

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Scientific optician, Wollman, 409 B'way. \$2.50 rates cut to \$1.50 and \$2.00 rates cut to \$1.00 per day, why the New Ogen is doing the business.

All the services of a high priced hotel can be had at the New Ogen for the same money you pay at a boarding house.

French chef, experienced waitresses, obliging clerks and a genial landlord makes the service at the New Ogen unexcelled.

C. B. Viavi company, female remedy. Medical consultation free Wednesday. Health book furnished. 124-25th St. Merrick block. "Protestantism and its Chief Doctrine" was the subject of Rev. Litherland's sermon in the Second Presbyterian church yesterday.

Rev. John Askin, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church, chose for the subject of his lecture last evening "John Wesley and Methodism."

Members, Bell & Kent leave for Eureka, Ill., this week, where they left the contract for a \$75,000 court house, for which they have drawn the plans.

The Ladies of the Macabees will meet in regular session Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Beno Hall. All members are requested to be present for initiation.

Wanted—A man with general acquaintance in Council Bluffs, to canvass for a well known Omaha investment. State experience and references. Address, F 54, Omaha Bee, Omaha.

The Woodmen of the World Guards meet every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the hall on Tuesday nights as heretofore. Every member is requested to be present.

The police authorities were notified yesterday that the bridge over the Missouri river is in an unsafe condition, as a result of the flood the other night.

We offer clean, crisp, snow-white laundry work, prompt service, and take special care in handling all of the laundry, including dresses of all kinds, and can please you. Eagle Laundry, 724 Broadway.

Street Commissioner Morris gave employment to ninety men in the last two days of the week, and will continue the work with about the same force for several days this week. Broadway is closed from 10th to 12th streets from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock. The mud deposited upon the paving in the vicinity of the North-western depot by the Thursday night's storm sufficient to require a large force of men to remove.

At the Bohoney tonight the curtain will be held until ten minutes to 9 to enable the clerks of the various stores to witness the opening of "Fair Virginia," the merchants having kindly agreed to let all of them go to fifteen minutes to 9 to attend the performance. The company carries all of the Fifth avenue and 14th street shows. It is staged here in identically the same elaborate manner as in the large cities, none of the Bohoney scenery being used.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Farm Loans. For lowest rates on good farm loans call at the office of D. W. Otis, No. 133 Pearl street, Council Bluffs. Money ready and loans closed without delay.

APPEALS ON BEHALF OF IOWA.

Governor Drake Addresses the People of Iowa for Charity's Sake.

Mayor Carson received yesterday copies of a proclamation by Governor Drake calling upon the charitable people of Iowa to contribute to the stock of grain and food that is being collected for the relief of the famine-stricken people of every railroad in Iowa, including all of the trunk lines and their feeders, have consented to carry free whatever contributions of grain that may be left at any of the stations in the state. It is necessary for this grain to be promptly distributed to the long journey through the tropics, and arrangements have been made to forward all of Iowa's contributions to St. Joseph, Mo., where they will be immediately hauled to Port Costa, Cal., without charge by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads. All of the Iowa grain reaching St. Joseph will be immediately hauled to Port Costa, Cal., without charge by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads. All of the Iowa grain reaching St. Joseph will be immediately hauled to Port Costa, Cal., without charge by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads.

Governor Drake's communication to Mayor Carson is accompanied by letters and circulars from the officers of the relief committee, and another set of letters, which are for the purpose of taking charge of the contributions and forwarding them. Hon. Hoyt Sherman is chairman of this committee, and other well known members are Arthur A. Haney, Edwin H. Conger, Colman J. D. McGarragh and Hon. W. L. Carpenter. In the letter addressed to the mayor by the committee the following is outlined, and the details to be followed by each shipment until it reaches the Pacific coast is given. The corn will be transported in a government car from Port Costa to San Francisco.

Governor Drake's communication also announces the appointment of a committee of Council Bluffs men whose names have been suggested by Senator Pusey, which will be to take charge of the work here. The committee consists of U. J. P. Hays, Fred H. Hill, J. S. Davis, Otto Kolk, H. Oren, and W. Wyman and W. J. Carroll. Mayor Carson issued a call last evening for this committee to meet at his office this evening for the purpose of organization.

