

NO NEW NORMAL SCHOOL

Vote in the Legislature Indicates That Proposition Has Finally Met Its Waterloo.

LARGE MAJORITY AGAINST UNEXPECTED

State Politics Beginning to Interest Members of the General Assembly—Governor Expected Soon to Announce Several Appointments—Other Notes of Interest.

[Special Correspondence.]
Des Moines, Ia., March 10.—The impression is prevalent in the legislature that the vote on the proposition to erect a state normal school at Knoxville, will have the effect of permanently disposing of additional normal school propositions in this state for several years to come. The vote was 62 to 26 against establishing the additional school. The result was a surprise to the friends of the normal school movement in general, as well as to the friends of the Knoxville idea especially. So large a majority against the proposition was not expected. It is even said that some of the 26 who voted for it out of courtesy and as a compliment to Representative Warren, who had charge of the measure. Whatever the facts are about this, the members of the legislature are free to express themselves as entertaining an opinion that normal school establishment will not be brought to the attention of legislatures in the immediate future.

Tax Levy Defeated.

The defeat of the additional tenth mill tax levy for the state university by the house of representatives and the difficulty which the measure experienced in getting through the senate was the surprise of the session. It was not believed when these bills for additional levy for building purposes at the state university and at the agricultural college were introduced that they would have very much difficulty in passing through, but when a vote was taken in the house it stood 42 to 42, and the university bill was declared lost. A motion to reconsider was filed. When the bill was taken up in the senate some very strong speeches were made against it, and upon passage the number of votes against it was surprisingly large.

Uniform Insurance Policy.

An important measure has been introduced in the assembly which is being backed by all the insurance companies, namely, the enactment into law in this state of a uniform policy, based on the policy in use in the state of New York. Two or very important insurance measures are now being considered by the assembly. One is for the enactment of a valued policy law, and the other is the establishment of a state insurance department. The former measure was passed by the legislature two years ago, and was vetoed by Gov. Shaw. The insurance department is a new proposition, and is being backed by Auditor of State Merriam.

To Aid Trolley Lines.

The bill which passed the senate several weeks ago, authorizing the people to vote a five per cent. tax in aid of interurban trolley lines, passed the house of representatives without much difficulty the past week, and is now a law. It is thought that this measure will encourage the building of these lines between cities by electric companies, and it has given an impetus to the 40 or 50 lines of this character which have already been projected.

Appropriations.

Senator Garst, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, is authority for the statement that the appropriations committee figures that it will not have to exceed \$200,000 with which to make extraordinary appropriations after the appropriations asked by the state board of control for the 14 institutions under its charge have been made.

State Politics.

The question of state politics is beginning to interest a large number of the members of the general assembly and candidates for nominations by the state convention of this summer are beginning to be announced. There are already in the field seven candidates for clerk of the supreme court, subject to the action of the republican state convention. These are:

C. T. Jones, of Washington, the present incumbent, who seeks a third term.
J. C. Seward, former clerk of Lucas county, and a resident of Clinton.
John Crockett, of Eldora, former clerk of Hardin county, and at present second assistant clerk of the house of representatives.
J. E. Whelan, of Red Oak, state bank examiner, and formerly deputy auditor of state.
Henry Bousquet, of Knoxville.
C. G. Stranahan, former county clerk of Ringgold county, a resident of Mt. Airy.
M. A. Buchan, of Grundy Center.

For auditor of state there are four candidates in the field at present. They are F. F. Merriam, of Delaware county, the incumbent, who seeks a third term; Amos Brandt, present deputy auditor of state, a resident of Des Moines; Joseph Wall, auditor of Ringgold county, and a resident of Mt. Airy, and B. F. Carroll, of Bloomfield, editor of the Republican, of Davis county.

For supreme court reporter, Benjamin I. Salinger, of Carroll, will be a candidate for re-nomination for a third term. Bills are pending in the legislature, however, to make this office appointive instead of elective, and if such a bill passes it will not be necessary to nominate candidates for this office this year.

For secretary of state, W. B. Martin; for treasurer of state, G. S. Gilbertson; for attorney general, C. W. Mullan, and for railroad commissioner, E. A. Dawson, it is thought, will have no opposition.

Places to Be Filled.

