NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's.

Morehouse & Co., magazines bound.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld, agent.

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

Schmidt's photos, new and latest styles.

Mrs. M. C. Long is visiting friends in Sioux City.

See our 15c framed pictures. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 B'way.

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

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 33.

Mrs. H. J. Clark of Wahoo, Neb., is in the city visiting friends for a few days.

Mrs. R. Walker and daughter of Washington avenue are visiting friends in Creston, Ia.

The Athenian club will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Morris, 1118 Fifth avenue.

The regular meeting of Shadukiam temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, will be held this evening.

The regular meeting of Mrytle lodge, No. 12, Degree of Honor, will be held tomorrow evening in the Merriam block.

Have you seen the new style package of the small Juvenile soap? It's a beauty. You will find it at Dell G. Morgan's drug store, 142 Broadway.

Frank P. Everest, J. P. Greenshields and Alderman Lovett left for Des Moines last evening to attend the republican state convention to be held there today.

Oads McClure of Crescent township brought in the scalps of one he wolf and four cubs to the county auditor yesterday and received the state bounty of $13.

A meeting of the Alumni association of the High school will be held this evening at the Bloomer school at 8 o'clock to arrange for the reception to the graduating class.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bonnot of McCook, Neb., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rinker of Benton street, left yesterday for Wisconsin, Minn., where they will spend the summer.

The personal injury damage suit brought by Mrs. S. A. Pierce against the motor company has been settled out of court. Mrs. Pierce receives $1,200 and her attorney fees. She asked for $5,000.

At the regular monthly conference of the principals with Superintendent Hayden yesterday a general observance of Memorial day was decided upon. Appropriate exercises will be held in every school building in the city.

Richard Rutherford has been promoted from corporal to sergeant of Company L, Fifty-first Iowa National Guard, to succeed Sergeant Hall, who has gone to Pocatello, Idaho. George L. Tinley has been made a corporal.

Judge Smith at the adjournment of district court yesterday afternoon went to Des Moines to be present at the republican state convention. He expects to return this evening and will reconvene court tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

F. T. Johnson will have a hearing in police court this morning on the charge of riding a bicycle on the sidewalk on East Pierce street. The arrest was made by Officer Matlock, it being his first since his appointment to the force.

Mr. Guy C. Shepard and Miss Gertrude Irene Gleason were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Gleason, on Glen avenue, Rev. George Edward Walk, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, officiating.

Fire Chief Templeton has appointed Henry Adams to fill a vacancy at hose house No. 2 and N. Martin has been transferred from there to No. 1. Charles Nicholson of No. 4 has gone to Montana, but as yet his place has not been filled.

The funeral of Maude Myrtle, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walker, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 1623 Avenue F. Rev. S. M. Perkins of the First Christian church will conduct the services and interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

Word has been received here of the death of Charles T. Bryant in Denver, Colo. Mr. Bryant became a resident of this city in the early '50s and moved to Colorado last January in search of health. He leaves a wife and five children. He is a brother of Reuben Bryant of this city.

The case against Hi Miller, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with the sale of a horse to A. J. Buckingham, was dismissed in Justice Vien's court yesterday morning on motion of the assistant county attorney. The costs were ordered taxed to the county.

Ged Bethers, recently returned from the penitentiary at Fort Madison, has filed his appearance in the suit brought for divorce by his wife, Hattie Bethers. The case was heard at the present term of court, but the divorce was denied owing to an error in the notice served on Bethers while in the penitentiary.

Evangelist Jamison lectured to another large audience last night at the Congregational church, taking for his subject "The Prodigal's Return." The increased attendance at each meeting shows that the interest in Mr. Jamison's work is increasing. This evening the meeting will open with a special song service led by Howard Stroker at 7:45 o'clock. A meeting of the workers has been called for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the church.

