

Agricultural Society Elects Officers.

Saturday's meeting of the members of the Agricultural Society of this county was more largely attended than any we have held in several years, and there was more of an interest taken in the choice of officers.

The candidates for president were J. H. Ford, J. O. Wishard, J. C. Frasier, J. R. Sheaffer and F. Smith.

The vote stood:

- Ford, 27.
- Wishard, 19.
- Frasier, 14.
- Sheaffer, 12.
- Smith 6.

Mr. Ford was declared elected.

For vice-president the candidates were J. O. Wishard and H. C. Leach. The first vote showed 35 cast for each. The second stood:

- Wishard, 40.
- Leach, 34.

The candidates for secretary were J. C. Brouhard, I. T. Dabney, and C. A. Hazlewood. The vote stood:

- Brouhard, 40.
- Dabney, 24.
- Hazlewood, 15.

Mr. Brouhard was declared elected.

J. R. Sheaffer, W. T. Deupree and James Rouch were candidates for treasurer. Mr. Sheaffer was elected, the vote being:

- Sheaffer 38.
- Deupree, 27.
- Rouch, 16.

For marshal the candidates were T. D. Duke and W. A. Davison. Duke was elected, receiving 38 votes to Mr. Davison's 28.

DIRECTORS

- Salt Creek..... W. A. Davison
- Lick Creek..... G. W. Monroe
- Soap Creek..... Jesse McConnell
- Marion..... M. L. Wheeler
- Fox River..... W. R. Clarkson
- Drakeville..... J. P. Newman
- Cleveland..... F. C. Martin
- Bloomfield..... James Rouch
- Perry..... J. M. Linn
- Union..... David Gulchrist
- Prairie..... Al Power
- Roscoe..... James Burns
- Grove..... U. S. Miller
- Wyacondah..... John Elliott
- Fabius..... Andrew Wisdom
- West Grove..... D. O. Harris

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Mrs. W. H. McAchran
Mrs. A. F. Smith.
The date for holding the fair was fixed for September 12 and continuing four days.

We believe the fair is in good hands and that the officers in general will prove satisfactory. The society has but a small debt, and if the weather is reasonable there should be no question as to the ability of the association to pay out and have a creditable amount left for improvement.

The Hickory Grove Baptist church, located near the Rabbit Ridge school house in Union township, will be dedicated Saturday, January 21. All are cordially invited.

THE REPUBLICAN.

BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, FEB. 9, 1899.

Notice of Change of Name.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 1899, an order was made by the district court of Davis county, Ia., changing the name of Margaret Budgett to Margaret Burns, her maiden name, and at said time the court directed that said change should be in full force and effect on and after March 1st, 1899, and directing that on and after said date she is to be known in law and in fact by the name of Margaret Burns.

ROMINGER & ROMINGER,
Attorneys for Margaret Budgett.

This notice approved on this the 26th day of January, 1899, and ordered published in the Davis County Republican for four consecutive weeks. T. M. ERE,
Judge of Second Judicial district of Iowa.

An infare dinner was given Orion England and wife, formerly Miss Hawbaker, of Winchester, at the Kirk England home in this city Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. England will make their home on the Kirk England farm in Grove township, where they will soon go to house keeping.

BELKNAP.

Mrs. Samuel Myers desires through these columns to thank those who so kindly contributed money towards buying her a supply of coal for this winter, which was very gratefully received.

John Wilbur and wife left for Greeue county Ia t w ek.

B. B. Shaffer received word last week from his wife, stating that her mother died Sunday morning, January 29. Mrs. Shaffer and family have the sympathy of all who know them in this, their sad bereavement.

J. L. Munn has moved his family to Ft. Madison, where he has been engaged for several weeks as clerk in a hardware store. Mrs. Munn and children left last Saturday.

Clint Parks of Troy was a Belknap visitor last Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Puckett and children are suffering from the grip.

Jesse McCormick was the champion speller at the spelling here last Thursday night.

Macion Galpin and wife sold their house and lots last Friday to Frank Pettit. They expect to give possession the first of April, when they will move into Wm. Robertson's house.

Grandma Alien is quite poorly again.

THE REPUBLICAN.

BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, FEB. 16, 1899

The writer has been requested by friends of the late Frank Baldrige to write a short notice of him. He was a brother of Miss Effie Baldrige, who taught at the Harbour a year ago. The funeral of Frank S. Baldrige, son of W. T. Baldrige, took place at the home of his parents in Bloomfield on Wednesday of last week. The death of the eldest son was a sad blow to the family, especially the invalid father and mother. Frank has been in the employ of the Burlington railroad for the last ten years as fireman. He was well known and respected by his fellow workmen and employers, on account of his unselfish disposition and punctilious attention to duty. His death, caused by heart disease, occurred at Creston, Monday, Feb. 6. Misses Eva and Angie Trisler of Ottumwa passed through here last Monday enroute to Bloomfield to attend the Baldrige funeral.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1899, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlin of Cleveland township, occurred a home gathering of children and grandchildren. Those present were Mrs. Sam Cary and three children of Sutton, Neb., Mrs. Josh Cary and seven children of Valley Center, Kan., Robert Tomlin, wife and five children, of Bunch, Peter Cohagan, wife and three children, of Ash Grove, Frank Harbour, wife and two children, and Joe and Charlie Tomlin, who remain at home. One son-in-law in Kansas and one in Nebraska and two grandchildren in Nebraska were not present. All enjoyed the gathering (around the table) greatly, especially Joe Tomlin and Frank Harbour.

