NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.
Davis sells drugs.
Stockert sells carpets and rugs.
Fine Missouri oak. Gilbert Bros.
Gas fixtures and globes at Bixby's.
Fine A B C beer, Neumayer's hotel.
Wollman, scientific optician, 30 B'way.
Schmidt's photos guaranteed to please.
Moore's stock food kills worms, fattens.
W. J. Hostetter, dentist, Baldwin block.
Lefferi, jeweler, optician, 236 Broadway.
J. A. Snow, auctioneer, B'way, opp. P. O.
Drink Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld, agt.
Wanted, competent girl for general housework, 320 Oakland avenue.
Mrs. E. R. Crandall has gone to Topeka, Kan., on a visit to relatives.
Something new for Kodakers at C. E. Alexander & Co.'s, 333 Broadway.
Mrs. W. J. Halladay of East Pierce street is visiting friends at Kennedy, Ia.
W. F. Graff, undertaker and disinfector, 101 South Main street. 'Phone 506.
Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 155.
For rent, modern residence in heart of city, by W. L. Kerney, 231 Main street.
Morgan & Klein, upholstering, furniture repairing, mattress making. 122 S. Main st.
A want ad in The Bee will bring results. The same attention given to a want ad in Council Bluffs as at the Omaha office.
Foresters' Hazel camp, Modern Woodmen of America, dance Monday evening, February 25, Hughes' hall. Admission 25 cents.
Sheridan coal, once tried always used. Smokeless, no soot, clinkers nor sulphur. Price $5, $5.50. Fenton & Foley, sole agents.
William and Maud Rickman, 1616 Tenth avenue were reported to the Board of Health yesterday as suffering from scarlet fever.
W. W. Wallace of Bluff street, who suffered another severe hemorrhage of the lungs Thursday, was much improved yesterday.
Members of U. S. Grant company, Knights of Pythias, are to meet tonight in Castle hall in the Merriam block, on business of importance.
W. H. Hodge left last night for Chicago. He has been dispatcher in the office of Superintendent Clark of the Illinois Central the last eight months.
H. S. Storrs, division superintendent, and E. Jones, master mechanic, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, were in this city yesterday from Creston.
In St. Paul's Episcopal church during Lent there will be services every Friday evening and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 in the afternoon.
Mrs. Wyman and children of Des Moines are visiting Mrs. Wyman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace of Bluff street, enroute to Texas, where they will make their home.
The members of the bar having succeeded in securing a telephone in the district court room are now seeking to have the county board place one in the superior court room.
P. Thordson, living near the Bexley brick yards, complained to the police yesterday morning that his henroost had been raided Thursday night and thirty Light Brahma chickens stolen.
Mrs. Frederica Voss of Minden was committed to St. Bernard's hospital yesterday by the insanity board. She was committed there last June, but released in charge of her husband in September.
Those interested in kitchengarten work are to meet this morning at 10:30 at the Associated Charities' building, Tenth street and Avenue D. Mrs. McFarland of Omaha will take charge of the class.
William H. Collins of Harrison county, a tiller of the soil, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court here. He has liabilities aggregating $1,588, of which he seeks to be relieved.
Captain J. F. Merry, assistant general passenger agent of the Illinois Central railway, was in this city yesterday looking over the company's new city ticket office on Broadway. He left in the evening for Fort Dodge.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Van Brunt have gone to Culver, Ind., to visit their son, Harry, at the military academy. From there they will go to Washington for the inauguration and will visit other points in the east.
William Ballou has commenced suit in the district court to quiet his title to lot 5, block 26, Manawa Park. The Lake Manawa Railway company and eight others are named as defendants, as claiming interest in the property.
Mrs. W. F. Thorne of Avenue B, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Davis, and her sister, Mrs. Thornburg of Washington, will return this morning from a visit with friends at Red Oak, Hastings and other points in western Iowa.
Charles W. Ingersoll was arrested last night on complaint of his wife, who charged him with making threats. He gave bail for his appearance in police court this morning and told the officers his sister-in-law was at the bottom of the trouble.
The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera company, fifty strong, will hold the boards at the Dohany theater for one week, beginning next Sunday night. For the opening opera "Said Pasha" has been chosen. It is said to be a delightful little opera, full of pretty music and good comedy, and gives the company every opportunity to do good work. Each year the company comes stronger, and Miss Kirwin is sure to find some novelty. This time a big double company, an opera company perfect in singers, comedians, costumes, marches and other details, together with fashionable vaudeville, including the sensation of the century, "The Girl with the Auburn Locks." It is the highest priced act on the vaudeville stage and produced by special license from J. J. Murdock. There will be a change of opera at each performance.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

Delong's stationery department is right.