It is expected that Gov. Cummins will announce appointments of officers in connection with his administration of state affairs about the middle of this month. A number of important

places are yet to be filled. Among these are labor commissioner, dairy commissioner, custodian of the capitol building and member of the state board of control. His appointments for custodian and member of the board of control must be confirmed by the senate during this session. Judge L. G. Kinne is the outgoing member of the board, and it is understood that he will be reappointed and the appointment will be confirmed by the senate. J. D. McGarragh is the present custodian of the statehouse, a position which he has held for four years, and he is not a candidate for re-appointment. T. W. McCurdy, of Indianola; W. H. H. Meyers, of Emmetsburg; Capt. J. W. Parmelee, of Des Moines, and H. C. Murphy, of Des Moines, are candidates for the appointment.

For labor commissioner there are now five active candidates.

Now a Law.
The legislature passed without any opposition the measure proposed by Gov. Shaw and Gov. Cummins and the state executive council, extending the time for making the assessment of railroads from March 25 to August 1. This measure has been signed by the governor and is now a law. Heretofore the assessment of railroads has been made before the assessment of other property of the state was known, so that it was impossible to equalize the value of railroads as related to the value of other property. The law requires the executive council to equalize the assessment of all property except railroads during the month of July, so that it is now possible under the new law for the council to take into consideration the value of all kinds of property, including railroads, when it equalizes values in the month of July.

The Reformatory Bill.

Much difficulty was experienced by Senator Emmert, author of the Anamosa reformatory bill, in securing its favorable consideration by the senate, and it was only after material changes had been made in the bill that it was able to be favorably considered after it had been passed once and reconsidered in order to permit the offering of amendments which changed its form. In its original form it took away from judges the right to determine the length of sentence under any circumstances. With the amendments offered and adopted the length of sentence to which persons committed to the reformatory and the prison shall be subjected is fixed by the court, and not upon the motion of the officers of the institutions. The right to pardon and parole from the reformatory, as well as from the penitentiary, is lodged specifically in the governor, instead of in the board of control.

Indigent Children.
Representative Calderwood, of Scott county, has introduced two very important measures relating to the care of indigent children. He proposes in one measure to prohibit the caring for children between the ages of two and 16 years in poorhouses in this state. It is estimated that there are 150 children of this age confined in the pauper institutions kept by counties. Representative Calderwood also proposes to make the children in the orphan's home at Davenport charges upon the state, instead of charges upon the counties from which they are sent. The board of control is authority for the statement that in the case of friendless children counties more frequently send them to the reform schools, because the state pays the expenses of the inmates of those schools, than it does to the Davenport home, where the counties themselves would have to pay the expense of keeping the children so sent. It is to remedy this condition that it is proposed to make the children in the orphan's home charges against the state treasury and not against the treasuries of the counties. It is thought that this will save a large number of children from the stigma of having been inmates of the home for indigent children.

Salaries of Officials.
Considerable juggling with reference to the salaries of public officials is being indulged in in the legislature. Bills were introduced providing for the payment of a salary of \$4,000 to district judges instead of \$2,500. When this bill went to the house committee it cut the salary from \$4,000 to \$3,300. When the house took the bill up it raised the figures from \$3,300 to \$3,500. When the bill went to the senate committee, this committee cut it from \$3,500 to \$3,000. Members have notified the committee that amendments would be offered on the floor to restore the salary to \$3,500. The impression prevails that in the end the measure will be so adjusted as to pay the judges \$3,200 or \$3,300 a year.

Memorial to Congress.
A matter of greater import has come to the attention of the legislature in the form of a memorial to congress. This resolution has been introduced in the senate by Senator Trewin and affects the action of congress upon the interstate commerce law. Senator Trewin's resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, it is generally believed that the effectiveness of the interstate commerce law has been seriously impaired by certain decisions of the federal courts and that the law in its present state is practically inoperative in remedying the evils of the transportation service of the country, which was the purpose of its enactment; and

"Whereas, a bill designated as H. R. 8,327 and S. F. 3,575, known as the Nelson-Corliss bill, is now pending in the two houses of congress to amend the interstate commerce act by conferring upon the commission created thereby additional powers, for the purpose of enabling it to enforce the provisions of the act, and giving its rulings immediate effect pending review by the courts; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the senate, the house concurring, that the senators and representatives in congress from this state be and are hereby respectfully requested to give such measure careful consideration, and to use their efforts in every proper way to secure its early enactment, or the enactment of some other measure which will afford the relief sought."