Geo. Dunn, the cigar man, of Bloomfield, was on our streets Monday.

Invitations have been received here for the wedding of Miss Maude Breeding and Wm. H. Hicks at Goldfield, Colorado, Feb. 16. Miss Maude was formerly a Davis county girl.

The following joke is going the rounds on Robert Tomlin. On the occasion of the visit of his parents, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, to his house, when the first load, consisting of nine children and grandchildren arrived he stood it pretty well, but when the second load, consisting of his parents and seven grandchildren, arrived he just shut his eyes.

FLORIS.

Mr. Carr and son John have been very sick the last week. Mr. John Owens has been carrying the mail since Mr. Carr has been sick.

Mr. Tom Kenney layed his wife to rest in the beautiful I. O. O. F. cemetery just east of town Monday.

THE REPUBLICAN.

BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, MARCH 2, 1899

List of Jurors.

The following have been drawn as jurors for the April term of the District court:

Elmer Daugherty.....	Salt Creek.
E. B. Burchett.....	Bloomfield.
Henry Mustard.....	Union.
R. M. Locke.....	Union.
Daniel Hedrick.....	West Grove.
Fred Pittman.....	Perry.
John Howard.....	Prairie.
H. B. Fite.....	Salt Creek.
Mace Murphy.....	Perry.
J. C. Dilliner.....	Bloomfield.
G. W. Blackwell.....	Roscoe.
Frank Rominger.....	Bloomfield.
S. M. Bollman.....	Prairie.
W. S. Swift.....	Lick Creek.
W. W. Power.....	Prairie.
A. Burns.....	Prairie.
H. O. Steyens.....	Bloomfield.
E. Sloan.....	Salt Creek.
A. S. Shields.....	Bloomfield.
Lewis Stansberry.....	West Grove.
G. G. Evans.....	Perry.
T. J. Hill.....	Bloomfield.
Wm. Spaulding.....	Soap Creek.
G. W. Leyda.....	Wyacondah.

PULASKI.

Grandpa Power died Sunday evening. Funeral services was held Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the M. E. church.

—Mrs. Emma Chapaman, formerly Miss Emma Dillener, sister to W. H. and J. O. Dillener and Mrs. S. Z. Grider died the latter part of the week at Cedar Rapids. She had been an invalid for several years. J. O. Dillener and Mrs. Grider went to Cedar Rapids to attend the funeral. Mrs. John Grider returned home to Cedar Rapids Monday morning to be present at the funeral.

—The parents of Walter Lane have received word from him that he is now confined in a hospital as the result of injuries sustained by being thrown from a horse. The injuries consist of six broken ribs and other internal injuries. Walter is a member of the signal corps in the United States army in Cuba being employed as an expert telegrapher. An application will be made for his discharge, as his injuries are of such a character as to incapacitate him for active duties for some time.

—J. D. Pirtle, of West Grove, is now in his 88th year, since the 6th day of last January. He is quite strong and in good health. He has offspring of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the number of one hundred and fifteen and these are nearly all living.

THE REPUBLICAN.

BLOOMFIELD, IOWA, MARCH 9, 1899.

School Report.

Report of room 10 of the Bloomfield high school for the month ending March 3. Names of those neither absent nor tardy:

Ovid Guthrie	Frank Black
Elmer Skinner	Elmer Clark
Lawrence Guthrie	Ida Gibson
Claude Dabney	Ira Walton
Harvey Neal	Love Beedle
Maude Dabney	Susie Meier
Lula Day	Adah Brouhard

Average attendance of Sophomore class, 95.4 per cent. of Freshman class, 89.7 per cent. ANNA MCCARTY, Teacher.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the county auditor of Davis county, Iowa, for the erection of a two story and basement insane asylum to be erected for Davis county, Iowa, on the county farm according to the plans, specifications and conditions for said structure in the said auditor's office at Bloomfield, Iowa. Proposals will be received for the entire contract and also for the carpenter work, masonry, plumbing and heating separately. All proposals should be sealed and deposited with the county auditor by one o'clock p. m. on the 6th day of April, 1899. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. There must accompany each bid on the whole contract a certified check for \$200, and on each bid on a part of the contract a certified check for \$100 as a guaranty of good faith and purpose to accept and perform the contract if awarded to the bidder and be treated as forfeited as agreed damages in case of failure or refusal to execute and perform any contract on such accepted bid. The party to whom the contract is awarded is to give bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

By Levi Beauchamp, President.

THE REPUBLICAN.

