

# IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

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## CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we collect all your local news.—Ed.)

The Iowa Legislature meets Monday

We have had some real cold weather.

Mrs. H. W. Hughes was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. W. H. Humbard, will leave soon for a two months visit in Chicago with friends.

Miss Zoe Richardson spent New Year's day at Clive visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blagburn entertained a large company of friends at dinner New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brown delightfully entertained a few friends at a six o'clock dinner on January 2nd.

The Midland Jubilee Singers who have been touring the middle western states spent last week in the city.

Mrs. E. B. Elliott was hostess to the Callanan Industrial club Wednesday afternoon. A dainty lunch was served.

Miss Luella Franklin of Oskaloosa is spending a few days in our city the guest of Mrs. Wm. Buckner on Tenth street.

Miss Letta Carey who has been spending the holidays here, returned to the State University at Iowa City Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Mary Shelton of Buxton, who is visiting her mother Mrs. Burris, was entertained last Tuesday by Mr. Raymond Dyser.

Miss V. Olive Bailey, spent the holidays with her parents down the state has returned to the city to resume her studies in the West Des Moines High school.

Mrs. Emily Branch received news of the serious illness of her daughter Mrs. I. J. Richardson of Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Branch left at once for Evanston.

A reception will be tendered Rev. T. L. Griffith Thursday evening Jan. 14th, at Corinthian Baptist church from 8 to 10. Refreshments will be served.

Miss D; Mae Lee returned from Omaha where she won first honors in the Inter-State Contest. She is visiting her sister Mrs. Gertrude Shackelford, 781 Ninth street.

A matinee party to the Majestic Theatre Friday afternoon was composed of Mattie Barksdale-Smith of Chicago, Gertrude Cannaday, Louise Clay and Lulu Jackson.

The choir of the Union Congregational church gave a watch party New Year's eve at the residence of the pastor, a delightful evening was spent, a three course luncheon was served.

The Household of Ruth elected the following officers for the year: M. N. G., Della Bryant; R. N. G., Carrie Law W. R., Susie Mathews; W. M., Mary Blakey; P. N. G., Mary Hilton; Chaplain.

Last week where we mentioned about Luther Bledsoe's rapid rise in the printing art on the linotype, that was asked to join the union. We stated that he got \$18 per week; it should have read \$24 per week. Luther is just 21 years.

Those young people who attended the Inter-State Literary Association in Omaha, Neb., last week are loud with praises of the people of Omaha for the very generous and hospitable treatment accorded them.

Mr. Rufus Bershears who has been spending the holidays at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., stopped over in Des Moines Monday to join his class mates and accompany them back to their studies at Iowa City.

Mrs. Carrie Porterfield of 918 14th street entertained a number of guests Thursday evening Dec. 31 at her home, in honor of her two sisters, Misses Eva Hart and Sarah Woodson of Oskaloosa and her brother Lincoln Taylor of Muscatine. The evening was devoted to games and music. A two course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Helen Roberts extended her hospitality in the form of a dinner party Monday afternoon at her beautiful little home on Wabash avenue, complimentary to her sister, Mrs. Lella Powell of Muscatine, Mr. Shackelford and Mrs. George Wells of this city.

Charity Lodge No. 2192 elected the following officers for the ensuing year: N. G., Frank P. Johnson; V. G., Chas.

Ford; Chaplain, W. M. Armstrong; Advocate, C. S. Cary; Treasurer, George Law; E. S., Hesse Bell; P. S., L. M. Brown; P. N. F., Childe Butts, N. F., J. Johnson; P. N. E., E. S. Morgan.

Mrs. Ruth Powell continues ill at her home on Scott street.

Mrs. Anna Lewis of East 14th street is visiting friends and relatives in Missouri.

Mrs. Thomas Williams and daughter of Minneapolis are visiting friends in the city.

Miss Margaret Fields pianist of the Midland Jubilee Singers, spent a week in the city visiting her mother.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Morgan that was born Christmas eve, died of heart failure New Year's morning.

Mrs. Porter mother of Rev. H. W. Porter left for her home in Knoxville, Tenn., after a three months visit in the city with her and family.

The Callanan club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. B. Elliott. The club is making plans for a reading contest between the older members of the club in the near future.

