NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Fine A. B. C. beer. Neumayer's hotel.

Welsbach burners at Bixby's. Tel. 193.

Budweiser beer L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

George Rudio is home from a trip to Chicago.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street 'phones: Office, 97; residence, 23.

The place to have your framing done. Alexander's Art Emporium, 333 Broadway.

Alderman Christensen has reported to the police the theft of a fur robe from his buggy.

The republican city central committee will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in room 248 in the Merriam block.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Sanitary Relief commission will be held this afternoon in the city council chamber.

A. Jaseph has purchased the Duquette candy factory and intends shipping it to some point in the northern part of Iowa.

F. H. Christy, who has been in the city several days on business and pleasure combined, left for his home in Des Moines yesterday.

C. H. Hilliard of Missouri Valley, member of the Board of Supervisors of Harrison county, was a caller at the county court house yesterday.

Frank Fox, local manager of the Hoagland lumber yards, is being spoken of as a candidate for alderman in the Fifth ward by the democrats.

Luther Warren of Omaha will deliver one of his free public lectures tonight in Odd Fellows' hall. His subject will be "The United States in Prophecy."

William W. Carrabine and Blanche R. Carrick, both from Norfolk, Neb., were married in this city yesterday, Justice Ferrier performing the ceremony.

P. G. White, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, was in the city yesterday on business connected with his road.

Some of the republicans have decided to call a public meeting for next Tuesday night in the city hall to discuss the advisability of fixing a slate for the coming city election.

The regular meeting of Shadukiam temple No. 84, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, will be held this evening in Knights of Pythias hall, Merriam block, when several tyres will be escorted across the burning sands.

H. A. Cole and Charles Swalne are in Des Moines attending the annual convention of the Iowa Retail Hardware Dealers' association. Mr. Cole and Mr. Swaine are, respectively, president and treasurer of the association.

In response to the request of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will henceforth advertise Council Bluffs in connection with Sioux City and Omaha as one of the principal points on its system.

Grace, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Freet, 1823 South Fourth street, died yesterday evening of fever, aged 4 months. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence and interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

The police were notified about 1 o'clock yesterday morning that burglars had invaded the office of the Kimball Elevator company on South Ninth street. Officers detailed on the case discovered nothing more serious than a number of foot tracks in the snow around the building.

J. L. Baker, who has for a number of years been the local manager of the Ohio Cultivator company in this city, has severed his connection with that firm and accepted a position with the T. C. Northwall company of Omaha. He left last evening for the east in the interest of the firm.

S. W. Forney filed an information in Justice Vien's court yesterday charging Hiram S. Jordan with obtaining money under false pretenses and a warrant for the latter's arrest was issued. Forney recently purchased from Jordan the latter's barber shop on Broadway and he now claims that Jordan secured $20 of his money under false representations as to the rent being paid in advance.

The regular monthly meeting of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association adjourned from last Thursday will be held this evening at the city council chamber. President Casper will urge the securing of legislation to place the telephone company more under the control of the municipality. Casper claims the rates charged by the company in this city are exorbitant and wants legislation that will give the city council power to regulate same.

About $500 damage was done to the stock in S. A. Pierce & Co.'s shoe store at the corner of Main street and Broadway early yesterday morning by fire which started from an overheated furnace. Shedding next the chimney became ignited, but was extinguished before the flames spread through the store. The damage principally was to the stock of children's shoes. The blaze was extinguished by the employes just as the fire department arrived.

Miss Nellie Caughey died yesterday noon at the residence of her uncle, Alderman L. A. Casper, 1110 East Pierce street, from heart disease, aged 25 years. She had been an invalid for a number of years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and interment will be in Fairview cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. Knox, rector of Grace Episcopal church, of which Miss Caughey had been a valued member.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250.

Doings in the District Court.

Judge Thornell returned from Sidney yesterday and reconvened district court, when the trial of the suit of E. W. Sigler against Nora Murphy was resumed. The hearing was not completed when court adjourned for the day.

It is expected that Judge Thornell will pass sentence this morning on Frank Paul, convicted of breaking into a Burlington way-car and stealing an overcoat, and on Jesse Thompson, who pleaded guilty to the larceny of a quantity of jewelry and other articles from the Klopping home, near Neola. Sentence on J. A. Gregory will not be passed until his motions for new trials are disposed by the court.