PUTS OMAHA IN HIS PLAN.

Nebraska City Enthusiast Maps Out Another Base Ball Circuit.

Will Zink, base ball enthusiast of Nebraska City, has written to Harry M. Brown of this city suggesting that instead of a tri-city league one be formed comprising the towns of Council Bluffs, Omaha, Nebraska City, Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Blair, Missouri Valley and South Omaha. As a name for the league he suggests it be called the Missouri River association.

Zink is an old base ball player and was with Terre Haute last season for a while. His proposition does not meet with favor among the local base ball men, who believe it would be too cumbersome and that better results would be obtained by adhering to the original plan of a tri-city league comprising Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Dance tonight at Hughes' hall.

Burning Up Money!

That's what you do when you buy poor shoes. Did you ever wear a pair of

HANAN SHOES?

They are nice fitting, well wearing and a shoe that will be easy on your feet. You get full value for your money when you buy shoes at a store that guarantees satisfaction. That place is

SARGENT'S
Look for the Bear.

FARM LOANS
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, jr., 126 Main St., Council Bluffs.

LEWIS CUTLER
Funeral Director
(Successor to W. C. Estep)
88 PEARL STREET. 'Phone 97.

MAKE TOWNSHIP THE UNIT

Consolidation of School Districts is Urged by State Advisory Committee.

LIFT THE RURAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Progressive Citizens Demand This Move and the Authorities Purpose to Gratify Them.

The consolidation of school districts by making the township the unit of organization is being urged by the state school advisory committee, of which County Superintendent O. J. McManus of this city is a member. This committee was appointed for the purpose of suggesting to school directors throughout the state changes that would improve the present plan of school organization and formulating practical plans for carrying them out. Besides Prof. McManus, the committee is composed of Prof. E. C. Lillie, county superintendent, of Independence, and Prof. R. V. Veneman, county superintendent, of Boone. State Superintendent R. C. Barrett is an ex-officio member of the committee.

The first matter to be taken up by the committee is the consolidation of school districts and the establishment of township high schools. Under the plan proposed the entire township is regarded as a single school district, with three or five directors chosen from the township at large at the regular school election and one secretary and one treasurer. The arbitrary lines which now divide communities into subdistricts and rural independent school districts will be abolished, and the power to establish schools, employ teachers, adopt text books, prescribe courses of study and determine where children shall attend school is vested in a single board charged with the supervision of all schools and school property belonging to the township. Instead of nine different sets of directors, as is now the case in congressional townships divided into rural independent school districts, there would be but one and the committee suggests that the simplicity of such an organization must be apparent to all interested in the schools.

Grows in Public Favor.

In a circular which the committee has prepared and is now sending out to all the school directors throughout the state, it has this to say regarding the township high school:

"The township high school is growing in public favor, but its establishment is not possible unless the township becomes the unit. Thirteen of these schools are now in existence and others must be provided if we are to lift the rural school to the place now demanded by the progressive citizens throughout the state. In all cases township high schools are managed by the same board that is charged with the care of other public schools of the corporation. To put them under a separate board would be as unreasonable as it is to have from two to nine boards managing the schools of a township divided into rural independent districts. The establishment of township high schools is for advanced pupils only and not intended to interfere with rural schools now provided, but to incite pupils in them to remain longer that they may complete a prescribed course of study. These schools will serve a high purpose by connecting the country school with the higher institutions."

By Vote of the Electors.

Section 2800 of the code provides that townships which have been divided into rural independent districts may be erected into a school township by a vote of the electors, to be taken upon the written request of one-third of the legal electors residing in the township.