King Solomon Commandery No. 6 meet Thursday evening January 14th, at the Masonic hall 10th and Center streets. All members are requested to be present. E. C., Chas. E. Bradford; Sect., H. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Erickson entertained fourteen of their friends at a watch party, the eve of the thirty-first, the evening was spent in games and music after which supper was served at 11:30 o'clock expressed themselves being engaged in a good work on the approach of the new year.

Mrs. J. Robinson very delightfully entertained Rev. H. W. Porter and family at her home on West 10th, street at a six o'clock dinner last Saturday evening. A delightful 5 course dinner was served. A delightful evening was spent.

The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met Tuesday evening with Miss Lillian Fields, on account of the absence of the president and vice president, Mr. Wm. Warrick presided. Attorney and Mrs. S. Joe Brown gave a report of the Inter-State meeting at Omaha. The club will meet with Mrs. Shackelford on 9th street next week.

Miss Louise Clay was hostess to a number of young people New Year's day at a card company. Frappe was served throughout the afternoon, also a luncheon. The out of town guests were Misses Ada Hyde, Letta Carey, Messrs. Archie Alexander and Stanley Wadnot of Iowa City, Miss Eva Hart of Oskaloosa and Mrs. Mattie Barksdale-Smith of Chicago.

The Ladies of the D. Y. W. Y. K. Art club, of which Mrs. Birdie Wells is president, formed a matinee party last Tuesday afternoon and visited the Unique theater. At the conclusion of the performances they wended their way to one of the fashionable cafe where they partook of a six o'clock dinner. Those who indulged in the festivities report a splendid time, although the weather was somewhat inclement.

The ladies of the Arel Bowen Art club was hostess to their husbands on New Year's day at the residence of Mrs. Addie Turner, 511 Eighth street; it being their first anniversary. An interesting program was rendered, after which a dainty four course luncheon was served by the ladies. Adjourned to meet Wednesday Jan. 6 at Mrs. Portenfield, 927 14th street.

Miss Marie Bell with her infant Sunday School class won the prize offered for the one taking a penny and with it make money. Her class turned over about \$16.00. The prize will be to have a picture of the class taken. This is one of the most interesting and unique classes in the state of Iowa. None can read, all less than six years old. She has about 16 enrolled.

Mrs. Gertrude Cannaday entertained a few friends informally Sunday afternoon Music was enjoyed and refreshments served. Those present from out of the city were Misses Ada Hyde of Iowa City, Luella Franklin, Sarah Woodson and Eva Hart of Oskaloosa, Maud Williams of Minneapolis, Mr. Louis Strother of Iowa City and Mrs. Mattie Barksdale-Smith of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cotton of 960 W. 22nd street entertained a few friends Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. McCraven of Omaha, who have been visiting in the city during the holidays. Music and social conversation were indulged in until a late hour after which a dainty two course luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by her sister Miss Woes Carter after which the guest departed for

homes after spending a most delightful evening.

**Emancipation Meeting.**

The forty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the declaration of emancipation by Abraham Lincoln was celebrated New Year's night by the Negroes of Des Moines, at the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church.

The affair was under the auspices of the local council of the Afro-American league and is held annually by that body.

After the invocation by the Rev. E. P. Gelger, J. Clifford Williams gave an interesting address on "Slavery."

The emancipation proclamation was read by Miss Ada Hyde, of the State University; Lincoln was eulogized in an address by S. Joe Brown; Rev. Mr. Gelger spoke on "Patriotism," Dr. Geo. W. Gaines, gave an address on "Slavery;" music was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Goggin, and their daughter Daisa, Miss Letta Carey of the State University and Miss Beatie Reeves of Des Moines also contributed several solos and M. Elbert Hall delivered his oration on "War" with which he won second place in the contest in the Inter-State Literary Association at Omaha last week.

**A. N. E. Sunday School Elects Officers.**

At the annual meeting of the Sunday school board of St. Paul's A. M. E. church Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: superintendent, Atty. S. Joe Brown; assistant, Mr. G. H. Mason; superintendent of home department, Mrs. Mattie Warrick; secretary, Ida Grews; assistant secretary, Miss Blanche Allen; organist, Master Clyde Glass; assistant, Miss Edna Alexander; chorister, Prof. W. H. Warrick; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Payton; librarians, Howard Griffin, Gid Grews and Spencer Mayweather; teachers, Messrs. H. Gould and Wm. Shackelford, mesdames S. J. Brown, F. D. Jackson, Hattie Lawther, Lizzie Glass and M. E. Haworth Rev. I. Davis and Rev. C. Wright.

