

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stocker sells carpets and rugs. Metz beer at Neumayer's hotel.

WOULD GET RID OF CUT-OFF

Iowa Seeks to Annex It Legally to the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR HAZLETON HAS A PLAN

Bill He Will Present to Legislature Defines Western Boundary of State and Gives Iowa Jurisdiction Over Manawa.

State Senator Hazleton was in consultation yesterday with Mayor Jennings and other city officials regarding the bill which he will introduce during the present session of the legislature to define the western boundary of the state with the varying channels of the Missouri river, with a view to placing Cut-Off in West Council Bluffs in Nebraska and to give Iowa complete jurisdiction over Manawa and No Man's Land on the south side of the lake.

There are several hundred acres of land on the Iowa side of the Missouri in Rockford and Crescent townships which originally formed part of Nebraska and are still under the jurisdiction of that state, and the purpose of this bill is to have them transferred to this state.

The bill to be introduced by Mr. Hazleton is in line with the recommendation of Governor Shaw in his address, in which he suggested that the legislature authorize the appointment of a commission to determine these boundaries.

The Nebraska state legislature at its last session authorized the appointment of a commission to meet with a similar commission from this state to determine this question of boundaries. The Nebraska commission is not to be appointed until the Iowa one is named.

Cut-Off, or West Council Bluffs, as it is officially known, was disconnected from this state in 1831 by the vagaries of the Missouri river. The residents of that portion do not pay municipal taxes, as in fact they derive little if any benefits from the city government of Council Bluffs. They pay the regular county taxes and enjoy the benefit of being within the school district of Council Bluffs. A year ago the Board of Education built a new school house in Cut-Off and considerable money was expended by the city in building sidewalks in order to enable the pupils to reach the school.

The jurisdiction over Lake Manawa has always been a disputed question and it is hoped the bill to be introduced by Mr. Hazleton will determine this. It is also hoped the bill will determine the question of the jurisdiction over what is known as accreted lands in the townships bordering on the river.

Senator Hazleton is desirous of securing an expression from the city council, and it is expected the matter will be brought up at the meeting of that body Monday night. Mayor Jennings, speaking yesterday of the matter, said he believed it would be a decided benefit to this city to have Cut-Off placed in Nebraska, as it had been more or less an expense while no revenue had been derived by the city from it.

Mr. J. F. Wilcox has placed the heating and plumbing work in his elegant new residence now under construction in the hands of J. C. Bixby & Son of this city. Mr. Wilcox has made the sanitation and heating a prominent feature in planning his new home, and the finished system will be easily the finest in the city.

TO RELIEVE COURT CONGESTION

Pottawattamie Attorneys Investigate Plans for Securing a Fifth Judge.

The proposition to ask the state legislature to provide a fifth judge for the Fifteenth judicial district was discussed at a called meeting of the Pottawattamie County Bar association yesterday morning. It was unanimously conceded that some relief was necessary for the congested condition of the courts in the district, but the members of the association had different views as to the best remedy.

Some of the attorneys suggested that a judge might be elected which would enlarge the jurisdiction of the superior court, so that the judge of that court might when necessary preside over the district court, to assist the judges. Others suggested that the district might be divided, so as to give Pottawattamie county two judges, one for the Avoca court and one for the court in Council Bluffs.

All the phases of the question were thoroughly discussed, Judge Thorne taking part in the discussion, and it was finally resolved that inquiry should be made into the prevailing conditions and with this method for remedying them, and the best method in view Judges E. E. Aylesworth, J. J. Stewart, J. J. Shea, Fremont Benjamin and M. C. Hari were appointed a committee to make such investigation. The committee was requested to have its report ready to submit at a meeting of the association Saturday.

During the discussion statistics were given which throw light on the actual conditions now prevailing in the Fifteenth judicial district. The population of Iowa, according to the census of 1900, is 2,231,833. The state is divided into twenty judicial districts, the population of the Fifteenth being about 220,000, or one-tenth of the entire population of the state. In the Fifteenth district there are four judges, or one judge to about 55,000 people, while in the Ninth district consisting of Polk county with a population of 83,000, there are four judges, or one judge to less than 21,000 people.

As a result of the congested condition in the Fifteenth district, the business of the courts is badly behind in Pottawattamie, Montgomery, Audubon and Shelby counties.

Ask Miss Roosevelt to Use Water.

The local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will petition the Iowa representative in congress to advocate the passage of the Hiller-Lodge bill, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Philippines. A letter also will be sent to Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the president, asking her to use water instead of wine when christening the private yacht of Emperor William of Germany. The union, through its secretary, has written Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw, thanking her for her recent reported statement that she will not have wine served at the dinners which the Shaws may give in Washington.

Gravel roofing A. H. head, 841 Broadway.

Two Arrests on Indictments.

