

IOWA NEWSPAPERS.

A QUEER STORY. [Dubuque Telegraph.] The story told last week of an Iowa City attorney being robbed while on a train near Cedar Rapids has been explained. The young attorney was born and raised in this city, and it is said he came into possession of \$3,000 in a rather queer manner, and Sunday night a woman arrived in Dubuque and before she left here yesterday she called on the young attorney and his father got the money that the young man claimed was stolen from him.

A BULLET'S WORK. [Council Bluffs Nonpareil.] Lieut. Williams, of Shenandoah, who served with Company B, First Iowa, during the campaign of the regiment in the Philippines, is in the city for the purpose of undergoing an operation for the removal of a bullet from his thigh. He got the ball on August 9, 1899, during the advance on Calicut. It passed through his thigh, lodged in the other. Of late it has been bothering him some and he has decided to have it removed. The operation will be performed by Dr. Donald Macrae, Jr., at the W. C. A. hospital the latter part of this week.

RAILROAD MEN GOING EAST. [Mason City Globe-Gazette.] Alex Moll returned this forenoon from the east, where he has been in conference with General Manager P. D. Underwood, of the B. & O. Mr. Moll has accepted the position of trainmaster on the B. & O. with headquarters at Grafton, Va., at a salary of \$175 per month. He will leave Saturday for his new field of usefulness. He is an excellent railroad man and is one of the kind that commands promotion by exceptional service. It is not known who will be his successor here, but the local sentiment is in favor of C. H. Higgins, who would be the unanimous choice of the city. While Mr. Moll's friends tender their hearty congratulations, there is mingled with them sincere regret that social circles are to be deprived of his presence, and also that of his estimable wife.

SMOOTH SWINDLE. [Fort Dodge Messenger.] Sheriff Dodge has received a card notifying him to look out for some swindlers who are working a peculiarly clever swindle. This swindle is about as smooth as could be imagined. It is the third time, Mr. Dowd says, that he has been notified of this being worked since he has been in office. The scheme is to select some piece of land in the county which is owned by a non-resident proprietor, forge a deed to the land and have a trustee prepared and the forged instrument recorded on record. Then armed with the abstract, which declares the regularity of the proceedings, they will go to some loan agency and secure a loan for as much as the land will stand and then disappear. The first working of the scheme of which Mr. Dowd has been notified was worked in Blackhawk county, near Waterloo, the swindlers securing \$2,000.

IOWA GIRL IN WASHINGTON. [Keokuk Gate City.] Col. Davis Henderson, new speaker, is the father of a splendid daughter, who will now rapidly come to the front in the social circles of Washington, although she is by no means unknown at present—in fact Belle Henderson is very popular. The young lady has spent much of her time in Washington, where she has for some time attended Mt. Vernon seminary, and is very accomplished musically, possessing a sweet voice, and is able to skillfully play her own accompaniments. Miss Henderson in appearance greatly resembles her father—her eyes are blue, complexion faultless, and her hair a soft chestnut brown, while in stature she is tall and very graceful. She has none of the whimsical and nonsensical notions that many of the devotees of society possess, and besides enjoying the old-fashioned idea of extending hospitality as well as being entertained also gives much of her time to reading and study.

WOOLSON'S OVERWORK. [Washington Press.] Judge John S. Woolson broke down under overwork. But much of it was unnecessary. For instance, he was a petit juror in his court for three weeks a few years ago. Nearly every case was that of a boot-legger. The cases were as like as two peas. We ground out four or five, or even seven or eight in a day. Yet he was painstaking in the last one as in the first, giving the same identical verbal instructions, five to fifteen minutes long, in one as in another. In that one item alone, there was expenditure of nervous force, of concentration of mind, and of breath that in the aggregate was enormous, and not at all necessary. Some juries, similarly evidence in all the cases, same principles to be applied, substantially the same facts, and the juror got to laughing at the instructions, and could almost anticipate them, word for word, as you can repeat many a deacon's stereotyped prayer. The same weary, wearisome repetition was not needed, and it made lots of wear and tear on him. But he was painstaking, and wore himself out in that kind of practice. He did not husband himself. And in other respects he is said to have left details to others. When Governor Kirkwood went into the interior department he tried to cover the whole ground, examining everything, leaving nothing to subordinates, and he, too, was weary with unnecessary work. A man can't do every thing in this world, and he is foolish to try. There are some revelations about the Spanish "tomorrow."