The committee recommends that in order that pupils may have equal school privileges with those in school townships, steps be taken to unite rural independent districts inot school townships, in accordance with section 2800.

Ever since County Superintendent McManus was elected to office he has lost no opportunity in urging the consolidation of the country school districts and the establishment of township high schools. The subject has been discussed at every one of the district meetings organized by him throughout Pottawattamie county and the plan has been indorsed by the teachers throughout the county generally. Some opposition has been met on the part of the district school directors, as the consolidation of the township would mean fewer offices to go around.

In the country districts a school director is a person of no small importance. County Superintendent McManus is of the opinion that the people generally throughout the county favor the township high school and the consolidation of the school districts and he believes that both will be effected soon.

Davis sells paint.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Reed, 541 Broad'y.

Dance tonight at Hughes' hall.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES.

They Are Drawn for Term of Federal Court Opening March 12.

Clerk McArthur and Jury Commissioner O. H. Lucas have drawn the grand and petit juries for the term of federal court which opens in this city March 12. Formerly the jurors were drawn from all over the district, but this time they were drawn only from the western division of the southern district. This change is due to the establishment of a federal court at Creston. These are the juries:

Grand Jury—William Stricker, Gideon; Fred Guthrie, Carroll; A. L. Phillips, Burlington; W. F. Lanaway, Glenwood; O. H. Johnson, Fort Madison; L. F. Mullins, Wiota; Samuel Salts, Brookville; Asmus Boysen, Gray; W. S. Swift, Floris; A. J. Munchy, Lenox; Archie Vermazon, Charleston; A. J. Anthony, Dunlap; J. A. Sparks, Clarinda; H. E. Wiley, West Liberty; Jerome Turner, Harlan; D. C. Gifford, Prairie City; Fred Korschgen, Summitville; R. W. Clayton, Oskaloosa; Thomas Lockman, Albia; Joseph E. Wencks, Des Moines; C. H. Coy, Carson; W. E. Moore, Red Oak.

Petit Jury—Henry Palmer, Red Oak; L. P. Lou, Green Mountain; F. O. Bell, Corning; F. W. Myers, Denison; A. F. Greenwald, Audobon; Warren Hough, Crescent; A. H. McDermid, Cumberland; John J. Curran, Burlington; E. T. Allen, Agency; J. P. Young, Hedrick; G. K. Dunn, Muscatine; Alexander Mandis, Corydon; William Hutton, Atlantic; C. A. Gibbs, Greenfield; J. U. Rayburn, Newton; J. S. Bellamy, Knoxville; J. W. Cherry, Creston; Charles Porter, Grinnell; J. E. Frumm, Shelby; G. W. Bradley, Bedford; G. N. Ferguson, Carson; John W. Chaffee, Berwick; John Elliott, Centerville; Ira Noble, Chariton; C. B. Powers, Indianola; Thomas Campbell, Mount Ayr; Henry Wagers, Ottumwa; W. I. Houston, Wyman; John A. Leech, Greenfield; F. W. Estes, Sidney.

The grand jury is notified to report at 10 o'clock on the morning of March 12, and the petit jury at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. Next Tuesday is the last day for filing notices for the term.

INSPECTS ALL MILK SUPPLIES.

Deputy Sheriff Reports in Detail Results of His Investigation.

William A. Groneweg, who fills the double position of deputy sheriff and city milk inspector, completed yesterday an exhaustive report of the dairy and milk conditions existing in Council Bluffs and vicinity for the bureau of animal industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. The statistics have been compiled from reports made by all the dairies and milk dealers in or in the immediate vicinity of Council Bluffs.

The report shows the following statistics: Amount of milk used daily in city, 900 gallons; amount of skim milk used, 50 gallons; amount of cream used, 250 gallons; there are six stores in the city which sell milk and thirty-one wagons employed in peddling milk to consumers; the longest distance that milk is shipped from into the city is seven miles; one-third of the milk consumed in the city is shipped in by railroad.

There are five dairies outside of the city limits which send milk into the city. Within the city limits there are twenty-two herds of cattle, numbering about 300 head.