The will of the late Detleff Witt of Boomer township was admitted to probate, and the son, John Witt, appointed executor, under bonds in the sum of $3,000. Detleff Witt left an estate of considerable value in this county.

An order was received yesterday from Judge Green in the case of Sarah B. Rohrer against the city of Council Bluffs, in which the city has ten days to file its acceptance of the appraisement of $1,900 placed on the property by the jury and pay over this amount to the sheriff, or in the event of its failure to do so, it will be deemed as a refusal on the part of the city and Mrs. Rohrer may move for judgment and attorney's fees, which the court heretofore fixed at $375 as the amount the city should pay to Attorney Finley Burke, counsel for Mrs. Rohrer.

Edgar C. Smith Cared.

Edgar C. Smith, manager of the New York Life insurance company, was tendered a pleasant surprise Wednesday evening by the members of his office force and a number of the agents, who gathered at his home, 717 First avenue, and presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane. Although taken by surprise, Mr. Smith was equal to the occasion, and with the assistance of Mrs. Smith, invited his unexpected, though none the less welcome, guests to partake of the hospitalities of his home, with the result that a most enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Herdman, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Masterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McDonald of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hetrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson of South Omaha, Mrs. J. F. Prentice, Mrs. J. N. Northcott, Miss E. F. McCartney, Miss Ritta Freeman, Miss Nellie Miller, Miss Edith Hanna, and Messrs. E. A. Reimers, Frank Fiala, Henry Miller and H. F. Alexander of Omaha.

FARM LOANS

Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, Jr., 16 Main St., Council Bluffs.

ESCAPES HIS FOES IN DEATH

Frenzied Stranger Ends His Life to Thwart an Imaginary Mob

HUGHES SEEKS REFUGE IN THE SANCTUARY

Distrusting His New-Found Friends, However, Insane Man Sends Bullet Through Brain at St. Bernard's Hospital.

A stranger, whose name is supposed to be Alfred B. Hughes and whose actions clearly demonstrated he was mentally deranged, committed suicide yesterday morning at St. Bernard's hospital by shooting himself through the head. The deed was committed a few minutes after the unfortunate man had been taken to the institution by Rev. Father Smyth of St. Francis Xavier's church.

Hughes appeared at the residence of Father Smyth shortly before 9 o'clock and upon being admitted to the priest's room threw himself on his knees and begged for his protection and blessing. With his eyes almost starting from his head, the man poured forth a story of how he was being pursued by a mob of Free Masons who were intent on taking his life. Between each word he would look wildly around the room as if afraid of someone. He begged the priest to save him from the mob, and said that Father Smyth alone could save him from the vengeance of the mob that was pursuing him. He begged the priest to hide him somewhere in the house.

Seeing that the man was undoubtedly insane, Father Smyth determined to summon the police and so informed his strange visitor. When Father Smyth mentioned "police" the man threw his arms around the priest's limbs and with tears streaming from his eyes begged piteously that he would not turn him over to the police. Moved by the man's importunities, Father Smyth decided to take him to St. Bernard's hospital and place him in charge of the sisters there until the authorities could be notified. He had a carriage called and when the man learned where the priest intended taking him he quieted down somewhat.

Talks to Himself.

On the way to the hospital, in answer to inquiries from Father Smyth, the man told him his name was Hughes and that his home was in Chester, England. He said he had been working as a farmhand for some time near East St. Louis and that Monday evening he left Burlington, Ia., on his way to Fremont, Neb., where he had a brother living. On reaching the hospital, Father Smyth turned the man over to Mother Vincent, who engaged him in conversation while an attendant in the insane department was being sent for. To Mother Vincent the man said he wanted to be hidden for a couple of days or so to escape the vengeance of a mob of Free Masons who were determined on taking his life and were pursuing him with that intent. He said that after he had been hidden at the hospital for a day or so he could then be sent away disguised and continue his journey to Nebraska.

The man's demeanor at this time was quiet, although his wild statements showed clearly that he was suffering from mental derangements. He was placed in charge of James Winslow, assistant in charge of the male insanity ward. On the way to the wing of the hospital reserved for the care of insane patients the man conversed rationally with Winslow, but on reaching the receiving room he suddenly backed into a corner and, drawing a revolver, he held it with both hands against his forehead, drew the trigger and sent a bullet crashing through his brain before Winslow, who was only a few feet distant, could prevent him.