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL. [Delmar Journal.] The Journal has little patience with a large contingent of the press of the state, who, for the purpose of hearing the multitude of slanders now being sprung against the board of control, and for a purpose. That purpose is to influence the legislators to favor the re-establishment of the old trustee system of government of state institutions whereby the state was annually dieted for upwards of \$100,000. Originating in the Anamosa Eureka, at whose town the penitentiary is located, or in the Vinton Eagle, at which town is the college for the blind, or in other local papers published where some state institution is located, these lies and slanders—mere talk and gossip—were bandied about over the state by thoughtless editors, to "fill up" space, being added to as they are passed along, until many good people really believe that something "horful" ails the board of control. But does it? Under

the old system, the towns in which public institutions were located had a snap. The local board would run the institution, hire all kinds of labor and paid all kinds of prices for what was needed, using up the appropriations as fast as they could for the benefit of the business men of their home town. Now that things are different, and something like economy is being instituted in the place of extravagance the business men who have heretofore fattened on state appropriations are howling. The papers that are supported by these business men are howling for the reinstatement of the old order of things. But a state institution is an institution of the state, and there is no reason why the little town in which it happens to be located should have a monopoly of furnishing supplies for it or be given a free hand to rob and plunder. The board of control is composed of men of the very highest character, an ex-governor, an ex-judge of the supreme court, and another man, none of whom would do a wrongful act, and that's just what all of the noise is about. If they would let these business interests in general make their own "touch the state" as they used to do, they would be the nearest kind of fellows and nothing would be said. As it is, it is different, and we, for one, are glad of it.

IOWA NEWS ITEMS

WASHINGTON—Robinson & Wilson put in some forty new phones here this year, and will soon have 300, and they are connected everywhere. The plant has cost them some \$21,000 and will make satisfactory returns.

SPORTS—Work on the interior of the Midland theater is progressing rapidly. The fresco artists are at work on the putting the finishing touches on the balconies and boxes.

BOONE—The little son of Deputy Sheriff T. B. Holmes has been suffering seriously from the effects of being kicked by a horse recently. It was thought Monday that the little fellow could not live but he was much better Tuesday and hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

IOWA CITY—The P. E. O. society has pledged \$100 towards the lifting of the great \$5,000 debt hanging like an incubus over Close hall. The canvass, under the general guidance of Secretary Fellinichman, combined with success and the act of the P. E. O.'s is richly appreciated.

VINTON—The Eagle records an accident that may easily happen at this slippery season. Isaac W. Vannice had the misfortune to break a leg last Thursday. He was going home and at the time crossing the railroad on Washington street he slipped and fell breaking a leg just above the ankle.

OTTUMWA—Eleven cases of typhoid fever were reported in this city last month. Chairman Hyatt, of the sanitary committee, reported that many of the wells of the city are in a deplorable condition and that many of the cases of typhoid fever recently reported are doubtless traceable to the water supply.

MASON CITY—The Cerro Gordo Poultry show opened Tuesday morning with a good list of entries. The outlook for a successful show never was better in the history of the association. Exhibitors from distant towns and neighboring states are coming in and there is a bewildering array of fancy birds on exhibition.

REMSEN—Six was the number of passengers out of Remsen Wednesday evening on route for Europe to remain during the winter months. They are: Adam Nagal, Pauline Nagal, Charles Graves, Herman H. Hines, George A. Warkner and Henry Haller. A large number of their friends were at the depot to see them off.

COUNCIL BLUFFS—The affairs of Odalaska O. Ingram, the Mt. Airy man who has failed for more than \$100,000, have been taken into the federal court in this city in two separate actions. One of these is an attachment issued by the John S. Brittain Dry Goods company for \$7,900.58; the other is a petition of other creditors to have Ingram declared a bankrupt.