B. F. CARROLL,
Editor and Proprietor.

BLOOMFIELD, IA, MARCH 30, 1899.

Council Organized.

The city council organized Monday night. The incoming members are E. B. Johnson, A. C. Sax and Anderson York. The retiring members are J. C. Frasier, John Burgess and W. H. Davis.

W. A. Herman was re-elected clerk, Philip Poe street commissioner and H. C. Young city physician.

The council tied on W. A. Herman and G. P. Fryberger and W. A. Herman and Henry Warrington for clerk, but the mayor refused to break the tie, voting once for Frank Brunson, once for C. F. Davis and once for Ed. Reeves. Mr. Sax finally voted for Herman and in the election of street commissioner Mr. York voted for Poe. D. M. Wise was the other candidate and for several ballots received the votes of the three republican members of the council.

The mayor re-appointed Lee Barton marshal and W. A. Dunshee and Frank Cronnoble as deputies. He also appointed the following standing committees:

COMMITTEES.

First name is chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

H. C. Leach, F. F. Painter, A. York.

WATER WORKS.

Tom Davis, A. C. Sax, E. B. Johnson.

FINANCE.

F. F. Painter, E. B. Johnson,
H. C. Leach.

STREET.

H. C. Leach, A. York, Tom Davis.

SIDEWALK.

E. B. Johnson, A. York, A. C. Sax.

FIRE.

Tom Davis, A. C. Sax, F. F. Painter.

HEALTH.

A. York, Tom Davis, E. B. Johnson.

CEMETERY.

F. F. Painter, H. C. Leach,
A. C. Sax.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Thirteen Pupils Complete the Pulaski School Course.

Last Saturday evening occurred the graduation exercises of the Pulaski Public School. The M. E. church was filled to overflowing long before the hour of commencing the exercises. At 8 p. m. the graduating class, thirteen in number, nine boys and four girls, led by Prof. Miller and County Sup't. Huff, marched into the church, keeping step to a beautiful march played by Miss Ida Thayer.

Each member of the class in turn rendered his oration in an able manner. The subjects taken by the class were practical and presented to the audience clear, forcible truths. The members of the class are to be especially commended on their ability to write and deliver such able essays. The last essay delivered was "Class History," by Joe G. Milligan, in which he prophesied a brilliant future for the members of the class, each one assigned to an honorable position.

Then County Sup't. Huff, in a few well chosen words, spoke to the audience, commending the community for taking such a deep interest in a school work and the class for their ability and determination to reach the hills.

After Sup't. Huff finished his talk Prof. Miller spoke to the class and audience, and presented each member of the class with a diploma.

Prof. Miller and the teachers that have preceded him in instructing the members of the class deserve many thanks for their work. Prof. Miller deserves special thanks by every one interested for his efforts made in having the class take part in such exercises. The class roll is as follows: Arthur C. Thayer, Ruby Reed, Bessie Cecil Millice, Ed. Augspurger, Elsie May Miller, Russ Webb, Lowell J. Anderson, Florence Mabel Anderson, Irwin G. Miller, Sam Augspurger, Albert L. Augspurger, Emery J. Miller, Jo G. Milligan.

Court Convened.

Judge M. A. Roberts began a three week's term of court in this city Monday morning.

Up to date no jury trials have begun.

The grand jurors for the term are: John Lane, Obe McClure, J. O. Wishard, W. T. Russell, T. N. Hunt, I. J. Foster and G. W. Garner.

Temporary alimony to the amount of \$250 was granted Ora Shook, who has begun suit for divorce against Jacob Shook.

Divorce was granted Mrs. M. S. Boyer and Mrs. Ida Abbott.

Fines were assessed against Mox Duckworth and Charles Beauchamp to the amount of \$300 each for illegal sales of intoxicating liquors. The amount by each has been paid. Similar charges were preferred against Mart Horne and L. M. Russell. Costs, only, were taxed against each. The case against W. W. Harris, has not, at this writing, been heard.

The case brought by Mrs. Flora Knight for insurance upon her husband's life was settled.

The case of the State of Iowa vs. Joel Fenton will likely come up to-day.

DRAKEVILLE DOTS.

Jordan & Lockman shipped a car of horses from this place Sunday.

Jay Lee, at one time a citizen of this place, was here this week shaking hands with old friends.

E. H. Housely and wife of Moberly, Mo., spent a few days last week visiting with Mr. Housley's parents.

Mr. Stutzman has the foundation in for his new business house and expects to begin building at once.

The entertainment given last Friday evening by Prof. Howe was a success, and it was said to be fine.

Mrs. Sherman Carl and daughter of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting with Mrs. Carl's mother, Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

B. F. Lindley was kicked last Saturday by a horse belonging to Jordan & Lockman, but was not seriously injured.

Frank Brown was married last week to a lady at Centerville. They are making their home at present with Frank's father here. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

The rain last Sunday will keep the farmers out of their fields for several days, which is regretted as the season is getting late for corn planting, and there is but a small per cent of the corn planted.

Mrs. Birdie Greenleaf, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Lockman, has been quite sick for several days, but is improving, and it is hoped will be able to be out again in a few days.