The police were notified yesterday afternoon by the authorities at Stuart, Ia., that two boys giving the names of Roy Johnson and Frank Winslow and claiming Council Bluffs as their home were being detained there. The Johnson boy claimed to be the son of C. B. Johnson of 1513 Harmony street and Winslow said his parents lived near the Johnsons. The police were unable to locate any one of the name on Harmony street and it is thought that the boys may possibly belong to the Christian Home here.

A stranger giving the name of Siegel hired a team and light wagon Tuesday evening from Lovejoy's livery on South Main street, saying he would return them in a couple of hours. The rig was found near Crescent City at an early hour yesterday morning with about three dozen chickens that had been stolen from hen houses along the road. Siegel, however, had made his escape. The rig was turned over to Lovejoy by Constable Hough of Crescent City.

"Mr. Riley" 5-cent cigar.

Commonwealth 10-cent cigar.

Kindergarten Superintendent.

It is said that at the special meeting of the Board of Education tonight the committee on rules will submit a proposition to abolish the office of superintendent of kindergartens. This, it is understood, is being pushed by Member Cooper, who regards the kindergarten superintendent as an expensive luxury. Friends of the kindergarten schools regard the move as the entering wedge to finally abolish the schools altogether and view the proposition with considerable alarm.

Members of the committee when asked yesterday refused to either deny or confirm the report, but Member Cooper freely expressed himself as being opposed to employing a kindergarten superintendent.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Margie Peterson and husband to W. H. Kimball, lot 12, block 4, Babbitt's Place, an add. w. d.	$ 22
County treasurer to Iowa Mortgage and Trust company, lot 7, block 2, Bayliss & Palmer's add, tax d.	77
Same to same, lot 6, block 2, Bayliss & Palmer's add, tax d.	74
Same to same, undiv 2-3 lot 5 and all lot 6, block 26, Everett's add, tax d.	4
Total four transfers	$ 179

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250.

Gas stoves are cheaper than gasoline stoves and they do not explode.

Davis sells paints.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
James J. Hughes, Council Bluffs	24
Elizabeth Miller, Council Bluffs	18
Guy C. Shepard, Council Bluffs	26
Gertrude Irene Gleason, Council Bluffs	20

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

GREGORY IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Decides Against the Notorious Desperado and Horsethief.

HABITUAL CRIMINAL LAW APPLIES TO HIM

Efforts of the Defense to Evade the Statute's Severity Are of No Avail and Prisoner Gets Its Benefit.

J. A. Gregory, the notorious horse thief and desperado, was found guilty in the district court last evening of the theft of a mule, the property of E. D. Laughlin of Ashland, Neb., and of being an habitual criminal. Under the habitual criminal act, the minimum sentence that can be imposed upon Gregory is fifteen years in the state penitentiary.

The trial was concluded yesterday afternoon and the case given to the jury shortly before 5 o'clock. The jury arrived at its verdict at 7 o'clock, its report being made to Judge Aylesworth in the absence of Judge Smith, who left for Des Moines after giving his instructions to the jury.

Gregory had been convicted three times previously for horse stealing and had served terms for each offense in the penitentiary. He was sent up in September, 1888, from Harrison county, in October, 1891, from Green county, and in April, 1895, from Adair county. He had but recently served his sentence for the last conviction, when he committed the theft of Laughlin's mule.

Counsel for Gregory say they will take the case to the supreme court on an application for new trial on the contention that the evidence showing their client's former convictions should not have been permitted to be introduced during the trial on the charge of the theft of the mule.

Contention of the Defense.

The evidence for the state was all in shortly after court convened yesterday morning, when the defendant's attorneys at once moved to withdraw from the jury all the evidence that had been submitted by the state to show the previous convictions of Gregory. Counsel for Gregory contended that such evidence tended to prejudice the jury and they claimed that the statute contemplated that the charge under the habitual criminal act should be tried separate and after the conviction for the specific offense alleged against the defendant. Judge Smith overruled the motion, stating that his instructions to the jury would cover the question of prejudice; that the jury would be instructed that the evidence as to previous convictions should not be considered in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendant as to the particular crime with which he stood charged. He said further that the intention of the statute was that the habitual criminal charge should be heard and determined in the same trial with the new charge. Judge Smith also referred to the practice of the courts in this state in cases under the prohibitory law for repeated offenses and under the law against repetitions of theft.