LEON BROWN

A WONDERFUL RECORD.

Held by an Iowa Engineer Recently Placed on the Retired List by the Northwestern Road.

Engineer L. Sisco, who celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday anniversary in Clinton, undoubtedly holds the most wonderful record of any locomotive engineer in the world. On the first day of last January he was placed on the pension list of the Northwestern company after 42 years of continuous service in the employ of this company as an engineer. The following facts will be read with interest:

During the 42 years he rode in the cab a distance of 1,402,297 miles—nearly far enough to have made three round trips to the moon. Had he kept his engine going in the same direction he would have circumnavigated the globe 59 1/2 times. If stood on top of each other it would take 1,252,354,670 men to represent the distance traveled in an engine by Sisco.

Taking 24 feet as the average length of a freight car, he would have pulled a train of 217,788,476 cars. With an average of 20 tons to the car he would have pulled 6,356,664,280 pounds of freight. Taking four cents a mile as a basis for compensation he has drawn from the Northwestern Railway company the sum of \$56,061.85.

When Engineer Sisco first commenced to work on the Northwestern road the line was but 28 miles long. This was in 1857. He was given an engine April 28, 1860. The line then extended west as far as Cedar Rapids. He is one of the surviving engineers who ran Pioneer engine No. 1, later called the "Piston." The engines then were all wood burners.

One of the most remarkable phases of Sisco's career is he never had an accident of any consequence and has never been laid off for a day. He has worked under 11 master mechanics. Sisco has been a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the past 22 years. His last run was made on engine No. 555, which pulled the Des Moines passenger.

Engineer Sisco says he has lived to see a railway on which 40 miles ago 20 miles an hour could not have been made without strewing the track with wrecks improved until 100 miles an hour can safely be made by one of the new Northwestern locomotives.

NICELY TRAPPED.

Young Clarence Deal, of Waterloo, Made One Too Many Deals with a Girl for His Comfort.

Clarence Deal was arrested in Waterloo on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was keeping company with Miss Minnie Stoddard, a waitress at the Logan house, who had accumulated \$250 which she had on deposit in a bank at Manchester. Deal persuaded her to allow him to take the money giving her a deed to a lot which appears to be in the Cedar river. He skipped for Utah and then wrote her of an opportunity to double the money of the loan if he could secure \$100 more.

Advised by an attorney, she wrote an affectionate letter but sent no money. Letters followed in the hope of trapping the young man and effecting his arrest, and it worked. He returned to the city and sent her a note asking that she meet him at the station. When Deal appeared, Sheriff Law placed him under arrest. His relatives will return the money to Miss Deal and she will not prosecute.

DESERTER CAPTURED.

Soldier Who Tired of Army Life and Escaped Taken by Officers in Des Moines.

Two officers from Fort Crook, Omaha, arrived in Des Moines and took charge of Irwin Jamieson, a deserter who was captured there. Jamieson enlisted but a month ago. He was royally entertained at the quarters in Des Moines and well cared for in the shape of Pullman car service en route from Des Moines to San Francisco, where he was sent February 1. After reaching the barracks at Presidio, and engaging in the real army life he deserted, concluding that the way of the soldier was not all strewn with roses. He had managed in some way to get back to Iowa, but was caught when he reached Des Moines. The penalty for a willful desertion is a dishonorable discharge and from six months to a year in the penitentiary at hard labor. Jamieson is but 18 years of age.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Farmers in Blackhawk County Warned by Land Inspector Against Grafters.

The farmers in Blackhawk county have received warnings from the government land inspector against grafters who are working Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois in the rural districts, enlisting farmers as prospective homeseekers in South Dakota. They propose to file homestead claims on the payment of \$10 down and the securing of a note for \$90. The field in which they propose to stake claims is the Indian reservation of Gregory county, S. D. This reservation has not been opened to settlers, although there is now a bill pending in congress. In case it is opened the homeseekers can procure it for \$2.50 per acre.

Settled with the Railroad.
Andy Rude, of Moorhead, who was injured in the railroad wreck at Missouri Valley on December 18, from the effect of which Frank Adams lost his life, has settled with the railroad company for injuries received at the same time, the company paying him \$1,050 and transportation for one year.

Goes to Grant Western.
It has been unofficially learned that George A. Goodell, for many years superintendent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, in Cedar Rapids, has accepted the position of general superintendent of the Chicago Great Western railway, with headquarters in Minneapolis.