The report shows that the milk sold in the city is examined by Inspector Groneweg from three to four times every month under the Babcock system of testing. Samples of milk are taken from the milkmen without previous notice and are required by the Babcock test to reach a standard of 3 per cent for milk and 15 per cent for cream. About 50 per cent of the dealers are now using patented bottles in which to carry milk. About one-third of the lacteal fluid consumed by the people of Council Bluffs is Pasteurized.

None of the dairies or herds have been inspected during the last year and Inspector Groneweg recommends in his report that all cows should be inspected monthly.

Dance tonight at Hughes' hall.

DEMURRER TO THE INDICTMENT.

Case of the State Against Chicago & Northwestern.

The case of the State against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company has been set for trial at this term of district court and yesterday the attorneys for the railway company filed a demurrer to the indictment. An indictment was returned against the Northwestern Railway company in December, 1898, for obstructing a public highway in Garner township. It is charged that the railroad had fenced in a highway that had been a public thoroughfare for upward of sixteen years. On the other hand, the railroad company insists that it simply fenced in its right-of-way to protect its property at the time the Illinois Central built its track alongside. A high grade built by the Illinois Central now lies between the fence of the Northwestern and what is claimed as a public thoroughfare.

In its demurrer the railway company alleges that the indictment does not allege facts which constitute an offense under the laws of Iowa. It further alleges that the indictment fails to describe the public highway alleged to have been obstructed.

The case against Dan O'Connell, charged with breaking into Ralph Williams' coal yard and stealing a quantity of coal was given to the jury about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Late last night no verdict had been returned.

A jury was impaneled in the case against Ed Hoden, charged with slashing James Hughes in the thigh with a knife last March on South Main street.

In the case of Thomas D. Thompson against the Woman's Christian association the plaintiff filed yesterday a motion for a new trial. The plaintiff in the case of Herman Goldstein against John S. Morgan, sheriff, also filed a motion for a new trial.

REPUBLICAN PRECINCT CAUCUSES.

Delegates Are Selected to the School Convention of Wednesday.

Republican precinct caucuses were held last night to select delegates to the school convention Wednesday. In the Fourth ward the caucuses failed for want of quorums in both precincts. These delegates were reported.

First Ward, First Precinct—W. C. Dickey, O. P. Groom, C. A. Mauer, D. A. Heisler, C. W. Atwood, J. M. Murphy, C. A. Morgan.

First Ward, Second Precinct—Richard Green, G. H. Scott, W. S. Baird, E. B. Gardiner, D. L. Keller, H. S. Jones, S. B. Snyder, W. A. Groneweg.

Second Ward, First Precinct—D. G. Morgan, C. S. Hubbard, J. W. Blanchard, T. T. Snow, C. A. Tibbits, Spencer Smith, J. B. Sweet, J. J. Steadman.

Second Ward, Second Precinct—J. W. Ferrier, Theodore Guitar, G. G. Baird, P. H. Wind, F. T. True, J. H. Pace, W. S. Wilkins, John Olson.

Third Ward, First Precinct—W. M. Frederick, A. B. Nicholas, G. B. Miles, H. B. Jennings, L. M. Shubert, E. R. Fonda, R. E. O'Hanley, H. J. Palmer.

Third Ward, Second Precinct—L. E. Bridenstein, J. M. Ousler, I. Cherniss, Clyde Goss, M. P. Schmidt, W. H. Van Brunt, H. M. Goss.

Fifth Ward, First Precinct—C. Konigmacher, S. F. Shuart, James Hoon, F. E. Hoagland, I. N. Flickinger, G. H. Acker, A. Mitchell, R. A. Bachman, E. P. Fitch.

Fifth Ward, Second Precinct—John Saor, Thomas Smith, Hugh Miller, Chris Jensen, John Anderson, Chris Loseth.

Creature in Skirts is Silent.

Officer John Smith, who is acting as night jailer until a successor is appointed to Billy Matlock, was the victim of a cruel joke last night at the hands of the night force. A noise was heard at the jail door and Sergeant Burke went to investigate. He returned in a few seconds, calling upon Smith to get his coat on in a hurry and go after a deaf and dumb girl who had got away from Captain Denny. In as few words as possible Burke explained that the girl had run away from the School for the Deaf and when last seen was crossing the bridge at the foot of Bryant street.