Only one witness was introduced by the defense, Deputy Sheriff Baker was placed on the stand to testify that Gregory was suffering from a bullet wound in his knee when placed in the county jail the night of his capture and was suffering much pain. By this evidence the defense sought to show that Gregory was not altogether accountable for what admissions he had made at that time regarding the theft of the mule.

Probable Testimony Admitted.

The defense introduced in evidence the motion made by Gregory for a continuance in which he set out the names of certain alleged witnesses who would be claimed to be able to prove an alibi for him. This statement was permitted to be read to the jury, the state electing to admit that if present these witnesses would testify as claimed by Gregory.

One of the principal witnesses for the state yesterday was E. D. Laughlin, the owner of the stolen mule. He testified that Gregory, after his arrest, not only admitted to him that he stole the mule, but declared that he had planned to steal it a week before he did, but waited in the hopes of finding a mate to it. The story of the shooting of Hardin Moss near Loveland, Gregory's kidnaping of young Morgan and sensational flight, ending with his capture after a desperate fight with Officers Albro and James in which a number of shots were fired and Gregory wounded in the knee was permitted to be given in evidence on the ground that it might be considered in connection with the other testimony, showing a reason for his flight from the fact that he was guilty of the charge for which his arrest was sought.

Gregory's Desperate Threats.

It was noticed that during the trial of Gregory yesterday extra precautions were taken to guard the prisoner. In addition to the three deputy sheriffs guarding the exits from the court room, Jailer Martin sat alongside of Gregory the entire day. These precautions were taken, it was learned, on account of a remark made by Gregory yesterday morning before being taken from the jail to the court room. To one of the deputy sheriffs he said: "Do not be surprised if I create a sensation in the court room today. Some fellow may pass by me with a revolver in his hip pocket and if he does you will see me whip it out in a twinkling of an eye and shoot the head off that d—d judge."

Gregory was very sullen and morose at the close of trial Tuesday when he saw the evidence against him was piling up.

When Gregory was captured he had $182 on his person. C. S. Bond and William Bradley of Loveland brought suit in the superior court to replevin this money and the cases are set for hearing today. Bradley paid Gregory $30 for a buggy and Bond paid him $150 for a team of horses the morning of his arrest. As they had reason since to believe that both the buggy and horses were stolen they want their money back. The money when last heard of was in the possession of Former Chief of Police Bixby.

One can enjoy these beautiful moonlight evenings to perfection if he will supply himself with a bountiful supply of "Mr. Riley" cigars.

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

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 541 B'way.

Bill Will Go Through.

Advices from Washington received here are to the effect that the senate will probably pass the Hepburn bill creating a new division of the federal court for the southern district of Iowa with Creston as the point for holding court. This is the bill which is opposed by the members of the local bar. According to a letter received yesterday by Secretary Atchison of the Pottawattamie Bar association from Senator Allison it is possible that the bill may be amended so as to leave Fremont and Page counties in the western division. It has been contended that it would work a hardship to these two counties especially to transfer them from the western to the new division.

The letter from Senator Allison is in response to one sent him by Secretary Atchison notifying him of the action of the bar association in the matter. Senator Allison writes as follows:

"From what I know it seems to me that both Fremont and Page counties could be better served at Council Bluffs. I will give the matter the best attention I can in the senate, but the house having passed the bill for another division, it seems to me that the senate will probably acquiesce in this position, as, after all, it is only bringing the court nearer to the litigants and I have not observed any great inconvenience in multiplying reasonably the divisions."