TWO MRS. HARGENS.

Dark Side of the Romance of a South Dakota Doctor—Deserted Wife Lives in Iowa.

Living with her children in a little hotel in Council Bluffs is a quiet little woman, who until a year or two ago thought life worth the living and who had one of the pleasantest homes in all South Dakota. The woman is the divorced wife of Dr. Charles W. Hargens, of Hot Springs, S. D., who recently was married at South Bend, Ind., to Mrs. Pearl Carey Hunt, of New York city. The marriage of this couple was made the subject of columns of newspaper space because of its romantic character and was a society event of state wide importance in Indiana. But the dark and seamy side of the romance was not told, and perhaps was known only to the bride and bridegroom, who must have felt a tinge of remorse at the wrong done the faithful little woman whom Hargens cast aside for the eastern belle. The facts in the case are as follows:

Thirteen years ago Dr. Hargens was the principal of the school at Little Sioux, Ia., and the woman he married was a teacher. Their association ripened into love and finally culminated in their marriage a year later. Mr. Hargens in 1891 went to Chicago and studied medicine, graduating in 1895. He soon came to this city with his wife and settled down to the practice, but later removed to Hot Springs, where he soon became one of the leading and most prosperous physicians.

The married life of the Hargens was the pleasantest, so relates the former Mrs. Hargens. About two years ago, she alleges that Mrs. Hunt came to the springs, ostensibly to receive treatment, but in fact to gain a residence in order to secure a divorce from her husband, who is a prominent New York business man. Dr. Hargens was called as her physician and during a month's absence of Mrs. Hargens from the city on a visit, she says, he formed an attachment for the Hunt woman and then he returned to his home and did everything in his power to get his wife to secure a divorce. This she refused to do till she saw that further living with him was out of the question and then he left her.

The day that Mrs. Hunt secured a divorce William K. Vanderbilt came to Hot Springs and is said to have asked her to become his wife, which he had repeatedly done both before and since, it even being intimated it was his money that paid her expense of securing the divorce. Dr. Hargens is now mayor of Hot Springs and has but recently returned there with his new wife.

DOES IT AGAIN.

College Debaters Once More Defeat Carleton (Minn.) Students in a Contest.

Carleton college, at Northfield, Minn., was defeated in debate at Mount Vernon by the lusty men of old Cornell. The contest was close, and one of the judges thought Carleton was a winner. The other two sided with Cornell.

This was the second meeting of the two colleges, and Cornell won the honors before, the meeting place being at Northfield. Carleton's representatives in the last debate were Burnquest, Crane and Edwards with E. A. Ath as substitute.

The debate attracted a large audience, and the victory of the Cornell team was cheered to the echo. The question was the election of senators by popular vote.

MAKE A REPORT.

Cooperative Society at Rockwell Did a Large Volume of Business in the Last Fiscal Year.

At the annual meeting in Rockwell of the Rockwell Cooperative society Agent Frank Campbell reported that during the fiscal year the total volume of business transacted was \$616,294. This was about \$8,000 less than last year, accounted for by the grain yield being reduced by about one-third. The business was handled at an expense of about \$4,000. The treasurer's report showed assets of \$36,447 and liabilities of \$24,482.

J. E. Treston was elected president to succeed J. N. Brown. Speeches on the trust problem were made by N. Densmore and on the work of the organization by Thomas McManus. About 300 of the stockholders were present.

Want More Pay.

The labor unions are becoming restive in Sioux City. The barbers have refused to acquiesce in the order of the master barbers to observe the eight o'clock closing hour, but will quit at seven. A barbers' strike is expected. President C. J. Sykes, of the Carpenters and Joiners union, announced that the carpenters would demand an increase from 25 cents to 30 cents an hour. The building in Sioux City will be unprecedented this year and the carpenters have chosen an opportune time to present their demands.

New Examining Board.

The new board to examine and license osteopaths is to consist of five members appointed by the governor for terms of five years each. The first board is to be appointed from members of the Iowa Osteopathic association, and their terms will begin May 1, 1902. Provision is made for licensing osteopaths from other states without examination, and for making requirements for Iowa osteopaths to meet to secure statistics.

New Arch Bridge.