G. M. Bunten received a box of fine shells from his son Dick last Friday, who is with the 51st Iowa in the Philippines. There were some fine specimens, and Mr. Bunten prizes them highly.

Miss Ada Heist gave an entertainment here last Saturday evening, which was largely attended. The child is a wonder as an elocutionist and impersonator. Every one present enjoyed the entertainment and would be glad to have her come again.

MAY 18, 1899

Mrs. A. J. Guile died last Friday at 10 o'clock p. m. and was buried on Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Christian church of which she was a member, conducted by Rev. D. W. Hastings. Mrs. Guile was about 77 years old and has been a long sufferer, being confined to her bed since the first of last February. The children were all present at the funeral with the exception of three, who were too far away to get home.

Mr. Breeding left Friday night for Custer County Nebraska where he will make his future home. He will live in what ye correspondent calls the "Iowa Settlement" where several Davis County people are located.

Decoration Day.

On Tuesday May 30 the citizens of Bloomfield and surrounding country according to custom will meet together for the purpose of decorating the graves of those who have rendered their country heroic services. There will be a meeting in the morning at the Court House grounds at 9:00 o'clock. There a procession will be formed which will proceed to the South cemetery and decorate the graves of soldiers buried there. In the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the people will meet at the Court House, where the following program will be given: Song, "America;" Invocation by Rev. Trickett; Recitation by Walter Johnson; Memorial Drill; Music; Recitation, Ella Tomey; Ribbon Drill; Address, D. E. Payne; Music. After this program has been given the graves at the North Cemetery will be decorated.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Levi J. Pettit died at his home near Leando Tuesday, May 17, 1899, aged 74 years. Mr. Pettit was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Van Buren county for a number of years. He had also studied and practiced medicine and had preached the gospel for a time. By his death an old landmark has been removed as it were. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but took a great deal of interest in the late war. He married a sister of Hon. S. M. Clark, who with several grown children still survives.

A little child of Mr and Mrs. Charles Ebberts was quite badly burned Saturday evening, by a tub of scalding water. The little one was playing around the chair on which the tub set, and it is supposed started to fall and caught the chair for support upsetting it. The contents of the tub struck the child on the back of the head and shoulders, and run down its back, inflicting very painful injuries. Dr Swiney was summoned and dressed the wound. At this writing the child is getting along quite nicely.

Mrs. Mayme Matthews was chosen treasurer of the state P. E. O. organization at the annual meeting at Waterloo last week. She has held this position for several years. Mrs. Flora McCachran was chosen as one of the representatives of Iowa at the Chicago meeting to be held soon.

New Train Service on the C. B. & K. C.

Accommodation train to be run every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, leaving Bloomfield 7:30 a. m., arriving at Keokuk 11:45 a. m. Leaving Keokuk 4:45 p. m., arriving at Bloomfield 9:05 p. m.

This train will connect with the passenger train leaving Keokuk at 1:00 p. m., arrive at Ft. Madison at 1:50 p. m., arrive at Burlington 2:30, arrive at Chicago 8:15 p. m. Also, makes good connections for Peoria, Davenport, Dubuque and all Illinois points.

Westbound train leaves Burlington at 3:10 p. m., leaves Ft. Madison 3:46 p. m., arrive at Keokuk 4:36 p. m., and direct connections made with the new train for Moulton and intermediate points. W. C. MAXWELL.

Mr. Charles Baird and Miss Anna Bengé, both of Floris were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. J. W. Place, on the 10th inst. Ride the waves, ye ship, and carry on a long, happy and prosperous voyage the plighted couple who have stepped on board. **

Thursday evening, May 18, guests to the number of about one hundred and twenty formed a surprise party on Sam Wells, but he was soon his genial self and doing all he could to entertain the numerous guests, who brought him a handsome rocking chair as a souvenir of their good wishes. Refreshments, consisting of oysters, ice cream and fruit were furnished by some of those present.

Miss Nora Wishard was very pleasantly surprised Saturday evening, May 23, by the arrival of a number of her many friends to help her celebrate her twentieth birthday. Nora, though completely surprised, soon recovered, and with her sister, Nellie, entertained each guest in their usual happy manner with games, music and social converse. Some of the invited guests were hindered from coming by the inclemency of the weather. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Nora many happy returns of the day.

Memorial in Honor of M. H. Jones.

At a meeting held in the Hall of Elisha B. Townsend, Post No. 100, G. A. R., Bloomfield, Iowa, May 30th, 1899, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted unanimously, to-wit:

Comrades: Your committee appointed to report a memorial address to be spread upon the minutes of the Post to commemorate the life and death of Comrade Maston H. Jones, who died at his residence in this city on the 25th inst.; and to honor his memory and ourselves by placing on perpetual record our testimony of his many virtues and our esteem for his loyalty, patriotism and moral worth as a comrade whose face we shall see in our post never more, do offer for your consideration the following resolutions.