Merchants and Manufacturers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association has been called for tonight at the city council chamber. There are a number of important matters to come before the meeting, one of them being the proposition of H. W. Burkett of Glenwood to remove his patent neckyoke factory to this city. The question of inviting the party of eastern newspapermen who are to tour the west in the interests of their papers to spend a day in this city will come up for discussion. Many of the members of the association are in favor of entertaining this party, believing it would result in considerable benefit to the city, and suggest that a mass meeting be held to raise the necessary funds and make the requisite arrangements. If this can be accomplished they suggest that a formal invitation be extended to the party through Mayor Jennings as chief executive of the city.

Chairman Casper is expected to bring before the meeting the matter of the gas and electric light ordinances, which received but scant consideration at the hands of the city council last Monday night.

Stopping Slot Machines.

Yesterday the police put into force Mayor Jennings' recent order as to the slot machines. All saloons and cigar stores handling cash-paying machines were notified to take them out or turn their faces to the wall. No orders were given in respect to the slot or card machines which pay in merchandise across the bar or counter as the case may be. It is understood that these are regarded by Mayor Jennings as legitimate sources of revenue for the saloon men. The members of the reform committee are, however, of a different opinion and they will insist that all slot machines which involve any element of chance for the player shall be suppressed. Chief Albro said last evening that so far as he knew none of the cash-paying slot machines were in operation after the order had been promulgated. As far as could be learned none of the machines have been removed but were simply turned with their faces to the wall in the hope that the order will become a dead letter again in a few days.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Webb Bros. & Co. of Gravity, Taylor county, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy yesterday in the United States district court here asking to be relieved of liabilities aggregating $55,655; against which the firm has no assets to offer. The firm is composed of Fielding B. Webb, William E. Webb, John V. Webb, Henry C. Webb, and E. E. Bundy. The latter does not join in the petition. The four Webb brothers also file individual petitions.

Fielding Webb lists his debts at $52,325, his liabilities being chiefly those of the firm, for which he is individually liable. He has assets amounting to $2,500, consisting of his home and household goods, which he claims as exempt under the law. John V. Webb's liabilities aggregate $57,425 and he has only $50 worth of assets which he claims as exempt. Henry Webb says his debts amount to $30,280 and that he has $500 worth of assets, but claims them all as exempt. William E. Webb schedules his liabilities at $5,742 with assets of $50, claimed as exempt.

Identity of the Adams Girl.

The little girl giving the name of Adams who was picked up Tuesday night in front of the Lindell hotel at Lincoln, Neb., is thought to be Rosa Adams, a stepdaughter of Charles Adams of 2015 Broadway, this city. The little girl was adopted some years ago by a family named Dawson in Mills county. Her grandparents named Parker live in Lincoln.

Charles Adams when seen yesterday said he had no information as how the little girl came to be in Lincoln, unless her adopted parents had sent her there on a visit to her grandparents. He said the child is about fourteen years of age and before going to live with her adopted parents went to the Second avenue school in this city. He was surprised to learn that the child had $45 with her when picked up in Lincoln and was at a loss to account for how she managed to have so much money.

Suburban Tracklaying.

The Omaha, Council Bluffs & Suburban Railway company completed last evening the laying of its track between the Terminal bridge and the Illinois Central passenger depot. The overhead wire is expected to arrive here today, when the work of stringing it will be rushed so that the company can commence running its trains between Omaha and the Illinois Central depot in this city as soon as possible.

A force of about twenty-five men are at work fixing the grounds and carrying out a number of improvements at Lake Manawa. Ties and rails are being delivered along the line to Manawa from Broadway and Manager Reed expects if the weather is favorable to commence laying steel on this portion of the line in a few days. He does not expect to have the road running to the lake in operation before the middle of June.

Hansen Pleads Guilty.

Fred H. Hansen, who last winter robbed the residence of Albin Hueter, the orchestra leader, was sentenced by Judge Smith of the district court yesterday morning to five years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Madison. Hansen was indicted at the last term and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial, owing to the large amount of business before the court, was continued until this term. There had been talk of a setting up a plea of insanity, but Hansen changed his plea and entered one of guilty, throwing himself on the mercy of the court. He is a young man about 21 years of age and served several years in the reform school. He is a barber by trade.