Coroner Holds an Inquest.

The body, on the orders of Coroner Treynor, was removed at once to Estep's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held in the afternoon. The witnesses examined were Father Smyth and Attendants Winslow and Galvin of the hospital. No additional facts were adduced and the jury returned a verdict of suicide while the man was laboring under a fit of insanity.

Among the man's effects were $8 in cash, a receipt from the National Employment company, 113-5 North Sixth street, St. Louis, indicating that A. B. Hughes paid a fee of $2 on January 25 of this year for securing employment, a small memorandum book, in which a number of entries indicated that the owner had worked at graveling and "slipping" during December and up to January 17 last; a gold-filled open-faced Elgin watch, various papers and part of a ticket issued at the Union depot in Burlington to Fremont, Neb.

Hughes evidently arrived in Council Bluffs yesterday morning on the Burlington train No. 5, which reaches here at 7:50 o'clock. A man answering his description rushed into Bell & Evans' restaurant about 8 o'clock, and flinging down on the counter a certificate of deposit for $140 said: "Give this to Alfred B. Hughes when he calls." He then left the restaurant as hurriedly as he had entered. The certificate of deposit was issued by the Farmers' & Merchants' State bank of Blue Earth City, Minn., September 30, 1899, for $140, in the name of Alfred B. Hughes. After the inquest, when the proprietors of the restaurant learned of the suicide at the hospital, they turned the certificate of deposit over to the chief of police. From statements made by Hughes to the attendants at St. Bernard's it is thought he has a brother also in Pittsburg, Pa.

Exonerates the Railway Company.

The coroner's inquest on the death of John Montgomery, the centenarian run down and killed by a freight train on the Milwaukee tracks Tuesday morning, held yesterday morning, resulted in the jury bringing in a verdict exonerating the railway company from all blame in the accident. The only witnesses examined were the members of the train crew, as they happened to be the only persons who saw the accident. The testimony of the switchmen was to the effect that they saw Montgomery on the track, but expected he would move off before the train reached him. When the train was within about 200 feet of him the switchmen on the foremost car, seeing that Montgomery made no signs of moving from the track, gave the signal to stop, which was answered by the engineer, but the train could not be brought to a standstill until after the old man had been struck and several cars had passed over his body.

Montgomery's funeral was held yesterday from St. Francis Xavier's church, the services being conducted by Rev. Father Smyth. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Home from a Lobbying Trip.

Mayor Jennings and City Clerk Phillips returned yesterday from Des Moines, where they had been in the interest of several bills pending before the legislature, the passage of which are of vital importance to this city.

While in the capital city the bill amending subdivision 5 of section 658 of the code so as to explicitly define the position of mayors or cities of the first class in city councils was passed. The amendment makes the mayor a member of the council, as well as its presiding officer, but only gives him the right to cast a vote in case of a tie.

The bill empowering cities of the first class to levy a tax not exceeding 3 mills on the dollar for the purpose of creating a city fire fund was reported favorably from the sub-committee into the senate, and the chances for its passage are said to be bright. The bill as originally drafted by the League of Iowa Municipalities provided for a 5-mill levy, but this was cut down by the committee.

The special assessment bill is still in the hands of the committee, but both Mayor Jennings and City Clerk Phillips were assured that some bill practically along the lines of the one prepared by the league will be passed this session.

Howell's Anti-"Kawf" cures coughs, colds.

SUSPECT PLACED UNDER ARREST.

F. C. Harrison, Supposed to Be an Overcoat Thief, Is in Custody.

The police have in custody a man named F. C. Harrison, whom they believe to be responsible for the numerous thefts of overcoats that have occurred here in the last few days. Harrison was arrested by Officer Callahan and Detective Weir a few minutes after he had sold a pair of trousers yesterday morning at Gilinski's second-hand goods store on West Broadway. He was identified by Gilinski as the man who sold him Attorney's Gable's overcoat. When searched a pair of gloves and a poket handkerchief that had been in the pockets of the overcoat stolen from A. H. Bodkins Tuesday afternoon were found on him, indicating that he was responsible for the theft of this coat. Harrison was also identified by Dr. Williams as the man who called at his residence Monday afternoon and made inquiries about a dentist. A few minutes after this man's departure Dr. Williams discovered that his overcoat was missing.