A couch this week \$1.50 at Durfee Furniture Co., 205 and 207 Broadway.

Daughter of the Revolution. One of the most interesting old women of Council Bluffs is Mrs. A. Ostrander. She is one of the "daughters of the Revolution," and although being 80 and 80 years old is in excellent health and has lost none of her mental vigor. She is the daughter of David Woods, an officer in the Continental army, who fought the battle of Bunker Hill, Lexington, Horse Neck and on other historic fields. He died in 1835. His daughter remembers the war tales her father told, and at the present time is assisting in nursing a little stranger who belongs to the fourth generation of her family.

Boston Store Flooded. The store will be closed until 2 p. m., when drainage will be adjusted. The leakage was discovered Sunday morning. The water pipe on the third floor was found leaking and penetrating through, doing considerable damage in upper department, including curtains and portieres, also our entire line of books. All damaged goods for sale on second floor at 2 p. m., at prices to close quick. Council Bluffs, Ia.

Board of Education Committees. There is some misapprehension as to the personnel of the committee appointed by the president Morgan when he was chosen as the presiding officer of the board at the last meeting. The committees are: Teachers—Spruit and Sims. Finance and Accounts—Thomas and Spruit. Fuel and Heating—Moore and Thomas. J. Sims and J. Robertson. Grounds and Buildings—Robertson and Moore.

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NEXT TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Much Inquiry is Made Concerning the Coming Gathering.

ATTENDANCE WILL LIKELY BE LARGE

Program Contains Many Interesting Features and the Southwestern Iowa Association Will Be Well Represented.

There has been an extraordinary interest in the program that will be observed at the meeting of the Southwestern Iowa Teachers' association, which meets here on April 1, and lasts three days. The inquiry gives reason for the belief that the attendance will be greater than at any previous meeting of the association. One feature that gives considerable interest is the great number of inquiries from Nebraska. This is not to be accounted for altogether by the fact that a number of prominent Nebraska educators have been placed on the program, but is attributable to the character of the gathering and its accessibility to Nebraskans. State Superintendent Sabin has issued an appeal to the school boards and the public, in which he says: "The attention of teachers, school officers, and friends of education is called to the program. It is strongly urged upon school officers to allow teachers to attend these meetings without loss of time. This has been done at other meetings with the happiest results. Teachers and schools will be benefited by this course. County superintendents are expected to call the attention of school officers to the program. We desire to see a large gathering of rural school teachers at Council Bluffs. City teachers and country teachers can learn from each other's experiences. School officers should be there in large numbers, for mutual consultation and advice. The meeting at Council Bluffs in 1896 was a great success. It was attended by 1,200 teachers, and the numbers and enthusiasm." Below are the salient features of the program:

Thursday, April 1.—Forenoon and afternoon sessions at the school building. 8 o'clock, Presbyterian church music; Council Bluffs High School orchestra; recitation, recitation, recitation. 9 o'clock, address by Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and J. H. Blesley. Missouri Valley; address, "Reading in the Public Schools," Prof. A. M. Newsom, Iowa State University. 10 o'clock, address by Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and J. H. Blesley. Missouri Valley; address, "Reading in the Public Schools," Prof. A. M. Newsom, Iowa State University. 10 o'clock, address by Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and J. H. Blesley. Missouri Valley; address, "Reading in the Public Schools," Prof. A. M. Newsom, Iowa State University.

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By List, the execution of which gave her the undisputed title of an artist.

Conversation cards and floral favors of white carnations and daffodils were presented to the guests at the home of Mrs. J. D. Nash, 124-25th St. Merrick block, numbers, each representing a topic. Five minutes were given for the selection of company for the different topics. No name was permitted to appear on one's program. The president, calling order, announced topic No. 1, "What Would You Do With a Million Dollars?" To the quiet of the scene was one pleasing to the eye, though rather trying on the ear, and the steamer "Imagination" was crowded with passengers bound for Europe, some for sight-seeing and others for perfecting themselves in some special art. Each topic was discussed and enjoyed, as were also the refreshments, lemonade and water, served from booths, prettily decorated with small bouquets of pink and white, and the club colors, and by maidens.