Whose Island is It.

In response to an inquiry sent to the director of the census at Washington, Supervisor Everest has received word that "Hobo" island, located in the middle of the Missouri river, a short distance south of Manawa, would be annexed to Lyons township, Mills county, for the purpose of taking the census. It has never been determined whether the island belongs to Iowa or Nebraska and the director of the census makes this arrangement arbitrarily to dispose of the question and get the inhabitants into the census enumeration.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life, and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

DELEGATES AT DES MOINES

Hotels Are Crowded with the Republicans of the State.

CONTEST IS ON DELEGATES AT LARGE

Number of Prospective Nominees for the State Offices to Be Filled This Fall Are Present Looking Over the Ground.

DES MOINES, May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The hotel lobbies are crowded tonight. Politicians and delegates by the score are here and the chances of the various candidates for places on the republican delegation to Philadelphia are being discussed with much animation. The discussion is largely centered about the four places on the delegation at large. Colonel George W. French of Davenport, Dr. J. H. Smith of Cedar Rapids and C. T. Hancock of Dubuque have established headquarters at the Savery. Governor Shaw and Lafe Young are renewing acquaintances with the delegates around the hotel lobbies. A. B. Funk of Spirit Lake is also mingling with the politicians, but has not announced himself as a candidate for delegate-at-large.

Dr. J. H. Smith is rather an unexpected candidate, as he was not an avowed candidate for delegate-at-large until yesterday, when the Cedar Rapids delegation announced his candidacy and began working for him. Rumors have been circulated concerning other candidates for places on the delegation at large, but the five men named are the only ones who are openly seeking the honor.

Although this convention will name only delegates to the republican national convention prospective nominees for the state offices to be filled this fall are on the ground. Senator Charles W. Mullan of Waterloo and Jacob Sims of Council Bluffs, the two candidates for the republican nomination for attorney general, are both in the city. W. W. Morrow of Afton arrived in the city last night to look after his candidacy for the state treasurership and his opponent, G. S. Gilbertson of Forest City, arrived today.

Ernest E. Hart, candidate for national committeeman, is backed by an enthusiastic delegation from the western part of the state and expresses the belief that he will be chosen to fill the place now occupied by A. B. Cummins. The national committeeman is chosen by the delegates to the national convention. Cummins is a candidate for re-election and Hart is the only other candidate in the field. Congressman Lot Thomas arrived in Des Moines last night and will attend the convention. Congressman Cousins is also here, he being the temporary chairman of the convention.

Smallpox is Spreading.

M. L. Bledsoe, clerk of Dodge township, in Boone county, notified the secretary of the State Board of Health that there are smallpox cases in twenty-six families in the township. The source of the contagion has been traced to Fraser, which has given so much trouble already in this direction. The town of Boone reported to Secretary Kennedy that rags infected with the disease are being shipped out of Fraser to various points in Boone county and some of them have reached Boone, where the authorities are up in arms over the affair. Dr. Kennedy, who has just returned from a trip to Decatur county, found two cases at Lamoni and two more at Leon. Several cases also have been reported from Bloomfield, Vancleve and the town of Greene.

Governor Shaw returned to Des Moines from Chicago this morning to attend the state convention. The executive council had intended to get together during his stay on the question of assessment of the express, telegraph and telephone companies under the new law, but as there are no returns from these companies yet it is likely that no formal action will be taken. It was stated at the executive office that the governor will probably not name the members of the voting machine and veterinary commissions until his final return from Chicago, as he has until July to select both of them. The governor will leave Thursday evening for Chicago.

The Moorhead State bank filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today and applied to the state auditor for a charter. It has a capital of $30,000. Its officers are: President, J. B. Moorhead; vice president, Olaf Carlson; cashier, T. C. Torrison.

Kirsher Estate in Court.