Harrison has been rooming at the Ogden hotel, which is opposite Hughes' hall, and the police suspect that he also stole W. H. Sillcott's overcoat Monday night while the latter was attending a meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Harrison is a newcomer to Council Bluffs and has been working for a few days soliciting orders for a firm that enlarges photographs. He claims to be an agent also for some missionary society and denies being guilty of the thefts of the coats. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor when taken into custody and a pint bottle of whisky, nearly empty, was found on him. He is about 40 years of age, with a somewhat clerical appearance.

Detective Weir, assisted by the Omaha police, recovered last night in a pawn shop across the river the overcoats stolen from Dr. Williams and A. H. Bodkins. They were pawned there by a man answering the description of Harrison. It is said that Harrison's right name is Perkins.

Davis sells paints.

To Abolish the Superior Court.

A petition is being circulated urging the legislature to pass a bill at this session abolishing the superior court. Those favoring such a bill urge that the superior court is an expensive and at the same time useless luxury. Very few cases are ever tried before it, it is claimed, and nearly all of the large cities in the state have dispensed with such a court. Cedar Rapids, Keokuk and a few others are the only cities in the state now supporting superior courts. Those who favor the abolishment of this court claim that the police cases that are brought before it can be readily attended to by a justice of the peace or a duly appointed police judge, which position, it is urged, could be held by the mayor.

A. L. Meisner, having purchased the interest of H. C. Addis in the Iowa Fuel company, will collect all accounts due the firm and assume all outstanding obligations.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

William Taylor and wife to John and Mary Walker, lot 1, block 4, Judson's 1st add to Neola, w d	$1,400
Conway Savings bank to H. W. Binder, trustee, lot 12, block 4, Twin City Place add, w d	200
John D. Barkhuff and wife to William H. Barkhuff, se¼ nw¼ 7-77-44, w d	1,300
James L. Coffey and wife to David Campbell, part sw¼ sw¼ 2-77-44, w d	1,400
Four transfers, aggregating	$4,300

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Louis Schoening, Mineola, Ia	26
Fannie Deltchler, Silver City, Ia	19
William H. Carrabine, Norfolk, Neb	25
Blanche R. Carrick, Norfolk, Neb	19
P. A. Myers, Harrison county	44
R. C. Coke, Persia, Ia	23

BURGLARS ACT DELIBERATELY.

Stock of Silk Goods Sorted Over and Best Carried Away.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Burglars gained an entrance to the store of John H. Taft & Co. last night and going to the silk counter carried the entire stock upstairs, assorted it, placing the best and finest goods in grips or a trunk, and made their escape without leaving a single clue to their identity. Nearly all the goods had just been received and it is estimated that the silks and satins taken were worth fully $3,000. It was evidently the work of professionals.

Company Elects Officers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—At the twenty-third annual meeting of the American Poland-China company here today officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Jacob Grossman, Lanark, Ill.; secretary, W. M. McFadden, West Liberty, Ia.; treasurer, Allen Cocroft, Independence, Ia. Reports showed the affairs of the company were in excellent shape.

Iowa News Notes.

The five drug stores at Fairfield have been temporarily enjoined against selling intoxicating liquors.

Robert Lee of Letts, Ia., has been arrested on the charge of stealing mail from rural free mail delivery boxes.

The appropriation bills so far introduced in the senate at Des Moines aggregate $962,538. The house bills aggregate $1,507,679.

The Episcopalians have decided to sell the Griswold college property at Davenport to the city for public school purposes.

The ice crop is being harvested by the light of the moon at Dubuque, owing to the short intervals of cold weather and consequent good ice.

Bertha Oliver, the Washington girl who ran away from home dressed in boy's clothes, has been found in Hedrick. She tells a romantic story of her travels in box cars.

A. A. Reynolds, the Montezuma bridge contractor who skipped out and was brought back by officers, has settled his troubles at the rate of 35 cents on the dollar.

George W. Schee of Primghar continues his good work in behalf of public libraries. His latest offer was made to Storm Lake. For the purpose of establishing a library there he proposes to donate 50 cents for every dollar raised by the citizens of the town. A committee has been appointed to solicit subscriptions.

The owner of a Fort Dodge poultry establishment, where poultry is dressed for the eastern markets, is fattening 3,000 ducks in his yards. He states that he has had no success in feeding chickens or turkeys, as they will not eat in strange quarters and consequently shrink in weight daily. Ducks, on the other hand, will fatten nicely. This man employs fifty men, who are daily engaged in killing and dressing poultry.