**A. L. Smith Was Shot.**

Third street and Grand avenue was a scene of excitement last Wednesday morning, when A. L. Smith, a barber on Grand avenue near Third street, was shot at three times and hit once by Mr. Keys who operates a panatorium next door. Keys had accused Smith of being his wife's affiant and had ordered him to keep out of his house, but that morning Keys caught Smith in his house talking to his wife, so he opened fire hitting Smith in the leg, and also shot his wife. Smith was taken to the hospital. While his wound is dangerous, yet he is improving. Mrs. Keys wound was dressed by the city physician. Keys had only been in our city a short time, coming here from Buxton. He has not been captured yet.

**Tell Your Friends**

**Tell Your Neighbors**

**THE WESTERN MER. CO.**

Will be in Buxton on January 12th with a \$25,000 STOCK

of Men and Women's clothing, that will be sold to the people of Buxton at

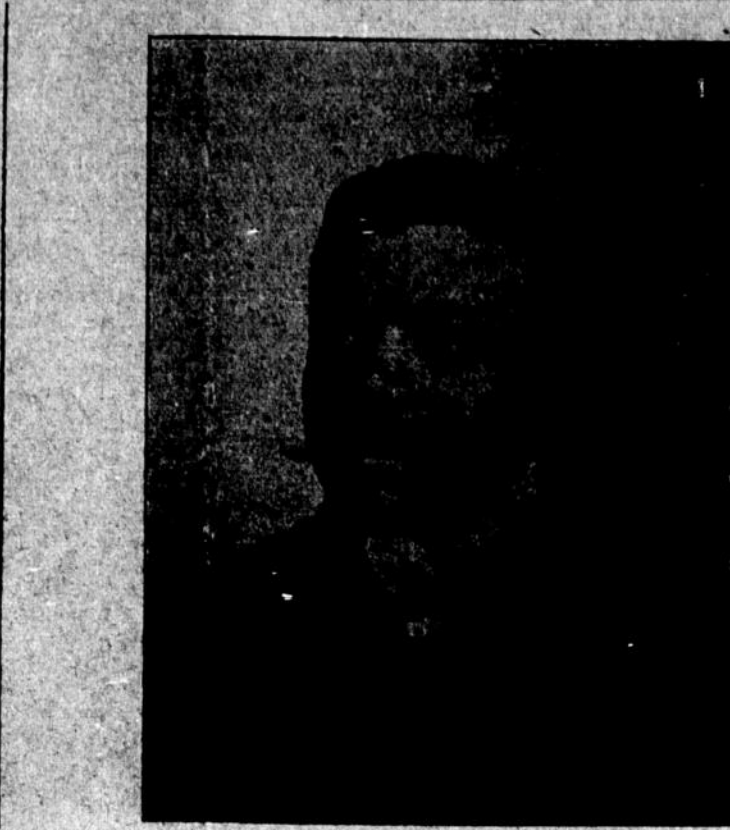
25c on the dollar.

You will find us in Ruben Gaines' Building Cooptown.

Our Des Moines Store is located at 214 Fourth Street.

THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER

has opened her annual Christmas sales of only One Dollar for one year. If paid in advance, between now and the 30th of January. Those who are in debt for subscription can pay up and take advantage of the special \$1.00 rate. No extension allowed on this rate.



WILLIAM COALSON.

The above cut represents Mr. William Coalson, who has served continuously as messenger for the past fourteen years, serving under five governors. His ability and his courtesy has won for him a host of admiring friends throughout Iowa and even the United States. Perhaps no other man will ever do the work and be so acceptable as has Mr. Coalson. He will retire next week with the outgoing governor.

## CURRENT LITERATURE.

The Chicago Broad Ax came out on January 2nd, in its 13th, Anniversary edition in a new dress, an eight page paper on the heavy book enamel paper, highly illustrated with half tone cuts etc.; also some well written articles contributed from a typographical and mechanical point of view is par excellence. Bro. Taylor says that it's the only Colored Journal that has gone through the Chicago post office every week for the past seven years, we congratulate Brother Taylor.