Resolved: That the late Maston H. Jones as a citizen bearing his share of the duties and responsibilities imposed by law and the rules of society, filled the full measure of citizenship.

He was honest in his dealings with his fellow men, kind and considerate of the rights of others; so benevolent and charitable that distress never preferred its suit to him in vain; so kind of heart that the seeming brusqueness of his nature was forgotten in his deeds of tenderness and love. He was a true and loyal soldier, offering his life to maintain the union of the states and the integrity of the nation. He was a kind and loving husband and father and the widow and children will miss his familiar voice and presence until the infinite hand of tenderness and love shall push back the shadows and lift the burden from their hearts.

Resolved: That the editors of the city papers be requested to publish this memorial and that a copy be furnished to the family of our deceased comrade. Respectfully submitted,

S. A. MOORE,

JEFF BATTIN,

J. E. STEVENS,

The White Elm correspondent to the Ottumwa courier says "Francis Hem celebrated his ninetyfirst birthday May 18. Mr. Hem is hale and hearty. He has eight children and forty-four grandchildren and forty-one great grand Children. All enjoyed a birthday dinner at the parental home Mr Hem is one of Iow's first settlers." Mr. Hem was married to his present wife about 18 years ago when she was about 18 and he 73. He then said he expected to live to be 100 years of age and to raise another family. He has two sons by his second wife and is pulling up toward the 100 mark. He may yet live to see his prophesy fulfilled.

CLAY COLLEGE.

At the spelling Tuesday night several schools were represented and an interesting time was reported. Drakesville, Victory and Clay College schools took part in the spelling and Buttontown arrived in time for the ciphering. Leonard Smock was the victor in the spelling contest and Miss Winnie Smock seems to be recognized as champion in figures although the match was not ciphered to a finish.

Buttontown, which came to cipher us off the face of the earth gained possession of one end of the board and held it almost all the time during the contest. But about two minutes before closing time, concluded that it was going to rain, and that they would better go home. Forthwith they shook the Clay College dust off their diminutive understandings, stood not upon the order of their going, but hunted up their wagon sideboards, which had moved off and hid themselves, counted noses, and went home as fast as two horses could pull their fourteen souls, and a standing invitation to come again.

School closed Friday, June 7,

Mr. Ed McConnel, who filled the professor's chair, reported the average daily attendance as 16 1-20.

The pupils neither absent nor tardy were Minnie Smock, Winnie Smock, Nellie Turner, Harry Empie Geo. Turner. Mr. McConnel also said that he thinks the advanced grade consisting of Misses Minnie and Winnie Smock and Zella Duke, could get teachers certificates if they would try for them.

The afternoon session of school was spent in ciphering and recitations one of which was delivered by Miss Fay Spaulding, a three-year old visitor. The school served ice cream and cake at the school house that night, the proceeds to buy window curtains for the school house. The pretty waitresses sold six gallons and a half of cream.

School Report.

Report of West Grove school for the term ending June 9, 1899. Number enrolled 22. Average daily attendance 17 8-11. Those neither tardy nor absent were Sherman Smith, Mary Sandlin Leo Minks, Rhoda Gableman, Ray Yates, Olaf Senseney, Agnes Fry and Lulu Yates. Jennie Barnett, Teacher.

PULASKI

A number of young people from Pulaski attended the Sunday school convention at the German church Sunday.

NORMAL NOTES.

The fourth term of the school year will close at the Normal on next Thursday evening with the Scientific Finals. These will be given in Chapel Hall, beginning at 7:30 sharp. All friends of the class and all others interested in the school and in education are most cordially invited to be present. There will be no charge for admission. The subjects discussed will be as follows: Water, Grant G. Giller; The Childhood of the World, Maude Adcock; Greek and Roman Deities, Clement C. Williams; Light, Clemmer Dupree; The Human Engine, Fred J. Meier; Architecture, Ancient and Modern, Pauline Payne.

The prospects for a full summer term are good. A number have already made arrangements for work in the Shorthand Department.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Dollarhyde, who have had charge of the Dormitory for the past year, will leave at the close of this term for Washington, where they will make their future home. The best wishes of all will go with them. Mrs. Mary Priest will fill the place thus vacated.

We willingly insert the following:

West Grove, Iowa, May 27, '99.

Rev. L. R. Nichols, of Donnellson, Iowa, will be with Rev. A. R. Sandlin June 3 to 5, preaching for him at West Grove Sunday morning at 11 a. m., at Mt. Moriah at 8 p. m. Let every one who can arrange to hear him. He is a fine sermonizer and preacher. The night service at Mt. Moriah will close Rev. Sandlin's pastoral relations with said congregation.

Of the June Session of the Board of Supervisors of Davis County, Iowa.

Auditor's Office, Bloomfield, Ia.
June 5, 1899.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 1 p. m., there being present Levi Beauchamp, president; H. Hawkins, and W. W. Russell, members. Board goes to settle with county treasurer.

June 6, 1899

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

The board met at 8:30 a. m. and went to finish settling with the treasurer. The Board finished settling with treasurer and proceeded to examine and dispose of claims.