O. L. Ingersoll of Boomer township and Otto Kahler of this city were arrested yesterday under indictments returned by the district court grand jury Friday. Ingersoll was indicted on a charge of stealing \$200 worth of feed, the property of Chris Holm, a neighboring farmer. He was arrested at his home near Honey Creek yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Baker and brought to the city. He succeeded in furnishing bail in the sum of \$500 last evening. Otto Kahler, who lives at 1610 Avenue B, was indicted on a charge of violating smallpox quarantine regulations. He gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance in court.

ASSESSING IOWA RAILROADS

More Questions to Be Submitted to Companies in the State.

LEGISLATIVE VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY

Proposition of Biennial Elections to Come Up Again—Redistricting the State—Death of Asher Kersey.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—In accordance with the recommendation of Governor Cummins in his inaugural address, the State Executive council today decided upon additional questions to be submitted to the railroad companies doing business in Iowa for the purpose of securing information for assessment purposes which has not before been required. These questions refer to the railroad companies to report the gross earnings on business originating or terminating in Iowa, gross earnings on business either terminating or originating in Iowa but partial outside the state, the proportion of the business in Iowa and outside in the state and outside the state, the amount expended for betterments, the average interest charge per mile on the bonded debt of the system, the dividends per mile and whether the average value per mile is as great or greater in this state than elsewhere. The purpose of these additional questions to be included in the blank forms sent out to railroad companies at this time of the year is to enable the council to better approach the question of assessments. For the first time the council has a majority of members who are practically pledged to radical reform in the matter of making railroad assessments. It has been charged freely and openly in the past that the council has been dominated by railroad interests and not in the past, but to be fair on these matters, the council at present constituted is not subject to this criticism and it is expected that in the making of assessments this year some new features will be introduced. The adoption of the questions referred to above is in line with the program policy of the new governor and a majority of members of the council.

TRIP TO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Arrangements have been completed for the journey of the members of the legislature to the Iowa State university at Iowa City on Thursday of next week. They will go on a special train leaving here early in the morning. The entire day will be spent at Iowa City. At the dedication ceremonies of the new \$100,000 building of the State university Governor Cummins will preside and Senator Doolittle will be the principal orator. Addresses will also be delivered by several members of the legislature who are graduates of the university. The entire party will take the guests of the people of Iowa City during the day and dinner will be served all visitors free. President MacLean and members of the board are making necessary arrangements for the journey and the program. The university desires an appropriation for a permanent building to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last year, but aside from this the appropriations asked for are modest.

Biennial Elections Again.

Senator Harper of Ottumwa and Representative Bailey of Mount Ayr are quoted as strongly in favor of the passage by the legislature of a measure looking to a change in the constitution, providing for biennial state elections instead of annual elections. The redistricting measure is necessary to the one which was adopted by the people a year ago and was declared void because of gross negligence on the part of the legislative officers in following out the provisions of the law relating to recording the bill. There was much regret over the failure of the measure to become a law, and there is a good prospect that such a measure will pass this legislature and then go to the people again for approval.

Redistricting the State.

The members of the State Board of Control have been engaged several days in redistricting the state for the state insane hospitals. This work will take some time, as the board will have to secure from all the hospitals detailed information as to the number of insane patients from different counties. The redistricting is necessary by the prospective opening of the new hospital at Cherokee.

Hon. Cam Culbertson of Knoxville, formerly superintendent of the State Institution for the Blind, where it is now proposed to utilize a new state normal school, has gone to the insane hospital Mount Pleasant for treatment. He has practically become insane from the drink habit and voluntarily gave himself up to the authorities. For several weeks he has been in the hospital and a few days ago was assaulted and robbed of all his possessions.

Death of Old Resident.

The death is reported of Asher Kersey, a man who voted for J. G. Adams for president and for every presidential candidate of the whig, abolition and republican parties. Mr. Kersey lived in the southern part of Hardin county for a great many years, and died this week at his home near New Providence, at the advanced age of 95 years. He was a prominent citizen of North Carolina, April 22, 1807, and moved to Wayne county, Indiana, in 1825. Up to within a short time of his death he was in full possession of all his faculties and took a deep interest in politics. He was carried a short distance from his home to the south part of the county, and was well known in this and Story counties. A large family of descendants are scattered over central Iowa.

Pattern After Omaha.

Custodian Miller of the government building has returned from Omaha, where he went to inspect the public building. There is some talk of patterning the new post-office building to be erected in Des Moines after the Omaha structure, which is said to be a model in many respects. Mr. Miller will frame a report and send it to Washington, making recommendations as to interior arrangements for the courts, offices, postoffice and revenue departments.

RACE WITH SAFE CRACKERS

Sheriff and Police Forces, Aided by Citizens, Run Down Suspected Criminals.

DENISON, Ia., Jan. 18.—The sheriff and police forces of this place had a running fight with four supposed safe crackers this morning, in which many shots were exchanged. Three of the hunted men were captured and are in jail. The fourth made his escape into the woods nearby and is being pursued by a posse. He is heavily armed. When the sheriff arrived shooting on both sides began at once. Fully 100 citizens, attracted by the shooting, joined in the pursuit. The three men under arrest

IMPOSSIBLE TO VISIT ALL

Prince's Trip Will Include Chicago Only of the Large Cities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The committee charged with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry today decided that it would be impossible to yield to the requests of many cities to have the prince visit them. It is likely he will visit New York, Washington and Niagara Falls. The journey will include Chicago only of the large cities.