CHAIRMEN SCARCE IN IOWA

Man Wanted to Fill Vacancy on State Board of Control.

LEGISLATURE SAYS GOODBYE TO LARRABEE

Committee Reports Favorably on Bill to Abolish Office of Printer and Binder—Bill to Exempt Sugar Industry from Taxation.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Six men have been offered the chairmanship of the State Board of Control by Governor Shaw. The first, Colonel Rood of Mount Vernon, was turned down by the senate; the balance have simply notified the governor that they would not take the position under any consideration. The fact of the matter is that the position is "goin' a beggin'," for the governor has traveled from river to river to get some of his friends to accept the place. Since Rood's confirmation was turned down by the senate the nomination has been declined by Major C. E. Stanton of Centerville, Colonel W. H. Culbertson of Carroll, E. S. Ellsworth of Iowa Falls, ex-Senator H. L. Waterman and Captain J. G. Hutchison of Ottumwa and Captain M. Head of Jefferson. The governor stated today that he had several other men in mind for the place, but will probably not tender it to any one for a day or two. No one has any very definite idea as to who will be the final appointee, though the friends of Major E. A. Consigney of Avoca still claim that he may get it.

Farewell to Ex-Governor.

At 11:30 this afternoon both houses of the legislature adjourned and repaired in a body to the Board of Control rooms in the basement of the capitol building, where they waited upon ex-Governor Larrabee and told him goodbye before he retires from public life in Iowa and goes abroad. The visit of the legislature was brief. Lieutenant Governor Milliman, on their behalf, bade Governor Larrabee godspeed as he retired from "twenty-five years of active service in public life in Iowa," and to this Governor Larrabee responded briefly. He was so overcome by the demonstration on the part of the general assmbly that he could scarcely speak. He thanked them for the evidences of their good will and friendship, saying that as a public servant he had tried to do his duty, with little regard for his own comfort and convenience. He spoke particularly of the manner in which his labors on the Board of Control had been lightened by the willing co-operation of his colleagues. After the speechmaking the visit terminated informally by a general handshaking with the governor, who leaves the city this evening and sails for Europe in a short time with a family party.

The house committee on printing and binding has reported in favor of the bill by Clark of Dallas for the abolishment of the office of printer and binder. Action had not been expected so soon, as the investigating committee had not entirely completed work, but the author of the measure urged that the report be made without further delay. It is thought the report of the committee will have considerable weight in the house, as it is the result of minute investigation.

Encouragement to Sugar Industries.

Blake of Webster introduced a bill this morning for the encouragement of the sugar industry in the state by exempting from taxation all property of corporations establishing it. The exemption includes mills, machinery and all needed apparatus, the ground upon which the factory is located, the capital invested and the personal property in connection with the business and all stock shares and certificates. If the bill passes it will go into service at once.

Miller of Fayette and Byers introduced insurance bills. The first provides that companies may, in accordance with their articles of incorporation, collect policy and survey fees and make assessments to provide for losses, but that they shall not issue paidup policies in which liabilities are fixed at a stated sum for any given period or receive cash premium notes in full payment for insurance for any given period. The Byers bill allows life insurance companies to carry accident policies.

Four new bills were introduced in the senate this morning, the most important of which is by Hazleton and proposes to require foreign attorneys acting in cases to appoint an attorney residing where the case is to be tried, upon whom notice may be served. At present many foreign attorneys entirely evade such service. Townsend introduced a bill providing that councilmen sitting as boards of review shall receive pay from the counties instead of towns. Trewin introduced a bill to include gasoline, electric and mechanically-propelled boats under inspection, the same as sail and steamboats, and Lister introduced a bill to legalize the incorporation of the town of Ocheydan.

Bill for Normal Schools.

The bill for the establishment of three normal schools will be taken up as a special order in the house tomorrow. Tomorrow afternoon Miss Anna Donnaven, superintendent of schools in Palo Alto county, will appear before the house committee in behalf of the measure.

The Elker exemption bill caused a two hours' discussion in the senate today. It was referred.