Grateful with gentle brow, Cheeks tinged lightly, with dove-like eye, and all hearts blossomed, as they passed them by.

And thus passed the remaining hours. The members of the club, in the good cheer, were congratulated upon the success of these pleasant meetings, which occur once in six weeks, when friends are asked to meet with them.

The Current Topic club met with Mrs. Consigny Friday evening. Rev. Mr. Irvine gave an interesting talk on "Tolstoi."

Mrs. B. C. Barclay, one of the teachers in the schools, had the misfortune Monday to break her left arm near the wrist. She had gone about a block from the hotel for soft water. Around the cistern was a small catch of ice, which brought her down. The result, it evidently took something more than broken bones to keep her from school duties, as each morning she may be seen walking to school, carrying her arm, and carrying the injured member in a sling.

Dan Cool and Miss May Livingston sprung a surprise on everybody Wednesday evening by going to the United States and asking Rev. Mr. Gilford to make two, one, which was promptly done.

Miss Lizzie Grant of North First street, Council Bluffs, had the honor of attending the Saturday club reception.

Miss Ethlyn Barclay of Council Bluffs spent Saturday and Sunday in Avoca, the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Nash.

Dr. W. W. Harsba, professor of systematic theology in the Omaha seminary, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hart departed Wednesday noon on a southern trip of a month or six weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Nash entertained at 5 o'clock Tuesday, complimentary to Miss Lizzie Grant of Council Bluffs. Covers were laid for Miss Lizzie and Ada Group, Mrs. J. D. Nash, Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. S. C. Hart and Mrs. F. M. Beymer.

The Avoca High Five club was very popular in their recent visit to Council Bluffs. Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and J. H. Blesley, the prizes for the month past were awarded. Miss Nellie Larimore receiving "beside the bonfire" and "beside the stove" and Mrs. C. H. Norton a china cup and saucer.

Mrs. Emil Hagoebek of Carson was visiting home folks, Mrs. Dulin and family Saturday.

Mrs. Covington will attend the wedding of her sister at Malvern, Ia., Wednesday. Mrs. Orr of Oakland will accompany her.

The Saturday club will entertain at George Wright Saturday afternoon, with an attendance of thirty. Mrs. Ida Rollins, recently from the Kansas City Ladies' college, gave a pleasing reception.

Mayor Barton won the majority honors with becoming grace and dignity, and the curfew continues to ring promptly at 8:30.

HOPE TO GET HUNTER REMOVED.

Des Moines Patriots Making Capital of the Postmaster's Lobby Deals.

DES MOINES, March 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Des Moines postoffice fight has been suddenly precipitated by a sensation in the legislature. Postmaster E. H. Hunter, whose term will expire July 1, 1908, has become involved in some unfavorable relations with the lobby at the state house, and a move has been started to secure his removal. Mr. Hunter makes lobbying a business during the legislative sessions. The recent action of the legislature in the lobby developed facts which have been decidedly embarrassing to Mr. Hunter. He was the chief of the lobbyists of the building and loan corporation, which has been influencing the election of the speaker and the appointment of building and loan commissioners. The lobbyists of the building and loan corporation, which has been influencing the election of the speaker and the appointment of building and loan commissioners. The lobbyists of the building and loan corporation, which has been influencing the election of the speaker and the appointment of building and loan commissioners.

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OTTOMWARAS ANOTHER FIRE

Great Damage Done in the Retail District of the Place.

DRY GOODS STORES SUFFER PRINCIPALLY

Blaze Begins in a Basement and Burns the Firemen for Nearly Five Hours, but is Conquered.