The balance of the Peter Kirsher estate in Polk county is going to the lawyers as the second trial of the noted will case was begun today in the district court. The estate is valued at about $15,000, but the first trial cost both parties $3,000 and the second one will figure a like amount, so whether the will is broken or whether it remains intact the Kirsher thousands will be diminished considerably, so far as the heirs are concerned. Kirsher left a will in which he bequeathed the bulk of his property to four of the heirs, cutting seven of them off with but $10 each. The seven brought suit against the remainder to break the will, alleging that the father was not in his right mind when the instrument was drawn. Nearly forty witnesses were examined. The jury was out forty-eight hours and disagreed. The former trial cost thousands of dollars and broke the record in Polk county courts.

The State Federation of Labor opened its annual session here today with some seventy-five delegates present. Committees were named, but no important business was transacted. Officers will probably be elected tomorrow.

Workmen Select Marshalltown.

CRESTON, Ia., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Marshalltown secures the next meeting of the grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, defeating Algona for the convention. The interesting and important part of today's sessions of the grand lodge was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Grand master workman, Will M. Narvis of Muscatine, unanimous; grand foreman, W. H. Berry, Indianola; grand recorder, B. F. Rehkopf, Des Moines, unanimous; grand trustee, P. H. Summerfield, Dubuque, unanimous; grand overseer, F. A. Secord, Sioux City; grand receiver, William Elsom, Cedar Rapids; grand guide, J. K. Townsend, Burlington; grand watchman, A. E. Fackler, Prescott; supreme representatives, Will M. Narvis, B. F. Rehkopf and R. L. Tilton.

Last night the Council Bluffs degree team exemplified the secret work and this evening the local lodge gave an entertainment and dance to the delegates. Grand officers will hereafter be required to give bonds in a guarantee company, the grand lodge to bear the expense. Considerable discussion arose over the report of the codification committee, but no important changes were made in the laws.

News of Marriage a Surprise.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 9.—(Special.)—It has just leaked out that Bert P. Mill, editor of the Correctionville (Ia.) News, and Miss Susie M. Castle of that place, had been married over a week before they made the event public. This was done at a party given by Mr. Mill, when the young people flashed the certificate of marriage upon the astonished assemblage. Not even the parents of the young woman knew anything about it. They had simply driven over to a nearby town, secured a preacher and the necessary license in Plymouth county and the knot was tied in a few minutes. Then they returned to their respective homes.

Suit for Paving Taxes.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 9.—(Special.)—A suit has been filed in the federal court in Sioux City which promises to be of considerable interest to property owners not only in Sioux City, but in other cities where new paving of streets is being carried on. It is a suit on the part of the holder of a mortgage on city property to have the mortgage declared superior to any lien of improvements upon the streets abutting the property in question. A few years ago a Sioux City man placed a mortgage of $6,000 upon his house and lot. Later on the city decided to pave with asphalt the streets surrounding the house and lot. Its certificates for this improvement against the property amount to some $1,500 by this time. This has not been paid and the property is about to be sold for the nonpayment of the special assessments and taxes. The holder of the mortgage maintains that this special assessment is junior and inferior to its mortgage lien. The question arises, should this be the case, who will have to bear the expense of the paving and the improvement. Will it be the paving company which did the work or the city itself? The case is quite sure to be taken to the supreme court of the United States, as there are hundreds of other pieces of property in Sioux City which would come under the same ruling. The state courts have already declared the old method of assessing property for paving as unconstitutional, and the legislature in its last session passed a new law to cover the defects. J. H. Quick, who was mayor of Sioux City at the time the paving was completed, and who signed the paving certificates, is now attorney for the complainant in the case.

Crowded for School Room.

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last night the question of erecting another ward school house was up for consideration and was considered one of the necessities of the near future. Every room in the city is crowded and basement rooms have had to be called into service during the past year. This necessity is considered one of the best evidences of Atlantic's growth that could be had.