The Eagle of Los Angeles, Cal., comes to us this week in its holiday dress a large size magazine (with its headline motto, "Sound an Alarm in My Holy Mountain") has only sounded the alarm in our office once. Where is the Echo?

The National Protest of St. Joseph, Mo., had her holiday number in a blue color on the front page only.

There were fewer journals that got out holiday numbers this year at least fewer came to our office than in recent years. We wonder why?

The New York Age got out a very beautiful interesting and attractive Christmas number last week. It was illustrated with cuts of some of our leading theatrical people. Mr. Fred Moore is a good newspaper man and is making the old Age what she ought to be the best Colored Journal in America. We wish you success Bro. Moore.

The Iowa Colored Woman came out last month in a holiday number on good paper illustrated with cuts of many Iowa women and girls with some good articles.

## IOWA LEGISLATURE TO MEET.

Next Monday according to Law the Setting of the Iowa State Legislature will meet in its Biennial meeting, while there does not seem to be much to do or many laws needed yet some of

the present laws need amending. Our primary law while very good in general effect, yet it needs some improving. Our Insurance and Banking laws need to be made stronger, there will be Railroad legislation etc.

Mr. W. H. Hammet says for the past twenty years I have been faithful in the discharge of my duties both as a citizen and as a member of the Baptist church in the city of Des Moines. I have served as deacon, Superintendent of the Sunday school, and have been especially interested in every branch of the church work, and at this time when our church seems to be misrepresented I feel it my duty to speak out in behalf of it in order that our friends may not be misled as to the real condition of the church. Six and a half years ago Corinthian Baptist church of which I am a member was located on old 11th street, in a small house valued at \$1200, and our membership was about 140, and after worshipping in this little house for two or more years, we purchased the old Unitarian church building at the corner of 15th and Linden streets, at a cost of \$3500. The old building and lot on 11th street was sold for \$700, and we received from the Callanan estate \$1000, this enabled us to make a payment of \$1700 on property purchased.

I have noted that during the past three years the African Methodist church has raised and paid on their indebtedness more than \$3000, and the Union Congregational church has raised and paid on their building \$4000 and each one of these churches has a smaller membership than we have and especially the Congregational church. During the past three years our church has not paid a dollar on the principle debt, and our present indebtedness is about \$1700. Our present membership is about 200, with about eighty or ninety active members. Since we are looking to the public to assist us in making our work a success, it is nothing but right that the people should know the real condition of the work; and it is for this reason that I have made the above statements.

We shall hope as the New Year dawns upon us to rally our forces and thus see our church move on in the work of the master. Register Leader.

## CEDAR RAPIDS.

On last Wednesday evening Mrs. A. Perkins was the victim of a pleasant surprise party led by Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Thomas and others. Notwithstanding the cold many friends attended and a good time was enjoyed.

Mrs. W. H. Milligan is confined to her room by a painful injury received by a fall a few days ago.

Mrs. White, of Olevia was an over Sunday visitor in the Rapids, the guest of Mrs. William Morgan.

Mrs. Romella Boney Boyer, who for the past year has been in California and Nevada in the employment of the government, is at home for a visit with her mother and little daughter.

Mr. Alfred Houey of Chicago who spent the holidays with relative in the city left last week.

Mrs. Penman and little daughter Gladys are visiting friends in Chicago. Mr. W. H. Milligan is at home again after a partial tour of the lodges of the state. The remaining number will be visited later.

Rev. Bruce W. Taylor has been severely afflicted with a cold but was able to conduct services Sunday.

Monday evening began the week of prayer at the church.

The dancing entertainment at the

ball New Year's eve was largely attended and all report a pleasant evening.

## SIOUX CITY ITEMS.

Rev. Robinson the evangelist arrived in our city Monday to assist Rev. M. G. Newman of the A. M. E. church in revival meetings, he was accompanied here by his wife and daughter.

Mr. John Crawford, went to Sioux Falls, S. D., Thursday to spend New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, he returned Sunday.

Misses Berdie and Arabella Dowdy went to Yankton, Friday to spend New Year's with friends they returned home Sunday.

Mr. Watkins of Sioux Falls, S. D., came down for a few days visit he was the guest of Mrs. Florence Crawford and daughter.