Adjourned at 12 m.

Board met at 1 p. m. and proceeded to examine the road petition of W. J. Gale et al in Sec. 9, West Grove township.

The matter was duly considered and the road was granted on condition that the petitioners pay all costs and damages, and put said road in good traveling condition, except one county bridge, and report to September session, 1899. Board adjourned to go to county farm.

The Board returned from the county farm June 7th, at 10 a. m. and proceeded to examine and dispose of claims.

The consent road petition of J. A. McKee in Sec. 13, Union township, was duly considered and the road was granted on condition that the petitioners put the road in good traveling condition and pay all expenses of the same.

Adjourned at 12 m.

Board met at 1 p. m. and proceeded to examine and dispose of claims.

The official reports of J. F. Rawlings, recorder; W. M. Hotchkiss, clerk of the court; J. B. Lester, auditor; F. C. Young, sheriff, and C. W. Huff, county superintendent, were examined and approved.

The Board ordered that the county treasurer transfer \$100 from the county fund to the orphans' home fund.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

The Board met June 8th at 8 a. m. and proceeded to examine petition to build township hall in Fox township. Said petition was laid over to September session, 1899.

Petitions of tax payers to defer the building of the insane asylum was duly considered by the Board. It was decided to defer the matter for one year.

Report of the grand jury of the April term concerning the investigation of the county farm, county jail, bath rooms on county farm, etc., were examined by the board and duly respected.

Adjourned at 12 m.

The Board met at 1 p. m. and proceeded to examine the consent road petition of James W. Johnson in Fabius township. The above petition being regularly heard and all things considered it is found that the owners of the real estate have dedicated the same for public highway purposes, and that the same is of sufficient public importance to be opened and worked by the public. It is therefore ordered that the petition be granted and that said land be accepted for highway purposes and that the said highway be established as asked in the petition.

Board adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

The Board met June 9 at 8 a. m. and proceeded to regular business.

The consent road petition of L. D. Brunk of Wyacondah township was duly examined and laid over to September session, 1899.

L. D. Brunk et al highway petition to vacate a certain road in Wyacondah township was laid over to September session, 1899.

The road petition of J. C. Leach et al in Union township was granted, all expenses having been paid.

The consent road petition of Henry Trachsel et al in Union township was considered and road granted, it appearing that all costs are paid on the same.

The road petition of Fred Ingold in Union township was reported as per previous order, and it appearing that all terms and conditions have been fully complied with, said road was granted this June 9th, 1899.

The road petitioned for by Henry Hecht of West Grove township was reported as incomplete, the petitioner asking for more time to complete said road. The Board extended the time to September session, 1899.

The consent road petitioned for by S. G. Soonce, et al in Salt Creek township was not reported. The Board extended the time to September session, 1899.

The road petition of G. W. Nixon in Marion township both to vacate and establish a certain road. After duly considering the Board decided to grant so much of said petition as to establish the road as petitioned for on condition that petitioner put the road in good traveling condition, bear all expenses of the same and report to the September session, 1899.

The road petitioned for by A. J. Goodson in West Grove township was

reported in good traveling condition. The Board received the road on the above report this June 9th, 1899.

The consent road petitioned for by C. W. Huff in Marion township was granted on condition that the petitioner put the road in good traveling condition and reports to September session, 1899.

Board adjourned at 12 m.

The Board met at 1 p. m. and proceeded to examine and dispose of claims.

J. J. Guernsey's permit holder report was approved.

The Board ordered that the taxes of Mrs. Jacob Bickle and Anna Bickle of Pulaski be remitted for the year 1898.

The petition of Mrs. John Howie asking for exemption of taxes for the year 1898. The Board rejected the above petition, she having no legal right to widows exemption for that year.

The petition of the trustees of the M. E. church to remit the taxes of 1898 on lots 5 and 8, block 19, city of Bloomfield. The Board ordered that all taxes on said property be remitted that have accrued since it became church property.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

The Board met at 8:00 a. m. and proceeded to allow the poor and indigent persons the amount per month set opposite their names.

Name.	Order of.	Am't.
Mrs. A. F. Goode	Wilcox	\$4 00
Mrs. Gargus	Self	6 00
Emma Box	Pat Davies	4 00
Laura Bybee	J. C. Bond	2 00
John Brenneman	Pat Davies	4 00
Laura Benge	S. Strickland	4 00
J. W. Crist	Self	5 00
Dan'l Crumurine	Kate Crumurine	6 00
George Capart	Self	2 00
Mrs. Cortum	Moughler	6 00
Catharine DeHaven	Self	2 00
Lucinda Daniels	Henderson	2 00
H. Huffman	Self	2 00
Mary, Lydia Miller	Lynch	each 4 00
Catharine Miller	J. H. Hinkle	4 00
Mrs. Sam'l Myers	Self	5 00
Mrs. A. Middleton	Self	2 00
Charley Nelson	H. Hardy	4 00
Mrs. Randall	J. R. Sheaffer	4 00
Mrs. Whited	James Rouch	4 00
Lib Young	S. Strickland	4 00

The Board ordered that the taxes of the following persons be remitted:— J. W. Crist, of Soap Creek township, for the years 1897 and 1898; James Reeves, of Soap Creek township, for the year 1898; Mrs. Louis Randall, of Bloomfield, for the years 1898.