MUSCATINE—Lieut. A. A. King, who has been spending sometime at home since his appointment to his position in the army left Wednesday evening for Governor's island, where he has been ordered to report. He does not know what will be his duties for awhile, with the exception that he is sure ere long to reach Cuba, where his regiment is now stationed.

GLIDDEN—The farmers living north and west of Glidden are nearly all connected with the town by the telephone system which extends out about eight miles. It is very convenient and satisfactory to all concerned. Rev. Kenneth Brown of Lewistown, Mont., will arrive this week to take charge of the Presbyterian church. This pulpit has been vacant since October, when Rev. Fred S. Tower was called to the charge at Carthage, Ill.

DUBUQUE—Work was started Tuesday on the construction of a large warehouse which will be erected on Jones and Iowa streets. The building will 120x10 feet and will be used for storage of building materials. The work on the large building is being pushed along on the river front just below Jones street, is progressing rapidly. This building will 125 feet and forty-five feet high. The building of these houses is indicative of a thriving business.

LE MARS—The libel suit instituted by John Zurawski against Alex Leitch, general manager of the American Tourist Association, in the district court, was given to the jury on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and at 7 o'clock they had arrived at a decision. The sealed verdict was opened in court and it was found that the jury had returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$1,500. At the former trial the plaintiff was allowed \$3,000 and the verdict was set aside on the ground that the amount of damages allowed was excessive.

NEVADA—Journal: The storm for the past few days has delayed the survey for the D. & N. Co., but with favorable weather the work will be rapidly pushed forward. It is reported that in the line will run through Radcliffe, Iowa Falls, Hampton and then to Osage and will also touch several small towns on the route that lie directly on the line. Arrangements are now being made for the purchase of material for the construction of the section between this city and Des Moines. While the Iowa Falls company are running a line survey to Des Moines, their action is taken only as a bluff by the D. & N.

O. people, and will not affect the building of the original project in the least. Word has been received from Colo that the Iowa Falls surveying gang of 12 men arrived from the north in that city Saturday. Their proposed line in that west part of Colo and will probably run through Collins and thence to Des Moines.

CLINTON—Catherine Hurley, of Albany, Ill., has brought suit in the district court against William Hurley, to set aside a decree of divorce. In her petition plaintiff states that in 1892 defendant filed a petition for a divorce in the district court of Clinton county, that the decree was granted without her knowledge. She alleges that the divorce was secured by fraud, inasmuch as the petitioner was not a resident of this county as stated in his petition. Plaintiff further alleges that the notice was published in a paper without a general circulation and that she was not apprised of the fact that suit had been brought against her until several years after the divorce had been granted.

DAVENPORT—The appropriations laid to carry on the work of the city of Davenport during the ensuing year will amount to \$24,500, if the recommendations of the finance committee are accepted. The committee met Monday at the city hall and canvassed the situation, and then turned a list of figures over to City Attorney Scott to frame into an ordinance. Mayor Baker has not yet taken a hand in the financing, and may recommend some changes in the list. Of the sum named above, \$100,000 goes to the police, water, light and fire departments, and the rest is for running expenses in other lines and for improvements. The sum of \$43,999 is set aside for the paving fund, and will be available for use in repairing streets and paving intersections.

SIOUX CITY—A remarkably quick piece of work was that Monday in which the horse and buggy belonging to Sim T. Huber, a west side liveryman, was recovered and the man who sold it placed under arrest. It took just thirty minutes to get the job, and before the liveryman knew his car had been sold, Frank Walker, the man who hired the rig, drove into Morning-side and offered it for sale at \$30. A man named Peters telephoned the police that a stranger was offering a cheap rig for sale and suggested that they investigate the matter. Detectives went to the place where the rig had been sold and he took charge of the case. Shortly after he left the car he met Edward Pinner in a buggy, and he drew up near the sergeant and asked him how he liked his new rig, saying he had just bought it for \$30. The rig was soon found on a car and arrested.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa. Capt. C. G. Demmon is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Ghalibe. Under date of March 2, 1887, from Yrriburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by druggists.