It also was decided, owing to the tide, to have the launch occur on the original date, February 25. This will necessitate two trips on the part of the prince between New York and Washington.

ORDINA RECTOR AT CRESTON.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Episcopal circles in this city were much stirred this week by the ordination of Rev. T. W. C. Cheeseman of this city as the rector of St. Paul's church, said to be the first instance in Iowa where the ceremony of ordination was conferred outside of the cathedral at Davenport. Bishop Morrison and other prominent dignitaries of the church were present to assist in the ceremonies, which were very beautiful and impressive.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Max and Woman Descend Ladder Around Them.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Cut off from access to a fire escape a few feet away, Mrs. Helen M. York and John N. Blanch, linotype operators, stood in a window of the fourth floor of the Milton Place building tonight with flames below and behind them. Slowly the firemen raised a long ladder until the top round reached the window where Mrs. York was trying to prevent her dress from catching fire. The man beside her assisted her to step on the ladder, then, just as the flames swept over the sill they had reached the ground level of the street. It was the most thrilling fire incident in Boston for several months. Though the aspect was serious for some time, the actual loss was not very heavy, being only somewhat over \$50,000.

Buildings at Johnson.

JOHNSON, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Fire this morning did over \$5,000 damage. A blaze was first seen in D. C. Moore's pool room and spread rapidly through adjoining frame structures. Many of the buildings were destroyed. The loss was \$275, unsecured. The heaviest loser was Henry Schellenberg, grocer, who carried only \$300 insurance on a \$1,200 stock. Other losses were: John C. Bausfeld, loss on building \$700, insurance \$400; Mrs. N. M. Gordon, loss on building \$600, insured for \$400; Chris Schomers, building \$500, insured for \$250; August Blinde, loss on grocery building \$700, uninsured; Julius Schneider \$300 loss on building, insured for \$600; J. G. Ramsay, saloon, \$500 loss; Mrs. M. Gordon, loss on building \$400, insured for \$250; G. F. Gordon, bar, loss \$150, insured for \$100; Mrs. C. C. Clarendon, loss on building \$100, insured for \$100.

Chicago Hotel.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The La Strain hotel, a seven-story apartment house on Ellis avenue, was partly destroyed by fire today. Sixty men and women were in the building when the flames were discovered. About half of them were on the top floor at luncheon and they were thrown into a panic. Otto Bala, the elevator boy, succeeded in making several trips through the smoke and flames and carried all of them to safety. The last one out of the building was a paralytic, whom the elevator carried to the lower floor. The loss is placed at \$100,000. The fire originated in a shed at the rear of the building. One fireman was slightly injured by falling glass.

Oil Storage House.

ARLINGTON, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—A small building used for storing gasoline, turpentine, etc., was all on fire before it was seen. The pall brigade did effective work and saved other buildings, except an icehouse belonging to Leo Snyder, which was partly burned. No insurance. Origin of fire not known.

General Store at Barneston.

BARNESTON, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—A blaze was discovered in the cellar of Thomas Hand's general store and before it could be extinguished it burned a large portion of the floor. His goods were completely destroyed. The fire was water and are covered by insurance.

EXCEPT INDEPENDENT ACTION

North Lines Are Suspicious of Chicago Roads on the Rate Question.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18.—The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo lines today agreed to change the date upon which the proposed new freight tariffs are to go into effect, the new date being January 25, instead of February 1. The reason given is that the tariffs will be ready five days sooner than anticipated and that the rates might as well go into effect that much earlier.

KANSAS CITY MAN APPOINTED

W. A. Nettleton Succeeds George R. Henderson on the Santa Fe Road.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 18.—W. A. Nettleton of Kansas City has been appointed as the successor of George R. Henderson as assistant superintendent of machinery for the Santa Fe road. Mr. Nettleton was formerly superintendent of motive power for the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, but resigned that position shortly before the consolidation of that road with the Frisco.

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WOMEN DIE FROM BURNS.

MILTON, N. D., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Lars Hanson was burned to death yesterday while starting a fire with kerosene. Her sister, Miss Lottie Doty of Chicago, who was visiting her, went to her rescue and was burned so badly that she died at 6 o'clock this morning.

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FATAL GAMBLING ROOM BROLL.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 18.—A fatal fight occurred yesterday in a gambling room at Madill, I. T., in which Elmer Jones of Hellen and Michael Parker, a Pauline of Guthrie, were shot and killed. Five shots were fired, one of which passed through Parker's tongue and lodged in his neck, the other struck a game of cards.

RECOMMEND MIRRICK'S REMOVAL.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—The report of the committee from the State Board of Char-

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