Mr. George Washington is on the sick list this week, also Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and little Lenora Watkins.

The Mt. Zion Baptist church will hold their week of prayer beginning next week.

The sum of money which was willed to the A. M. E. church by the deceased Mr. Edward Sutton was turned over to the trustees of said church last Wednesday, it was a nice gift of \$27.27, a lovely New Year's present. May his name be cherished among the members for his kindness and good support towards God's cause. The other benefactors were treated as well namely, Florence Crittenden Home, Rev. R. Knight and Westly Barnum.

After enjoying the holidays for two weeks the schools doors have been thrown open to the many children who reported for duty on Monday morning it is the closing of the semester year.

The Emancipation which was held on New Year's night was not largely attended, but a very interesting program was rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Askew gave a card party to a number of their friends New Year's night.

Watch meeting was held at the A. M. E. church and at Mt. Zion church last Thursday night and a good number watched the old year pass out and the new one usher in.

A roller skating rink has been opened up for the benefit of the Colored people of the city. It is under the management of Mr. Young.

The young people gave a dance Thursday night at Malone's hall.

Mrs. Mary Simpson is confined to her home with lumbago.

Mrs. Sadie Norris who recently bought out the Ladies Exchange has been forced to move in larger quarters on account of her increased business.

Mrs. J. C. Reid returned home New Year's from Quindaro, Kan., she was accompanied home by her son Joseph.

## BURLINGTON NOTES.

(Last Week.)

The holiday season has been quite successful, the weather very desirable and Christmas very appropriately celebrated, both churches had Christmas trees which were filled and a delightful time enjoyed by all.

Miss Ida Palmer entertained Grand Master Milligan at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. L. Martin entertained her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. C. Reed of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker at dinner Christmas.

Rev. E. Jackson was a Burlington visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Washington entertained Mr. and Mrs. G. Tyler and Mr. Mrs. J. E. Johnson Christmas day and evening.

Mrs. Grace Allen is home on a visit with her mother Mrs. Ellen Morris.

Mr. G. Tyler very delightfully entertained some of the members of the Friday Whist club last week.

Mr. J. Baker entertained with a luncheon last week, a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Emma Martin entertained with a luncheon last week.

Mrs. Josie Bland is visiting in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent entertained a company of friends at their cottage last week.

One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was the Christmas party, Wednesday evening given by the Friday Whist club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin 508 Washington street, the house was beautifully decorated with the club colors pink and green music was furnished by Mr. A. Cheek of Chillicothe, Mo., those present were: Mrs. Bland of Keokuk, Mrs. L. Blackwell, of Frankfort, Mo., Mr. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Trent, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Keith, Miss Alberta Keith, Mr. O. Folks, Mrs. A. Pleasant, Mrs. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mack, Mrs. C. Badgett, Mr. and Mrs. M. Graham. Miss L. Johnson presided at the punch bowl, Leon Tyler, H. Orange and Freddie Williams waited.

Curious Mexican Indians.

Buried in the heart of a civilized, powerful and progressive foreign people, a little handful of Indians have lived for 300 years and have contributed to keep during all that time their national characteristics, their traditions and their individuality. If you seek them you will find them in Amatlan de los Reyes, a village in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico. They are the Amatecas. The Amatecas are perhaps the only people in the republic who have succeeded in retaining for themselves what is practically self-government.

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What Kind is Worst? Many a nervous woman has occasion to consider what kind of a noise is most likely to banish sleep. It is not strange that the crusade against unnecessary noise should be led by a woman, and that she should find thousands of eager supporters among her sex.

His yellow-lipped imperial highness Pa-Yi, emperor of the Chinese and therefore the little brother to most of the heavenly Buddhas, has 30 nurses on his staff. In addition to the nurses there are probably as many bottle-holders, an equal number to hand royalty his rattle and another relay to say "Da da" to keep him in good humor.

Art connoisseurs and critics in London are exercised just now over the authorship of a portrait of a lady in the exhibition of old masters, organized by Messrs. Agnew for the benefit of a charity. The portrait is about 150 years old, beautifully painted and in the most perfect condition.

The opening of the horse show reminds us that the horse is not only not extinct, but an object of great and affectionate interest to men and women, comments the Chicago Inter Ocean. It is frequently assumed that the horse is doomed. Some think automobiles will supplant him.

President Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois recently issued an address to the students on hazing, in which he declared that hazing would not be tolerated, and that any students found guilty of it would be dismissed from the university.

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York has fixed the minimum salary of its married clergy at \$1,200 a year and house rent, and of its unmarried clergy at \$1,000 and house rent.

Germany is waking up to the advantage of two-cent postage with American correspondents, and happy will be the tourist when letters "home" depart under the cheaper rates. Foreign land's example in regard to "English postage" will soon shine around the world.

It is human nature. Women will weep at an Audubon lecture and then severally strive to get a plume prattler that may other ways in her net.

Iowa State News Events of Recent Occurrence Throughout the Commonwealth.

KILLS HER THREE BOYS.

Mrs. A. John Powell Commits Murder and Suicide. Rockwell City.—Mrs. A. John Powell, aged 26, living nine miles south of town shot herself and three boys aged four years to nine years. The two youngest boys died at once and the eldest and Mrs. Powell soon after. The deed was committed with a 22 calibre long repeating rifle and was premeditated, for she wrote letters to her husband, mother and several neighbors and friends telling how all should be dressed and who should prepare the bodies for burial.

SKIN GRAFTING SUCCESSFUL.

Operation on Nun at Dubuque is Favorable. Dubuque.—Within the next few days there will be removed from Mercy hospital to the mother house at Mount Carmel one of the most notable cases which the institution has contained for some years. The patient is Sister Mary Carmelita and ever since she was accidentally burned at Mount St. Joseph's fifteen months ago, she has been confined to her bed in the hospital, whither she was removed immediately after the painful injury.

THIEVES RUN OFF STOCK.

Twenty-Two Head of Polled Angus Missing From Herd. Grinnell.—Mose Robbins, who resides in this city, but who owns a farm north of town, is investigating the disappearance of twenty-two head of valuable cattle from his herd. Apparently the stock has been stolen, and no trace of it has been found as yet. It is apparent that the cattle were driven out of the gate, as corn was found scattered in the road outside evidently as a bait to coax them out of the pasture.

SUNDAY RECEIVED \$6,837.

Ottumwa's Free Will Offering Brought Large Sum. Ottumwa.—According to the report of Chris. Haw, chairman of the finance committee of the recent revival, Evangelist Billy Sunday only received \$6,673 in his free will offering and of this amount the evangelist had given the ministerial association \$500, and contributed \$100 to the Children's Home Finding association. The home finding association also received \$183.85 at a special collection taken up. Several other special collections were taken up during the latter part of the meeting for various members of the Sunday party and these collections totaled \$504.58.

Mother Dead; Son Preaches. Ottumwa.—With his usual powerful delivery and appealing force magnified and enhanced by a great sorrow, Dr. T. W. Jeffrey, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, delivered a sermon to his congregation Sunday morning that left scarcely a dry eye in an audience of hundreds of people. Late Saturday night the minister received a message from Rockport, Indiana, telling him of the sudden death of his mother.

Ottumwa Politics Boli. Ottumwa.—As a preliminary to the coming city campaign, the Law and Order League is out for a citizens ticket for the coming spring election, and city politics will begin warming up soon as a result. The proposition of a citizens ticket does not look good to old time republicans for Ottumwa's experience with the citizen's tickets has always been the defeat of the republican nominee for mayor and the election of a democrat.

Building Boom at Shenandoah. Shenandoah.—One of Shenandoah's finest residences has just been started by Mr. John W. Schwartz, a big public contractor here. This is the harbinger for a great many fine modern improvements, including the new Elks' club house, to cost \$18,000, a new Methodist church to cost \$40,000 and a new Catholic church to cost \$18,000.

Dyer Out For Commander. Mason City.—H. A. Dyer of this city has announced his candidacy for the position of commander-in-chief of the Iowa department of the G. A. R. Mr. Dyer was a candidate last year and received generous support from over the state. He thinks he will win this time.

FARMER STABS DETECTIVE.