More Good Towns. The B., C. R. & N. railway is rapidly making headway on its new line from Washington to Rock, Minn. The line, when completed, will be about thirty-five miles long and will open the richest part of the country in southwestern Minnesota. The line is now complete to Reading and will soon be open to Wilmont. Both of these towns are in a fine part of the country, and mechanics and professional men can find a good opening. Address all inquiries to Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Those wishing to locate at Maple Hill or Luzon, on our new line from Armstrong to Esterville, should address Mr. John Dowd, at Rock, Minn. For such information as they desire, John G. Farmer, A. G. P. & T. A., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Kill That Pain—Mull's Lightning Pain Killer, Twenty-five cents. For sale by the McBride & Will Drug Company.

Puerto Rico. Three tours of the beautiful island of Porto Rico are scheduled to leave Chicago January 11, February 15 and March 8. Special Pullman sleeping and dining cars will convey the party to New York, then on board the splendid new steamship, the Porto Rico, to San Juan, through and around the island by rail, automobile, carriage and boat. Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

These select limited parties will be under the special escort of Mr. Walter Boyd. Attend under the management of the American Tourist Association. Robert Campbell, general manager, 1423 Marquette building, Chicago. Itineraries, maps and tickets can be had on application to the agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

Mexico. On Tuesday, January 23, a special vestibule train of Pullman palace cars, compartment, dining room, library, observation and drawing cars will start from Chicago, going to the City of Mexico and to the other prominent cities of the republic and back to Chicago again without change, making the tour of all Mexico complete. The party will be strictly limited and absolutely first-class. Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

The tour is under the personal escort and direction of Mr. Robert Campbell, general manager of the American Tourist Association. For maps, books of the tour, tickets, etc., call on agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Home-seekers' Excursions. On Nov. 7 and 21 and Dec. 5 and 19 the Iowa Central will sell round-trip home-seekers' excursion tickets at a rate of one fare, plus 25 cents in the territory—Arkansas, Arizona, British Columbia, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Manitoba, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan; also to points in the southeast. For particulars inquire of agents or address the undersigned. George S. Batty, G. P. & T. A., Iowa Central railway, Marshalltown, Iowa.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. All druggists.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL.

[W. Dudley Mabry in "Self Culture" for December.]

One hundred years ago the spirit of the immortal Washington took leave of this world. Although he had nearly completed his sixty-eighth year of life, every indication promised him yet many years more in which to enjoy the respect and affection of his countrymen. Nature had endowed him with a superb physique and sound constitution. In his prime he stood six feet and one inch in height, weighed from 210 to 220 pounds, and possessed the agility of a panther and the strength of a lion. To any other man of his age and labor, and regularity of habit had developed and preserved his physical powers to a remarkable degree. They had never been impaired to the slightest extent by any vicious habit. No vice had ever been able to fix its gnawing teeth upon his fiber, and his indelible character. He had therefore come nearly to the allotted "three-score years and ten" erect of form, with the glow of health upon his cheeks, with natural force unabated and eye undimmed. Unhappily he was able to mount his spirited horse and take a hard ride in the morning. He had therefore come nearly to the allotted "three-score years and ten" erect of form, with the glow of health upon his cheeks, with natural force unabated and eye undimmed. Unhappily he was able to mount his spirited horse and take a hard ride in the morning.

How incredible, therefore, it seemed, when he arose that fateful Friday morning in his accustomed health and spirits, that he had but one more night to live. The morning of the 14th of December he awoke heavily in bed. The cold December air. After breakfast Washington went out to make some improvements in front of his home called Mount Vernon. Soon a drizzling rain began to fall, which turned first to sleet and then to snow. He returned into the house with dampness upon his cheeks and snow clinging to his venerable hair. He was asked if he would not change his clothes, but he replied that it was not necessary, as his great-coat had kept him dry. His method of dressing was to put on his great-coat first, and then his other clothes. He then took up some labor task and dinner was called. After dinner he again resumed his occupation. At about two o'clock in the afternoon he complained of chilliness and nausea, but continued his labor. In the evening he went to bed, and in the night he awoke with a chill. He called for a doctor, but he died before the doctor could arrive.