Waterloo's new Melan arch concrete bridge across the Cedar from East Fourth to Bridge street, when completed will be the finest municipal and county bridge in the state of Iowa. The structure without the paving and cement sidewalks will cost \$53,174, and with these additions will represent an expenditure of practically \$57,000. Of this amount the county pays \$25,000, the city assuming \$32,000.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

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

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—In the senate a bill has been passed prohibiting children under 14 from working in any mine, factory or workshop, unless first securing a certificate from the president of the school board that indigent parents need the labor. A fine of from five to one hundred dollars is provided. The committee on compensation of public officers decided to recommend bills for passage increasing the salary of the governor from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year; increasing the salary of district judges from \$2,500 to \$3,000; the deputy attorney general from \$1,200 to \$1,500; placing the salary of county superintendents at \$1,250. The house has already passed a bill raising the salaries of district judges to \$2,500.

Des Moines, Ia., March 7.—The senate committee on appropriations has reported a bill to complete and decorate the state capitol, one-half of the appropriation to be expended in the ensuing biennial period.

Des Moines, Ia., March 8.—The senate insurance committee has reported without recommendation the valued policy bill. A bill has been introduced to levy one-tenth mill tax for the erection of buildings at the State normal school at Cedar Falls.

Des Moines, Ia., March 12.—The senate committee on appropriations has favored the board of control institution appropriation bills, aggregating \$783,877. A resolution memorializing congress to pass a measure strengthening the interstate commerce law has been passed. Bills have been introduced to fix auditors' salaries as follows: In counties of less than 20,000 population, \$1,200; 15,000, \$1,400; 25,000, \$1,600; 35,000, \$1,800; 45,000, \$2,000; 50,000, \$2,200; over 50,000, \$2,500; to complete state historical building and appropriating \$300,000. The railway taxation bill has been passed.

In the House.

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—Bills have been passed in the house providing that all annual appropriations shall begin July 1, whereas they now begin on different dates; making certain changes in the number of rural and city state offices to be printed and distributed; correcting the laws relating to probate fees so as to make them cover estate of \$7,000.

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Des Moines, Ia., March 12.—The board of control omnibus bill, carrying with it appropriations aggregating \$731,575.50 has been recommended for passage by the house appropriations committee. Bills have been passed requiring the filing of transcripts in condemnation proceedings with the county auditor; making taxes levied on buildings as personal taxes a lien thereon; transferring the associate traveling libraries from the state library board to the Iowa library commission and providing for the extension of the work of the commissioner.

THE OMAHA TORNADO.

Much Damage Is Caused by the Storm, But No One Is Seriously Injured.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—The wind, rain and hailstorm which visited Omaha and Douglas county at two o'clock Tuesday morning was the heaviest in the history of this vicinity. It struck Omaha near Monmouth park, in the northern part of the city, and moved northeast, the greatest severity being experienced in the neighborhood of Thirty-third and Larimore streets. Although perhaps 50 buildings were more or less damaged, nobody was seriously injured. Telephone and electric wires in the path of the storm were strewn over the streets, and a great number of poles were torn out. Franklin school, one of the largest in the city, had to be abandoned temporarily. A large chimney was blown into the roof, which caved in and demolished the interior of several rooms. Small buildings were blown about in an easy way, and several barns were torn to pieces.

The Monmouth Park M. E. church was literally torn to pieces. Several greenhouses were wrecked by the hail. Immanuel hospital was badly damaged by a large chimney being blown through the roof. Several new-by towns in this county report the worst storm for years. It was particularly severe at Valley and Elkhorn, and at the latter place a Union Pacific train was struck by a falling coal chute and considerable damage done to it, although no one was injured. At Florence, three miles north of the city, and where the city waterworks are located, the storm twisted several buildings from their foundations, but the waterworks plant was not affected. In Central park lightning struck several barns and was one of the elements that contributed to the havoc in this city.

INTERESTING NOTES.

The latest battleships of the King Edward VII. class are to have four 12-inch guns, four nine-point-two's, and ten six-inch.

American capitalists are reported to have taken the initial steps toward establishing a system of public automobiles in the city of Manila.

Last year 26,000 new houses were built in London. Probably they are now filled by 130,000 people, the population of a large borough. This is the way London grows every year.

IOWA STATE NEWS.

Fire Causes Panic.