The Board now proceeded to equalize the assessment of the various towns and townships.

LAND.	
Marion township,	raised 10 per cent
Drakeville "	" 5 " "
Perry "	" 5 " "
Union "	" 5 " "
Cleveland "	" 10 " "
West Grove "	" 5 " "
Roscoe "	" 5 " "
Fabius "	" 10 " "
Prarie "	lowered 5 " "
Bloomfield real estate,	raised 7 per cent
Pulaski "	" " " 7 " "
Drakesville "	" " " 7 " "

MURDER AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Mrs. Clarence Mills Killed by Her Husband, who then Attempted Suicide.

CONFESSES TO THE CRIME.

The Coroner's Inquest and Story of the Murder as Told by Mills.

It has been many days since the people of this city awoke in the morning from a peaceful night's repose to such a shock as met their ears in the report that Mrs. Clarence Mills had been murdered by having her throat cut from ear to ear, and that Mr. Mills was lying in apparently an unconscious condition with several gashes cut in his throat and neck and from which, at first, it was thought he could not recover.

About 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning Mrs. Will McCants was aroused from sleep by hearing some one cough just in front of their door. She called to her husband, who went to the door, and called to know who was there. He got an indefinite reply, which sounded like, "Who am I, and where am I." At this, the party, who had been lying beside the walk, got up and moved a few feet to the east and laid down in the corner of the yard. He again asked who it was, and received the reply, "My name is Mills." He then went out to where Mills was lying and found that he was in his night clothes and was bleeding badly. He called to his wife to go for help and immediately Dr. Beauchamp was summoned. It was discovered at once that Mills had his throat cut, there being several gashes, one of which reached the gullet, partly severed the wind pipe, and almost reached the jugular vein. He was bleeding badly, and, it is thought, would soon have bled to death.

The McCants property is a half block north of the Mills property, and Mrs. McCants and a neighbor woman started to see if they could find Mrs. Mills. They were horrified, upon reaching the yard, to find her dead in her own blood, clad only in her night clothes, with her throat cut from ear to ear.

An investigation showed the facts to be about as follows. The bed occupied by Mills and his wife stood in the south west corner of the house, nearby a west window. It had the appearance as if they had been occupying it, and that Mrs. Mills had been asleep when the deed was committed. There was blood on the bed and on the window curtains. The weapon used in the killing was a razor, which was found on the floor by the bedside. Apparently, after her throat was cut Mrs. Mills sprang from the bed, ran out of the south door and around the house to the west to a place about half way on the north side, where she was found dead. There was a perfect trail of blood from the bed to where she was found. Clarence seemed to have been standing by the bedside, and, after cutting his own throat started to follow his wife, but instead of turning around the house, followed the path and the alley to the west side of the block, to where his uncle, James Stevens, lives, then out into the road, and turning back, followed the sidewalk around the block to the north and east, to where he was found on the northeast corner of the block, having gone about two blocks and one-half before he became exhausted. He could easily be tracked by the splotches of blood found along the course which he traveled.

Coroner H. C. Guernsey was called, and summoned a jury consisting of James K. Warrington, W. T. Gandy and J. W. Toombs. Mills made a statement to the jury, which, in substance, we are told, was to the effect that he and his wife had some disagreement about three weeks ago and again Friday night, and they had agreed together that they would be better off dead, and that Clarence was to take the life of both; that he cut his wife's throat and then his own. After hearing the statement by Mills and taking into considera-

tion other facts as they saw them, the jury returned the following verdict:

STATE OF IOWA, }
DAVIS COUNTY, } ss.

At an inquisition holden at Bloomfield, in said county, on the 1st day of July, 1899, before H. C. Guernsey, coroner of said Davis county, state of Iowa, upon the body of Mrs. Jennie Mills, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say:

"We do find that the said deceased came to her death by the hands of Clarence Mills, her husband, about 3:00 o'clock on the morning of July 1, 1899, by cutting the throat of said deceased with a razor.

"And we further do also find that she did come to her death feloniously, and that a crime has been committed on the deceased, and that Clarence Mills is the name of the person whom the jury believe has committed it. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands this 1st day of July, 1899."

H. C. GUERNSEY, Coroner.

J. K. WARRINGTON,

W. T. GANDY,

J. W. TOOMBS,

Jurors."

By direction of the coroner Mills was placed under arrest and held to await the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Mills was formerly Miss Jennie Wood, daughter of Park Wood, a respected citizen of near Mark. She was married to Clarence Mills about six months ago, and they have lived in the Mills property, in the south part of the city, with Clarence's mother ever since, who, at the time of the murder, was in the country with her sick daughter, Mrs. Sherman Losey.