Smith was off in a second and in about ten minutes returned, leading by the arm a well dressed and good looking young woman. "Is this the lady?" querried Smith. The young woman never spoke a word, but looked around her as if not clearly understanding the situation. Then the night force, unable to restrain themselves any longer, had to give way to their merriment, and the "young woman" gave herself away. She was the young son of Postmaster Treynor, who was going to a masquerade dance.

Court House Alone Open.

Washington's birthday was observed as a holiday generally in Council Bluffs. The schools were closed all day, as were the banks. Most of the stores closed at noon. As district court was in session the offices in the county court house had to keep open. Flags were flying on the federal, county and city buildings and on all the schools.

Matlock Off the Force.

Billy Matlock is no longer a member of the police force and Mayor Jennings is looking for a man to take the place of night jailer at the city bastile. The mayor, after investigating Officer Matlock's conduct last Wednesday night, decided to dispense with his services.

Dance tonight at Hughes' hall.

OBSERVES WASHINGTON'S DAY

Society of Sons of American Revolution Has Banquet at Des Moines.

TEACHERS WANT TO REDUCE EXPENSES

Smallpox Discovered in Polk County Jail—Pat Dunn, Convicted of Manslaughter, is Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison.

DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Besides the observance of Washington's day in the public schools of the state, which observance is becoming more general than ever before, there was a notable banquet of the Iowa State society of Sons of the American Revolution in Des Moines this evening, attended by a number of the members from various parts of the state. The society has shown considerable growth the last few years and now is well organized in the state. The chief address at the banquet in the evening was by L. M. Kean of Sioux City, one of the candidates for chancellor of the Iowa Law school, who is a great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson. Nine of the members of the society were soldiers in the war with Spain and one of the events of the evening was the presentation of the national medal on behalf of the state society to one of the members.

The society elected officers as follows: President, W. H. Bailey, Des Moines; vice president, Herman Knapp, Ames, and W. H. Abury, Ottumwa; secretary, E. D. Hadley, Des Moines; treasurer, Willard Secor, Forest City; historian, E. H. Hazen, Des Moines; chaplain, E. B. Chase, Ocheyedan.

One of the most notable meetings of the state to celebrate the day was at Algona, where there was a big banquet of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in northwestern Iowa, addressed by A. B. Cummins of Des Moines. Mr. Cummins discussed the services of General Washington in a rather unusual way, contending that his greatest service to his country was not as commander-in-chief of the army during the revolution, or even as president of the United States in starting the ship of state aright, but in making possible the constitutional convention and acting as mediator between the factions, who were all at sea as to what was best to be done to establish a nation. Mr. Cummins eloquently depicted the influence exerted by Washington at that critical time in the history of the nation.

Reduce Number of Teachers.

The movement among Iowa educators to reduce the number of teachers and the expense of maintaining the free public schools by consolidating schools and districts is gaining such great headway that those who favor it are now in hopes a radical reform can be effected within a few years. The present state superintendent has long been an advocate of consolidation of districts and he and other eminent educators have been working along that line. Now President Seerley of the State Normal school is out in an interview, in which he takes strong ground in favor of consolidation. President Seerley declares that the present system is fully fifty years behind the times and that it ought to be relegated to the garret. He advocates adoption of the township system of consolidating the rural schools and the method of having pupils who live a long distance from school hauled to school on contracts. The expense would be less in this way and grading of the schools would be possible. Recently a leaflet was published by the department of education in the interest of this movement and a number of lectures have been given in different parts of the state in favor of consolidation. The fact that in many counties of the state the rural population is actually decreasing by the moving of so many families to the towns has furthered the consolidation idea.

Rabbi Not Guilty of Fraud.