Fugitive Captured in St. Louis.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Frank Slutts received a telegram from St. Louis, Mo., this afternoon stating that Con Stafford, who broke jail in this city two weeks ago, had been captured. Stafford was convicted on the charge of robbery and was being held to await sentence. Sheriff Slutts will go to St. Louis for him this evening.

TRUTH NOT STRANGE ENOUGH.

Instance Where Something Stranger Was Found in Fiction.

"If truth is stranger than fiction," said an amateur cynic to a New Orleans Times man, "it is well for a fellow to fib a little when he wants to be believed. Not long ago, to give you an illustration, a young friend of mine, who works for a certain shipping house here, was detained at the office until after midnight, and just before leaving attempted to replace a letter file on a high swinging shelf. In so doing he dislodged a ledger, which struck him on the bridge of the nose as it fell and knocked off a good-sized section of skin, besides blacking one of his eyes. I occupy the adjoining office and hearing the racket went in and helped patch him up.

"Now, I happened to know that this young man had a wife who was inclined to be very suspicious, and as he was going I asked him what he proposed to tell her about the accident. 'Why, I'll tell her exactly what happened,' he said; 'it's perfectly plain and simple.' 'That's just the trouble,' said I, 'it's so plain and simple that she'll never believe it in the world. She'll think you made it up to conceal something terrible and will be very unhappy. It is your duty in such a case to do a little lying.' 'But what shall I tell her then?' he asked, looking puzzled. 'Tell her,' said I, 'that you heard a row in the street and going to the window saw the Italian fruit vendor on the opposite corner yelling at some boys who had just robbed his stand. While you had your head out he hurled an apple at the urchins and it flew wild and hit you in the eye.' 'But, good heavens!' he protested, 'that's a most preposterous yarn. Here we are on the third floor, so how on earth could I be hit by an apple thrown at a boy in the street?' 'You don't pretend to know,' I replied; 'all you can say is that it happened.'

"I finally got him to promise he would do exactly as I advised, and next day he came down all smiles. 'It worked to a charm!' he explained. 'I told her the apple story just as you outlined it and remarked casually that I knew it sounded incredible and might easily enough have invented some plausible fiction to account for my eye, but I preferred to tell her the exact truth on all occasions. Well, she simply beamed,' continued my friend, '"John," she said to me, "don't you ever be afraid to tell your little wife the truth, no matter how wild it sounds. You can always depend on her common sense."'

"I really believe I averted trouble in the family," said the amateur cynic, thoughtfully.

ILLUSIONS DISPELLED.

How the Famous Dead Sea Looked to an American.

Some long-current illusions concerning the Dead Sea are dispelled by Henry Dexter of the American News Company, New York, who went to see its reputed wonders with his own eyes. In his opinion the bed of the sea is of volcanic formation. "I took a plunge in the water to test its qualities. The water is, I should say, a bituminous salt brine. I was careful not to get the water in my eyes or on my hair. I had been told that nothing could sink in the Dead Sea, but I found that was untrue, for the reason that if I did not make an effort to keep on top I would go down. The water is of a character that if any one had a cutaneous disease it would make the flesh smart fiercely. It was exceptionally refreshing, however, on account of the heat. The water was wonderfully clear and you could see down to a depth of twenty feet. The water was perhaps a little more buoyant than ordinary salt water, but it would not hold me up. It was not sticky, but washed off as freely as any salt water. One thing I noticed, and of which I have never been able to get an explanation, was a small island about five hundred feet from the shore. This had on it large square blocks of stone. I have never been able to ascertain where these blocks came from. The theory that birds cannot fly over the water is untrue, as I saw lots of birds flying over it."

Inspiration.

Chicago Post: "What furnishes your inspiration?" they asked of the author.

"My wife," was the reply.

"How lovely!" they cried. "How perfectly idealistic!"

"Yes," he went on, "if the muse ever halts and I feel like loafing on my job her demand for a new gown or some additional money for household expenses stirs me to renewed effort and put Pegasus in a gallop."

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