The remains of Jennie Mills were prepared for burial and taken to the home of her father, near Mark, Saturday evening. The interment took place at the Mark cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Saturday night a rumor was set afloat to the effect that a mob was being made up from the vicinity of Mark to do violence to Mills, and he was carried up and lodged in jail, where he still remains. It is thought now that he will soon recover from the effects of his wounds.

East Side Burned.

Another Destructive Fire for Our City. Fire Company Made Heroic Efforts. Scarcity of Water. Great Destruction of Property.

The fire fiend has again visited our city and destroyed the greater portion of the east side of the square. Practically every thing is a wreck from the north end as far up as the Linaberry building.

About 4 o'clock Saturday morning night watchman Turner rang the fire bell and called the people out to witness the burning of the east side of the square.

The fire originated in the upper story of Pugh's G. O. P. hotel and spread rapidly in both directions. The origin of the fire seems not to be known but it was first discovered in the room formerly occupied by Uncle Dave Pugh.

The fire company and citizens generally responded with the usual promptness but there being no water in the tank the company had to rely entirely upon the fire engine until water could be pumped from the pond through the mains. The fire engine failed to work to advantage, the hose being in a bad condition. The fire had pretty much its own way for some time but was finally checked after it had reached Linaberry's building and Eakin's meat market. J. M. Duffield's wood-rick building, occupied by Charles Mills, was torn away to prevent the fire from getting into Lowenberg's and Curl's buildings and the Hardy hotel.

The buildings burned were: Mrs. Wilkinson's, occupied by Spurlin's meat market, Gus Downing's tin shop and Appleton's wagon and carriage shop.

Galpin's, occupied by Galpin's shoe store and Koehler's tailor shop. Pugh's occupied by the G. O. P. hotel. Mrs. Findley's, occupied by Mitchell's drug store.

Mitchell's, occupied by Cox Bros.' store and A. H. Fortune's, occupied by Wishard Bros.' harness shop down stairs and W. A. Herman's cigar factory up stairs.

Pugh had no insurance, loss estimated at possibly \$2000. Harris had no insurance and the loss is probably \$2000 to \$3000. W. A. Herman had no insurance, loss \$500 to \$600.

Koehler, no insurance, loss small. Mrs. Wilkinson's building was insured for \$1000.

Galpin's building at \$1500 and stock at \$1500. Mrs. Findley, we understand, had \$1000 insurance on building. Mitchell Bros. on building \$2000.

A. H. Fortune on building \$1500. Linaberry on building \$500.

Eakin's was insured for enough to cover loss.

Cox Brothers on stock \$4000. Wishard on stock \$1000. Spurlin on meat market \$500. Gus Downing on repair shop \$100. Appleton on shop and stock \$200.

Most parties who were insured were carrying enough to meet the greater part of the loss sustained and those whose stock was simply damaged will be fully repaid, no doubt.

The buildings except Linaberry's and Eakin's are almost total losses. That portion of Cox Bros.' stock upstairs and a portion down stairs was burned. Wishard saved most every thing but the stock is damaged. Galpin saved a portion of his stock.

Cox Bros. moved at once into the Owsley building which they had already arranged to occupy August 1 and began to sell goods.

Wishard Bros. now occupy the Linaberry building.

Herman's cigar factory moved upstairs in Trimble house block and Galpin's stock is also stored in Trimble block.

Pugh's moved to their residence in the south-east part of the city.

Ed Linaberry was down from Des Moines the first of the week, looking after business matters and viewing the work of the east side fire.

Spurlin is unable to find a room. Charlie Mills occupies the room off the southeast corner of the square.

DeWitt Appleton is erecting a shop on his father's lot adjoining the steam laundry and Gus Downing is located under H. A. Wishard's shoe store.

Mrs. Wilkinson will at once begin the erection of a double room, two story brick upon her lot on the north-east corner of the square.

A. H. Fortune will rebuild his building, the old Republican office, as soon as the loss is adjusted.

Mitchell Bros. have men at work cleaning brick preparatory to rebuilding.

We have not learned the intention of the other parties.

A. H. Fortune's loss was settled at \$1022.

Mrs. Findley's loss in the fire was adjusted at \$1000, being the full amount of the policy.

Wishard's loss was settled for \$250.

Appleton got \$46 for damages by fire.

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Bloomfield, Iowa, postoffice, for the week ending July 8, 1897:

Mr. Ralph Clark. Mr. Lea Nichols.

Mrs. Eliza Belknap.

Mrs. Elma Schmitz.

In calling for advertised letters parties will please state that they have been advertised.

B. F. CARROLL, Postmaster.

Mr. Wm. Gibson died Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Thompson, in the west part of the city. He was more than four score years of age and death had been expected for several weeks. Mr. Gibson was an old settler in this county and had a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His remains were taken to Stiles for burial.

Jacob Angst, Uriah Rominger, James Rouch and L. C. Carroll and wife went to Keokuk Tuesday to examine the brick and rock to be had in that city with a view to securing material for use in the new church.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2000. REMEMBER THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$7.50 FOR THE YEAR.

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