A Jewish rabbi, L. Gruber by name, was arrested here on orders from Dubuque, on a charge of swindling. It was alleged that he had sold a town lot in a town in Manitoba to a Dubuque man and had received a small payment of cash and the rest in notes, and that investigation showed he had no authority to make the sale, hence he was arrested and taken to Dubuque, but he appeared in court on the preliminary hearing and demonstrated that he had power to sell the land and that it was a legitimate transaction. Gruber claims that he is engaged in inducing Jews to go to Manitoba to settle on farms and in towns, and that he has been instrumental in establishing a large colony there. He has been attacked in a Jewish paper in New York, but seems to have established that he is doing a proper business.

Smallpox in the Jail.

Smallpox has been discovered in the county jail here and the place has been quarantined. A number of cases are still under quarantine in various parts of the city, but the epidemic has been kept within bounds all winter.

New Druggists.

Thirteen of the forty applicants for pharmacists' certificates who took the last examination were successful in passing it. The list of those to be granted certificates is: W. H. Barker, Sanborn; Fred C. Abbott, Oelwein; W. H. Bissick, jr., Eau Claire; Steve M. Clem, Shenandoah; George W. Gilman, Fort Dodge; Amandus J. Kusian, Ackley; Willis A. Meyers, Grinnell; F. J. Nichols, Atlantic; A. E. Peterson, Spencer; C. L. Patterson, West Side; George J. Shugart, Emerson; B. H. Stover, Marengo.

Want a Board Like Iowa.

Three members of the Minnesota legislature have been making an investigation of the manner of conducting Iowa state institutions under the Board of Control law, with a view to making a report to the legislature for use in connection with the bill which is pending to establish a similar system in Minnesota. The committee, with Judge Kinne, chairman of the Iowa board, went to Clarinda today to inspect the hospital there, and they will visit several of the state institutions to learn of the practical workings of the system. The opponents of the bill in Minnesota are making a strong point against it on the ground that the efforts of the Iowa board for economy results in a lowering of the standard. This is the chief matter to be investigated and thus far the committee reports that they find no ground for such an objection.

Not Ready to Withdraw.

A. B. Cummins, one of the candidates for governor, went to Algona today to deliver an address at a Washington day banquet, and before going he made emphatic denial of persistent rumors that he is considering withdrawal in the interest of United States Minister Conger, who is also considered a candidate for governor. Mr. Cummins says he has not said or done anything to give ground for such a rumor.

Court House Contract.

The bids of contractors on the new court house for Dallas county have been opened. There were fourteen contractors seeking the job and the bids ranged all the way from $79,000 to $93,000. The lowest bidder was a firm from Grand Rapids, Mich., but the contract will not be let until March 5. Dallas county has had one of the poorest court houses in the state, which has now been torn down, and the county has ordered the erection of a new one at Adel at a cost of $80,000.

Eight Years for Manslaughter.

Pat Dunn, convicted of manslaughter at Marshalltown, has been sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Caswell. Dunn was one of a gang of tramps engaged in badgering and abusing an old colored man named Joseph Williams last August, and as Williams was running to escape them he was shot dead. There was some doubt as to whether it was Dunn or some other person who did the shooting, but the jury found him guilty of manslaughter. The court had before the trial refused to permit the defendant to plead guilty to manslaughter, with an understanding that the sentence should be not more than five years.

Teachers' Institute.

State Superintendent Barrett has consented to give an address before the Teachers' association of Cass county at Atlantic March 8, next. The program includes a two days' session, with good papers and discussions.

Will Ask for Higher Pay.

The county auditors at their convention today decided upon making a demand of the next legislature for an increase of their salary, claiming they are the poorest paid of any county officers. They will also ask for changes in the railroad and telegraph assessment law to facilitate their work. Fred Cope, Des Moines, was elected president, and J. F. Ford, Webster county, secretary. The next annual meeting will be held in Des Moines.

SOCIALIST IS SHUT OUT

Miners Refuse to Let Politics Interfere with Their Convention Business.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—After listening to a lengthy communication from a local socialist society today, asking that its representatives be allowed to address the convention on socialist issues of the day, the miners, by unanimous vote, refused to have anything to do with them, saying: "We are here for business and not to mix up in politics."

The session was brief. The resolutions and scale committees were not ready to report and the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. A banquet was served the visiting delegates tonight and speeches were made by prominent citizens and labor leaders. The operators will be here Monday and exciting sessions are looked for when the joint scale committees get together.