Fire destroyed half a block of buildings in the heart of Marshalltown, caused panic in a hotel, entailed a loss of \$75,000, and resulted in injuries to several guests and employees of the Tremont hotel. The injured are: Lulu Stephens, waitress, back severely sprained, internal injuries, serious; Mrs. Bessie Madden, waitress, leg broken; Birdie Myers, waitress, ankle broken; J. H. Jayne, landlord, feet burned; Jacob Kunkle, cook, hands and face burned, serious, and George C. Steffe, salesman John Church company, Chicago, ankle sprained. Forty guests of the hotel had but little time to escape, as the flames spread rapidly, cutting off avenues of escape. The screams of the girls aroused the guests, many of whom jumped from the first floor balcony to the pavement in their night clothes.

Buys His Freedom.

After five matrimonial ventures David Ashmore, of Mitchell, has bought his freedom for \$100. That is the price agreed upon between himself and wife. He has paid her the money, and she has relinquished all claims upon him as her legal mate. She was formerly Mrs. Frank Darling, and at the time of her marriage to Ashmore Darling was living and raided the house with a gun, but was refused admission, and since has held his peace. Ashmore is worth \$25,000.

Parole a Handicap.

Fred Bradley, a convict who was pardoned by Gov. Shaw Christmas day, has been ordered recommitted to the penitentiary by Gov. Cummins. He was serving a term for forgery. Influential friends obtained his parole and secured employment for him with the Northwestern railway. After three months of freedom he resigned his position and notified the governor that the handicap of mere parole was unendurable.

A Serious Charge.

Lee Van Scow, a farmer in Calhoun county, has been arrested charged with maiming his three-year-old son. His boy had the scarlet fever and refused one day to take medicine, whereupon the father, it is charged, secured a chisel and cut out almost all the teeth in the child's jaws, inflicting a deep wound in the roof of the mouth and breaking the jaw bone. Van Scow is under bonds.

Sentenced to Prison.

Mrs. Mary Linhoff has been sentenced in Mason City to two years' imprisonment for fatally shooting Edward Bromley August 30, 1901. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between Mr. and Mrs. Bromley on one side and Mr. and Mrs. Linhoff on the other. Mrs. Linhoff alleged she shot Bromley to save her husband's life.

College Orators.

The state oratorical contest in Des Moines resulted as follows: First, Glenn A. Mitchell, Iowa Wesleyan university, Mount Pleasant; subject, "The Blot on the Scutcheon." Second, A. R. Kent, Cornell college, Mount Vernon, "The Constitution and the Union." Third, S. G. Fisher, Drake university, Des Moines, "John Ruskin."

Arrested for Opening Mail.

United States Deputy Marshal Nealy arrested and took to Clinton from Maquoketa Dr. G. A. Larkey, charged with opening mail belonging to Dr. Bernadon. He was taken before United States Commissioner Keefe and bound over to the federal grand jury.

Instantly Killed.

A fatal premature mine explosion occurred at Eagle Bench, a small mining town. Henry Pohlman, aged 24, was instantly killed in the explosion, which occurred near the bottom of the shaft. Two others had a narrow escape from being killed.

News in Brief.

Bob Fitzsimmons, the race horse which made a record of 2:07 1/4 last season, has been sold in Sheffield by Butler Throssel, his owner, to buyers in Manitoba for \$5,000. He was once offered for sale for \$40. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson visited the State Agricultural college in Ames and addressed a mass meeting of faculty and students.

There are not enough houses in Cedar Falls to supply the demands of tenants.

N. W. Gale, of Waterloo, has perfected an improved disc used in cream separators and has sold the right to manufacture the machines to the Clinton Separator and Engine works for \$83,000.

John L. Beldinger, of Des Moines, has been appointed a teacher at Fort Mojave Indian school, Arizona.

Rural free delivery service will be established on April 1 at Lucas, Lucas county, with one carrier; length of route, 25 miles; population served, 483.

Col. Lafe Young, editor of the Des Moines Daily Capital, has been sued for \$4,367 by the state, which seeks to recover that amount because of alleged overcharges made by Col. Young while state binder.

Gov. Cummins has signed the bill setting aside \$7,000 for the smallpox work on the Tama Indian reservation.

The sum of \$9,663.55 was paid out at the Des Moines pension agency for the last week in February, and \$60,734.30 for the whole month.

Samuel Bowman, the oldest resident of Eldora, died at the age of 85 years. His wife survives him. They had been married 64 years.

John D. Cummings, late a traveling salesman for Charles E. Thornburg & Co., cigar dealers in Sioux City, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$150.