J. W. Stanbridge Seriously Hurt at Creston. Creston.—J. W. Stanbridge one of the best known railroad detectives on the Burlington system, lies near death at a local hospital as the result of having had his throat cut by Charles Rowe, a well known farmer at this place. The men had some differences early in the evening and shortly after midnight the officer was accosted by Rowe, who remarked: "You are the fellow who snapped a gun in my face." Stanbridge denied this and Rowe called him vile names. The detective sprang at this threat and was choking him when Rowe cut through his overcoat and into his neck with a heavy pocket knife, the coat alone preventing instant death. Rowe is held under bonds for a threatened murder. Physicians give hope for Stanbridge's recovery.

TRUSTY ESCAPES FROM PEN.

With Only Six Months to Serve He Runs Away. Fort Madison.—Thomas Moran, a convict at the state penitentiary, made good his escape after 7 o'clock at night, while doing his usual work as a trusty. Moran was sent to the penitentiary at Anamosa to serve five years for horse stealing, and was transferred to the Fort Madison institution. He had only five months more to serve. He wore a first grade (gray) uniform, and was employed as a stationary engineer on the outside work. In that capacity he was required to go outside after supper and bank the fire under the boiler, and has been doing that work for some time without thought from the warden or deputy of an escape.

STOP ROADS HAULING LIQUOR.

Injunction Used by County Attorney Against M. & St. L. Humboldt.—As a culmination of his efforts to suppress illegal liquor selling County Attorney Wm. J. Taft has filed petitions asking injunctions against all the pharmacists holding permits in Humboldt county. He also filed a petition asking for an injunction to restrain the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad company from making illegal shipments of intoxicating liquors. So far as known, this action against the railroad company is the first of its kind ever brought in the state and if the injunction is granted, will establish a precedent which will have a very wide-spread and sweeping effect.

BOYCOTT CITY'S MARKET.

Oakdale.—This city recently purchased grounds for a market place in an effort to do away with the sale of hay and corn on the streets. Two months ago scales were installed. Since they were put in operation the receipts have averaged \$1.20 per day. The administration believes the farmers are boycotting the place because they think the innovation is an attempt to do away with the hitch-racks around the square. In order to stimulate business at the city scales the council passed upon its first reading an ordinance fixing the license on other scales at \$300 per year.

COUNTY FUNDS AT INTEREST.

Des Moines.—County Treasurer George L. Dobson who took office Jan. 4, started the courts-house attaches by placing the entire \$300,000 of county funds out in various banks at 2 per cent interest, the 2 per cent to go to the county. This is the first time a treasurer of Polk county has secured interest on public funds for the county. Mr. Dobson was nominated and elected on that platform. Mr. Dobson's first day in office was a busy one, over \$6,000 in cash being taken in by Chief Deputy Fred German.

WED OUT OF DOORS.

Waterloo.—With the mercury 14 degrees below zero, Lura Ashworth and George Hunt, both of Denver, Ia., drove several miles in the country, where they were married in the moonlight by Reverend Schonebaum. The original intention was to be wed at the bride's home in Denver county, but the license was secured in Black Hawk and it was necessary to cross the border line to give legal weight to the ceremony. The groom is a restaurateur at Denver.

OLWELN IS PROGRESSIVE.

Oelwein.—The new syndicate block and the Iowa Savings bank at this place, erected during the year 1908, totalled a cost of \$30,000. Ten new residences cost \$15,000. Miscellaneous improvements cost \$15,000 and new sidewalks cost \$15,000. Thus over \$60,000 has been expended here during the last twelve months on improvements.

SMALL MAGAZINE TO FORT DODGE.

Waterloo.—Sam Small, formerly political editor of the Atlanta Constitution co-worker of the late Rev. Sam Jones, and of late a lecturer, announced he would begin the publication of The Golden West Magazine here in February. He will move his engraving plant here.

NEWTON ROAD IS SOLD.

Boone.—The Old Colony Trust company bid in the Newton and North-western railroad for \$1,000,000 at a master in chancery's sale. The Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern Interurban retains control of the property. There was only one bid.

\$100,000 FOR CENTRAL.

Fella.—Dr. Myron Hayner, recently of St. Louis Mo., begins at once an active campaign to secure an added \$100,000 to the endowment of Central college. Dr. Hayner is one of the most successful money raisers in the denomination.

SNUB FOR SENATE

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO INQUIRY ABOUT STEEL TRUST.

GAVE IT HIS APPROVAL

Instructed Attorney General Not to Give Senate Reasons of Not Prosecuting the Great Corporation.