Paralyzed in Locomotive Cab.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.—When freight No. 31 pulled into Fox Lake over the Northwestern last night a senseless engineer was sitting bolt upright on his seat and an inexperienced fireman was managing to the best of his ability the engine. Frank Kelly was the engineer and while midway between Marna and Fox Lake he was stricken with a sort of paralysis and fell senseless. Another engine was telegraphed for here and went to finish the run. It is thought that this will permanently unfit Kelly for an engineer.

Tile and Brick Men in Convention.

BOONE, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Iowa tile and brick makers are holding their annual convention here. Seventy-five members are present. The convention opened at 2 p. m. yesterday and an address of welcome was delivered by Hon. R. F. Jordan, after which President McHose delivered his annual address. In the evening a banquet was tendered the visitors by the Boone Business Men's association.

ADMITS HUSBAND'S MURDER

Mrs. F. E. Foster of Algona, Ia., Brings Others Into the Case.

ATTORNEY AND DOCTOR HEAR HER

After Reciting the Details the Woman Tries to Take Her Own Life, but is Prevented.

ALGONA, Ia., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Foster, wife of F. E. Foster, who was shot and nearly killed Saturday night, February 9, by Clarence Robinson, has confessed to having been implicated in the attempted murder of her husband and brings others into the case.

The confession of Mrs. Foster was made before Attorney Frederick M. Curtiss and Dr. J. E. Gay. As soon as she had made the confession she attempted suicide, but was saved.

ANDREWS RAPS THE CROAKER

Chancellor of University of Nebraska Renews His Allegiance to His Country.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The last convocation of the university year was held in the opera house at 10 o'clock this morning, Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska delivered an address on "Anti-Cassandra, or a Rap at the Croaker." Hon. S. F. Smith, son of the author of "America," was present, with the original of the hymn. He gave a talk about the national hymn and its author. Chancellor Andrews said:

"Cassandra has come back to earth. Prophecies of impending crash are heard on every hand. The voice of the croaker is familiar to all as he walks up and down the land crying 'woe, woe, woe!' Now he blacklists domestic life, declaring that nuptial vows are no longer held sacred; that family discipline exists no more; that children are hopelessly going to the devil. Religious life is alleged to be in a similar bad way. It is said that faith is thrown aside and ridiculed, unbelief universal, respect for church, clergy, divine commands and ordinances clean gone. What is to become of us no one knows, only the croaker is sure that the coming fate will be unimaginably terrible.

"Cassandra's tones are the most lugubrious when she speaks of our political life. But here I rap the croaker hard. I call Cassandra down. I expostulate with the pessimists one and all. I say: 'The conditions may be quite as forbidding as the most despairing of you allege and yet not preclude joyous hope. If the republic's burdens are not lightened the republic will go down; but they will be lightened. If the patriotism, courage and common sense have left the American people our government cannot remain free; but those qualities have not left us. The earth is not going to cave in right away. The rock beneath us may be porous, but it will do to build upon. My country, with all thy faults, I trust thee still, and I have faith in thee, not as a mother dead or dying, but as a mother living, youthful, with promise of indefinite progeny in noble lives and immortal deeds. The nation's past, great as it is, will be surpassed in splendor by the nation's future. Let patriots look up and renew their oath of allegiance."

CONGER WILLING TO COME HOME.

Writes He Would Like to Leave China and Be Governor of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—Another cable message has been received from Major E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, in which he explains to an Iowa friend that his wife and daughter and niece, Miss Pierce, who were with him during the siege, are in such a nervous condition that he fears to have them remain longer in Pekin.

He would be glad, he says, if he could come home and be governor of Iowa, but he could not well leave China, unless for some good reason. President McKinley, it is said, has told Major Conger's friends positively that he wants Mr. Conger to stay in China.

Brakeman's Skull Crushed.

BOONE, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Yesterday morning while coupling an engine to a passenger train Brakeman Fred Pickering was caught between the bumpers and his skull crushed. He is still alive, but beyond hope of recovery. He leaves a wife and infant child.

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