MINE WORKERS DO LITTLE

Nothing Important Discussed at Session of United Association—Base Ball Schedule Not Determined.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The second day of the session of the United Mine Workers' association finds but little accomplished other than what was taken up yesterday. The committee appointed yesterday to fix a scale for the coming mining year has had its troubles during the day and has tried to get together. There are different opinions even with the miners as well as in the ranks of the operators. The work of this committee will be finished before tomorrow, the date set for the conference between the association and the operators who are expected to arrive this evening.

There are two things which may be demanded of the operators tomorrow—the abolition of the screen and the cutting of the differential. The first question is championed by the Second district, which includes the counties of Monroe, Mahaska and Wapello. In this district the operators are said to use a one and three-quarter inch screen, which permits only about one-half to three-fourths of the coal mined to reach the car for which the miner gets paid. The fine coal, which is caused by the blasting, which goes through the screen, is one of the readiest sellers, but for the mining of this article the miner gets nothing. The price paid for mining in this district is about 75 cents for screened coal and 50 cents for mine run.

The representatives of the different towns of the new Western league left the city this morning without determining upon a schedule for the games to be played during the season. Several outlines of schedules were prepared and these will be considered by the various managers and ball enthusiasts of the cities included in the league and another meeting will be held inside of three or four weeks at Omaha at which time the schedule will be prepared and announced. Upon the request of the Des Moines ball men the franchises were fixed at five years instead of three, as had been decided upon and has been the custom.

At the annual banquet of the Tippecanoe club held here tonight a banner was presented to Monona county for making the largest republican gain at the last election.

Ex-Governor Larrabee retired today from the Board of Control. He started tonight for Egypt on a pleasure tour with a party including Mrs. Don Dove of Lincoln, Neb.

The Pioneer Lawmakers of Iowa opened their annual convention here today with fifty members present.

RAILROAD WILL BE BUILT

Arrangements Have Been Completed for the Duluth & New Orleans Line.

NEVADA, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—E. W. Gifford, one of the representatives of the Duluth & New Orleans Railway company, who has been in the east for the last two weeks, is home. He has been in Chicago, also in New York, in company with the contractors, Lawlor & Reid, looking after the purchase of rails, etc., and the complete closing up of all financial matters pertaining to the loaning of money on bonds. Through the efforts of Gifford in his last trip, $150,000 is on deposit in a New York bank ready for use in commencing the work on construction. The bond company has made many more concessions since the signing up of the contract last November, and one of the principal ones is the placing of the money on deposit in advance, to be drawn as needed in the work. The company has also purchased eighty-five miles of rails, which are made and piled up ready to be shipped when wanted. The situation financially is on the most liberal terms that could be expected and places the Duluth & New Orleans company in a position to commence work at once, which will be done. As soon as the printing of the bonds is completed, which will be done in a short time, the contracting firm, Lawler & Reid of New York city, will come to this city and commence operations. The material for the road will be shipped to Nevada and the road between Nevada and Des Moines will be built first, commencing here and working south, and when this is finished will work north to Osage.

SALOON DOORS ARE CLOSED

For Second Time Temperance People Are Ahead and Des Moines is a Dry Town.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Every saloon in Des Moines closed its doors a second time this afternoon and the indications are they will be compelled to keep them closed the balance of the year. The temperance people in connection with the anti-saloon league of the state held a meeting this morning and ordered the officers of the association to notify the saloon men no more time would be given and that they must close their doors at once or subject themselves to injunction proceedings. When the attorneys for the saloons were served with notices they immediately sought their clients and advised them to cease operating. The attorneys for the temperance people were at once urged to defray steps of prosecution as the saloons would accede to the demands. At a meeting of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association steps were taken for the circulation of a new petition of consent. A motion was put and carried and work begun on the instrument this morning.

Signal Corps Organized.

CLINTON, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The organization of a detachment of the Iowa National Guard signal corps, which will probably be the first corps of its kind to be formed in this state, is about completed, under the direction of Lieutenant A. P. Tarkington, who has made a study on the signal corps service. The corps will give especial attention to the use of the heliograph.

Under the reorganization of the Iowa National Guard, in addition to the four infantry regiments, provisions were made for a battery of artillery, one troop of cavalry and one company of signal troops, divided into four detachments, one for each infantry company, to accompany it at all times. The detachment under Lieutenant Tarkington is assigned to the Forty-ninth regiment. The men will be mounted on wheels and their work will consist in looking after the camp telegraph and telephone wires, taking care of the signal flags, torches and heliograph. The uniform will correspond with that worn by other guardsmen, with the exception of the stripes and chevrons of the non-commissioned officers, which will be black, the United States army regulation for signalmen. The corps here expects to be ready for duty at the time of the next state encampment.

