convent in Ottumwa, aged 74, of pneumonia.

An explosion of gas at Aplington, Butler county, wrecked a large new brick and stone block of Arends & Krammer and three persons were burned.

The post office at Campton is to be discontinued. It has a unique record. On September 1, 1857, A. C. Brown was appointed postmaster and has held the office ever since.

J. W. Van Sant, father of Gov. Van Sant, of Minnesota, died at his home in LeClaire.

The three-year-old child of Adolph Schaben died in Lemars from the effects of eating matches.