Washington.—President Roosevelt yesterday informed the senate in no uncertain terms that he had given his approval to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation and that he had instructed Attorney General Bonaparte not to respond to the senate inquiry as to the reasons for his failure to prosecute the steel company.

The president concludes his message with the statement that he does not conceive "to be within the authority of the senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department." The message to the senate was in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Culberson calling on the attorney general to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company, because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern, and if not, the reason for non-action.

RESPONSES FOR BONAPARTE.

While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt, his attention was called to it by Attorney General Bonaparte, who, after quoting the requirements of the resolution, said: "As you are aware, no such proceedings have been instituted." Commenting upon the attorney general's letter the president says: "As to the transaction in question, I was personally cognizant of and responsible for its every detail."

FIGHT OVER FULTON'S BILL.

An adverse report to the senate on Senator Fulton's bill to prohibit railroads from increasing freight and passenger rates without due notice was made by Chairman Ekins of the committee on interstate commerce. The action of the committee anticipated a message from President Roosevelt calling attention to the need for further legislation on the subject of railroad rate legislation, as indicated by the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of E. H. Harriman against the interstate commerce commission.

WONT REVIEW THE OIL CASE.

Supreme Court Refuses to Grant Writ of Certiorari. Washington.—The \$29,000,000 fine case of the Standard Oil Company will not be reviewed by the supreme court of the United States. The decision of the court to this effect was announced by Chief Justice Fuller soon after the court convened Monday.

PREFERS DEATH TO ARREST.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Henry C. Dunham, a prominent real-estate agent of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home. The deed was prompted by the fact that he was about to be arrested on a charge of embezzlement, as a result of an investigation which has been carried on by Chicago parties, who, it is stated, have had funds in the hands of Dunham for investment.

ALLEGED GRATORS INDICTED.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The seven councilmen accused of accepting bribes and conspiring to secure a writ of habeas corpus for the indicted grators, all of whom were arrested two weeks ago, upon complaint of the Voters' League, were indicted late Monday by a grand jury.

CASTRO IS PROGRESSING WELL.

Berlin.—Senor Castro was reported Wednesday night as progressing most favorably. He is able to take nourishment and converse with the attending physicians. Dr. Israel says that his patient's constitution is strong; it was one of the most dangerous operations he had performed.

NEW HEAD OF CARLETON COLLEGE.

Northfield, Minn.—Prof. Donald J. Cowling of Baker university, Baldwin, Kan., has been elected president of Carleton college by its trustees to succeed Rev. W. H. Sallomon. Prof. Cowling is a graduate of Yale.

CONVICTED OF KILLING GRANDPARENT.

Bridgeton, N. J.—Walter Zeller, the 19-year-old Vineland youth, charged with two companions with the murder of Zeller's grandfather, William Fead, was convicted of murder in the first degree Wednesday.

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FATHER JOHN IS BURIED.

Miracles in Connection with the Funeral Are Recounted. St. Petersburg.—The remains of Father John of Kronstadt, the famous Russian priest who died last week, were interred in this city Tuesday. It is evident from the recitals of the death of this man is evoking that his fame among the masses will be greater in death than it was in life.

DEAN HOWARD POISONED.

Cause of Iowa Professor's Death is Made Known. Des Moines, Ia.—Dr. Howe, special examiner appointed by Coroner Iver G. Newlen to look into the sudden and mysterious death of Dean Frederick Howard of Drake university, Thanksgiving day, reported Wednesday night that the distinguished professor was a victim of poison. Quantities of morphine were found in the intestines.

BAN PUT ON FRATERNITIES.

Ousted from Council Bluffs as Result of Maiming of Boy. Council Bluffs, Ia.—As a result of the permanent maiming of Tom H. Harvey, high-school student, whose backbone was shattered by the use of a shotgun paddle during initiation, all of the fraternities in the city must go by February 1. This is the order of the school board, made here Wednesday afternoon. Members of the secret organizations who fail to comply with the order will be dismissed from the city schools.

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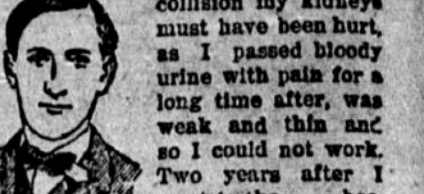
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