Wilson in Good Health.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, who is in the city on his way to Washington, today denied the rumors that, on account of ill-health, he may retire from the cabinet. He said he was in excellent health and had at no time thought of retiring.

Telephone Absorption.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 14.—A gigantic movement has been organized and is being fostered by the Bell Telephone company of Iowa to gradually absorb all of the independent systems in the state. Authentic information was received here today to the effect that the management of the Bell company has been engaged for nearly a year past in buying interests in the various lines, of which there are over 200, and that they intend to absorb all city and toll lines. The managers of a number of these lines are at work forming an alliance by which they expect to be able to fight the Bell system.

Death of Iowa Pioneer.

CLINTON, Ia., Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—F. P. Wilcox, one of the earliest pioneers of Clinton county, died here last night, aged 77 years. He was secretary of the Territorial and State Pioneers' association of Clinton county since its organization and was one of the charter members of the Iowa Land company, which originally owned the land where the main part of the city is now located.

FIRE RECORD.

Missouri Odd Fellows' Home.

LIBERTY, Mo., Feb. 14.—The state Odd Fellows' home, situated a mile south of Liberty, was destroyed this morning by fire that started from a torch which a plumber was using to thaw out a water pipe. The building, of wood, burned quickly. The members of the home, fifteen of them aged men and women, the rest small children, were got out safely. The building was constructed at a cost of $70,000, and, with contents, was insured for $30,000.

Trinity Methodist Church, Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, 2342-2347 Indiana avenue, one of the oldest Methodist church buildings in Chicago, was almost totally destroyed by fire tonight. Only the walls of the structure were left standing, and it is estimated that the loss will exceed $100,000.

Hospital at Fort Keogh.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 14.—The post hospital at Fort Keogh, Mont., one of the largest and best buildings on the reservation, was almost totally destroyed by fire today. It was built in 1878 at a cost of $15,000. No insurance is carried on government property.

Book Committee Meets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The first session of the yearly meeting of the Methodist book committee was held here today, the full membership being present. The reports of the eastern and the western publishing houses, situated respectively in New York and Cincinnati, were read and referred to special committees. The reports showed the assets of the two houses to be $4,810,054, of which $2,598,080 is of the eastern branch and $1,482,974 is of the western. Total sales for the fiscal year 1899 were $1,965,091, $900,000 being reported from the eastern house and $1,065,000 from the western. The report of the treasurers of the Episcopal fund showed a surplus. Reports of denominational editors were also heard.

Jerry Simpson Goes After Clemens.

TOPEKA, Feb. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—In his paper, the Bayonet, today, Jerry Simpson goes after G. C. Clemens rough shod for withdrawing from the populist party. He likens Clemens to Ben Clover, Peffer, Steinberger, Willetis and other old-time populists who have deserted the fusion ranks. He asserts that Clemens is a disturber and that the party will be the gainer by his leaving it. He further charges Clemens with being a traitor to reform.

Wills Set Aside.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—A jury here today rendered a verdict setting aside the will of Mrs. Nancy Bailey, in which property valued at $150,000 was disposed of. The jury found that Mrs. Bailey when she made her will was under the influence of Charles Teufel of Chicago. To Teufel, who was not a relative, she bequeathed her home, valued at $100,000. Mrs. Bailey in her youth was a governess in the family of ex-Governor Evans of Colorado.

State Convention Called.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 14.—The republican state central committee, at a meeting this afternoon, decided to call a state convention to be held in Milwaukee on March 21. At this convention delegates at large to the republican national convention at Philadelphia will be chosen.

Son Shoots His Father.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 14.—C. R. Stewart, grocer, died this morning from the effects of a shot fired by his son, aged 19, during a quarrel over a valentine. The son, who is in jail, says he was protecting his mother from an assault made on her last night by his father. Mr. Stewart had received an offensive valentine and had accused his wife of having sent it.

Buffalo Can Hold Franchise.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—President Franklin of the Buffalo Base Ball club, left here last night to confer with officials of the National league in New York. Concerning the published stories that the American league was planning to drop Buffalo, Franklin said before leaving: "They can't force me out now if I don't want to go."

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