GEORGE WASHINGTON. Born Feb. 22, 1732. Died Dec. 14, 1799.

The public officers of the county of Lincoln, Iowa, have the honor to announce that the order of the procession was as follows: Troops, Horse and Foot. Officers: Capt. J. G. Demmon, 1st Regt. Iowa Cavalry. The order of the procession was as follows: Troops, Horse and Foot. Officers: Capt. J. G. Demmon, 1st Regt. Iowa Cavalry.

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, Iowa, at Adjourned November, 1899, Session. Monday, Dec. 14, 1899. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present, T. P. Marsh, A. A. Robinson and W. B. Williams. The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted: Resolved, That official bonds of officers for the term beginning Jan. 1st, 1900, be fixed as follows: County treasurer, \$25,000. Superintendent of schools, \$3,000. Sheriff, \$25,000. County surveyor, \$3,000. Coroner, \$2,000. Deputy treasurer, \$10,000. Deputy sheriff, \$3,000. On motion of W. B. Williams, the following transfers of funds were ordered: County road fund to the bridge fund, \$6,720. County insane fund to the poor fund, \$1,500. At 2 p. m. the VanVranken road case came up for hearing under the original petition and remonstrance thereto. Evidence was taken, but final decision reserved until the next day. Adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Board convened as per adjournment, all the members present. At 10 a. m. the matter of purchasing a tower clock came up for hearing before the board and the committee from the city council of Marshalltown. Propositors presented by the Seth Thomas Clock Company, Howard Watch and Clock Company, Johnson Temperature Controlling Company and the Western Tower Clock Company, were opened, and after a lengthy examination, the system presented by the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company were accepted, and on motion of A. A. Robinson, the following contract was made: This agreement, made and entered into this 14th day of December, 1899, by and between the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, party of the first part, and the board of supervisors of Marshall county, Iowa, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five hundred and eighty dollars (\$2,580.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid as hereinafter provided, hereby agrees to furnish and place in position in the tower of the Marshall county court house, in complete running order, a No. 3 hour striking tower clock, arranged with hands for four dials ten feet in diameter, to strike bell of 2,000 pounds, also four sectional iron and glass dials ten feet in diameter, illumination regulator, one Meneely & Co., West Troy, N. Y., bell, of 2,000 pounds, all set up in complete running order in tower, using cast iron weights. One-half inch plate glass to be used in center of dial, one-quarter inch or double thick German glass behind figures. To be completed by February 15th, 1900. This clock to be made in the best manner possible, the wheels being made of hard hammered brass, the teeth

Washington, the servants Christopher, Caroline, Molly and Charlotte, and the housekeeper, Mrs. Forbes. The query may arise why Washington, who was a communicant of the Episcopal church and distinguished for his reliance upon the guidance and help of God, should not have the presence of a minister of religion with him in his last moments. He did, though not one ordained as such; for his devoted wife, the sincerity of whose piety he had known for so many years, knelt much of the time at his bedside with her face in his, and reading upon the Bible which for fifty years she had made her counselor, and ceased not to pray for the good man whose joys and sorrows she had shared for forty memorable years. Who can doubt that in this ministry the dying man found more consolation than he would have found in that of any other, whether man or angel.

The following Wednesday noon was fixed at the time for the funeral. Extensive preparations were made for the solemn event. Military and civic societies arranged to participate in the obsequies. The sad day soon came, but the hour of the funeral was postponed until the arrival of the military organization of Alexandria. The coffin, which was made in Alexandria, was of mahogany, lined with lead, and covered within and without with black velvet. On the lid at the head was a plate on which was inscribed: "Surge ad Judicium."

On another plate, in the middle, was the inscription: "Gloria Deo." While on a small silver plate in the form of an American shield was the inscription: "Surge ad Judicium." The funeral was held at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, 1899. Board convened as per adjournment, all present. The entire day was spent in examining claims filed against the county. Adjourned to Thursday morning. Board convened as per adjournment, all present. Examination of claims completed and warrants ordered drawn for those allowed.