OTTOMWARA, Ia., March 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Tonight a fire destroyed one of the principal brick business blocks of Ottumwa. The damage inflicted is about \$200,000. The fire started about 5 o'clock in the basement of a store building. It broke out before it could be located the fire had crept along the basement into the adjoining building. The building was filled with smoke so dense that living in it was impossible, and the fire had its own way. The principal losers are:

S. C. Cullen & Co., dry goods, \$50,000. Building owned by estate of Seth Richards, \$50,000.

J. G. Meeks, dry goods, damaged by smoke to the extent of \$15,000.

Donelan & Co., dry goods, damaged by smoke largely, stock valued at \$20,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown. A gale is blowing, but at 10:30 the fire is believed to be under control. It was confined to the building mentioned above, and the loss is \$175,000; insurance, \$100,000.

SHELTON, Neb., March 21.—(Special.)—Last night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, a large barn on Mr. Helen Oliver's farm, two miles west of the place, was entirely consumed by fire, together with seven work horses, three calves, three sets of work oxen, and a large quantity of hay and much other stock. The net loss will be fully \$700, there being an insurance of \$200 on the horses and \$500 on the building, in the "Pioneer" fire.

FRANKLIN, Neb., March 21.—(Special Telegram.)—For the past twenty-four hours a damp, heavy snow has been falling, with a strong wind from the northeast. It is a bad storm on unsheltered stock, but the good it will do to the spring wheat cannot be estimated. Farmers have commenced plowing, plowing and ground is in the best of condition.

PEORIA, Ill., March 21.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Congregational block, on North Adams street, was discovered in flames, and some twenty people, who occupied the second and third floors, were rescued with much difficulty. The building was practically destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The building was owned by the Murphy and Farrell blocks adjoining were both badly damaged. Jacob and Sals Conzick estimate their loss on the building at \$200,000. The loss on the stock is \$150,000. Gumbler & Co., who conduct a dry goods store on the first floor, were the heaviest losers, and estimate their loss on the stock at \$25,000, on which there is an insurance of \$27,000.

South Omaha News.

Mayor Ennor announced yesterday that he would veto the resolution passed by the council at its meeting last Tuesday night, which granted to T. C. McDonald & Co. the contract for repairing the Q street viaduct.

With the exception of one, McDonald's bid was the highest received, but certain members of the council argued that as he was a taxpayer here he ought to be given the contract even though his bid was \$270 higher than the lowest bidder, and \$125 higher than the city engineer's estimate. Every member of the council voted to give the contract to McDonald. Hyland intimated that some of the lower bidders were not responsible and the mayor took exception to the statement. At an early date the matter will have to be gone over with again.

The plea that McDonald was a taxpayer was not well taken for the records show that he pays less taxes than any of the bidders with the exception of Campbell of Council Bluffs.

P. H. Mahoney, who offered to do the work for \$250,000, has just completed a government contract in Omaha and is considered responsible in every way. J. J. Mahoney, who is interested with P. H. Mahoney in the contract, is a resident of Omaha and is a democrat, but in view of late developments the matter has been stirred up. There has even been serious talk of introducing a resolution to have the contract given to P. H. Mahoney, which would result in the removal of the office on account of his relations to the lobbyists.

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Similar Formation is Discovered Near Welcome City, Wyo.

LEAD, S. D., March 21.—(Special.)—Miners around Welcome City, Wyo., are greatly excited over a discovery of ore at Bear Lake, several miles west of the place. The ore assays high and prospectors are daily coming into the region. Experienced mining men consider that the quartz, which abounds in Bear Lake, is a continuation of the Ragged Top formation. It is in a northwesterly direction from the Ragged Top, and is very closely resembles that at Ragged Top. This region has attracted much attention for the past few months and promises to be a lively place as soon as the snow disappears and spring puts the ground in good condition for prospecting.

partment wants proposals from the city engineer and others equally technically qualified for furnishing certain data in relation to the land secured for the proposed building. The information must give grades and plan of adjacent streets, sidewalks, curbs, streets, curbs and paving, also a transcript of municipal regulations as to curbs, gutters, etc. Sewers in adjacent streets are to be shown, with diameter, depth and material used in construction. The plan must also show the best line for a private sewer from the building and distance to a proper place for discharge. Line and size of street water mains, the pressure at site, etc., must also be given. In fact, all the information needed to allow the architect to go ahead with the building is to