The resignation of J. E. Williams as a member of the soldiers relief commission was accepted and W. B. Williams appointed to fill the vacancy created thereby. J. C. Bullock, clerk of the courts, presented a report of fees collected for the month of November, amounting to \$240.00. The resignation of C. S. Hutson, constable in Greencastle township, was on motion of W. B. Williams accepted. On motion of W. B. Williams the vacation of the road petitioned for by P. J. VanVranken was granted, providing said petitioner pay into the county treasury the sum of \$500 on or before the 30th day of December, 1899, for the sole purpose of improving by grading or otherwise the roads now located on the south and east sides of the north-east quarter of section 17, township 33, range 18, and provided further, that said money shall be expended on said roads by June 1, 1900, and that said said date said road so vacated shall remain open for the use of the public. Bids for bridge material for the year 1900 will be opened and considered on Dec. 20, 1899, at 2 p. m.

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Bids for doctoring the poor in Marshalltown and vicinity and the insane and pauper at the county farm, will be considered Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1900, at 2 p. m. Bids for furnishing coffins, burial robes and conducting county burials will be considered at 2:30 p. m. of the same day. Minutes of the session were read and approved. Board adjourned sine die. Per term and adjourned. T. P. Marsh, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. A. A. Robinson, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. W. B. Williams, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. T. P. Marsh, Chairman. F. W. HARGRAVE, Clerk.

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Bids for doctoring the poor in Marshalltown and vicinity and the insane and pauper at the county farm, will be considered Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1900, at 2 p. m. Bids for furnishing coffins, burial robes and conducting county burials will be considered at 2:30 p. m. of the same day. Minutes of the session were read and approved. Board adjourned sine die. Per term and adjourned. T. P. Marsh, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. A. A. Robinson, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. W. B. Williams, 4 days, 4 months, \$400. T. P. Marsh, Chairman. F. W. HARGRAVE, Clerk.

County Affairs. Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, Iowa, at Adjourned November, 1899, Session. Monday, Dec. 14, 1899. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present, T. P. Marsh, A. A. Robinson and W. B. Williams. The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted: Resolved, That official bonds of officers for the term beginning Jan. 1st, 1900, be fixed as follows: County treasurer, \$25,000. Superintendent of schools, \$3,000. Sheriff, \$25,000. County surveyor, \$3,000. Coroner, \$2,000. Deputy treasurer, \$10,000. Deputy sheriff, \$3,000. On motion of W. B. Williams, the following transfers of funds were ordered: County road fund to the bridge fund, \$6,720. County insane fund to the poor fund, \$1,500. At 2 p. m. the VanVranken road case came up for hearing under the original petition and remonstrance thereto. Evidence was taken, but final decision reserved until the next day. Adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Board convened as per adjournment, all the members present. At 10 a. m. the matter of purchasing a tower clock came up for hearing before the board and the committee from the city council of Marshalltown. Propositors presented by the Seth Thomas Clock Company, Howard Watch and Clock Company, Johnson Temperature Controlling Company and the Western Tower Clock Company, were opened, and after a lengthy examination, the system presented by the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company were accepted, and on motion of A. A. Robinson, the following contract was made: This agreement, made and entered into this 14th day of December, 1899, by and between the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, party of the first part, and the board of supervisors of Marshall county, Iowa, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five hundred and eighty dollars (\$2,580.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid as hereinafter provided, hereby agrees to furnish and place in position in the tower of the Marshall county court house, in complete running order, a No. 3 hour striking tower clock, arranged with hands for four dials ten feet in diameter, to strike bell of 2,000 pounds, also four sectional iron and glass dials ten feet in diameter, illumination regulator, one Meneely & Co., West Troy, N. Y., bell, of 2,000 pounds, all set up in complete running order in tower, using cast iron weights. One-half inch plate glass to be used in center of dial, one-quarter inch or double thick German glass behind figures. To be completed by February 15th, 1900. This clock to be made in the best manner possible, the wheels being made of hard hammered brass, the teeth

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