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STENSLAND MAKES GOOD

Abandoning Banker Who Served a Prison Term is on Feet.

WILL REPAY THE DEPOSITORS

Chicago Financier Turns Over Large Sum to Man Who Arrested Him to Refund Losses Not Met by Receiver.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Paul Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue state bank, who absconded with \$500,000 of its funds in 1906, is devoting his life to repaying losses of depositors. This announcement was made last night at a dinner of the Association of Commerce by James Keeley, who traced the banker to Morocco, where he was captured. Stensland was brought back to Chicago, where he made a full confession in which he charged Henry W. Herring, cashier of the bank, with being responsible for the balance of the shortage of \$2,000,000. Stensland served four years in the penitentiary. Herring also served a term in prison.

"The banker whom they say I brought back has come back," said Mr. Keeley. "He went to the penitentiary and stayed there four years. He came out two days before Christmas, this year, he called upon me and was the happiest man I have seen in ten years.

"He is on his feet again. He has made some money and he has taken more than 50 per cent of it and placed it in my hands. He hopes to add to it until he can pay off the 15 per cent that as not paid by the receiver of that bank.

WILSON'S GREATEST TASK IS BEFORE HIM

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States shall serve on this board, they say.

Talk of Yates' Statement.

In connection with the operation and effect of the new law the attention of Treasury department officials was called today to the statement of Henry W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, published in The Bee last Wednesday, and caused some comment.

In the absence of Secretary McAdoo, who is confined to his home today by a slight cold and fever, none of the officials would be quoted in commenting on Mr. Yates' statement that some six or seven million dollars would be taken out of Nebraska under the new law.

These officials are emphatic in their statement that this is not the case.

Some Matters Overlooked.

Said one, a man high in the councils of the department:

"In the statement by Mr. Yates in The Bee, it is quite apparent that there are three or four factors the Omaha banker has not taken into consideration. In the first place, there may be a regional reserve bank established in Nebraska, which, if that occurs, would end the argument then and there.

Secondly, the reserve deposited with federal reserve banks is subject to check, just as deposits with correspondents is subject to check, with the proviso that they are penalized if the gross reserve falls below the amount required by law.

Thirdly, Mr. Yates has not taken into consideration the fact that this same money which is deposited in federal reserve banks is available for rediscount-

ing or loans to member banks when needed, so that even if the money were deposited in federal reserve banks it would still be available for legitimate banking purposes.

Money Carried Outside.

"Fourthly, he has not given in his statement any figures as to what amount of these deposits are already carried with correspondent banks outside of the state of Nebraska. In fact, the figures given by Mr. Yates seem so perfectly arbitrary that it is impossible to answer them intelligently. However, if he will give the figures upon which his conclusions are based they could be checked up by the proper division of the department, when it would no doubt be shown that the situation in Nebraska will be greatly benefited and improved by this so-called transfer of funds, whether a regional bank is located there, or merely a branch bank."

Chance to Get Bank.

Omaha's chances for securing one of the regional reserve banks ought to be as good as any other city in the country, say treasury officials. The fact is that Omaha has not up to this time asked to be considered as a regional bank.

Up to the department closing time today, but three Nebraska banks had filed applications for admission into the new currency system. They are as follows:

Nebraska National Bank, Omaha; First National Bank, Grand Island; First National Bank, Butte, Neb.

The following Iowa banks have filed applications:

Northwestern National, Sioux City; First National and Commercial National, Waterloo; People's National, Perry; First National, Forest City; Citizens' National, Belle Plaine; Commercial National and the Commercial Trust and Savings bank, Charles City; Harlan National, Harlan; First National, Albia; Second National, New Hampton; National Bank of Decorah and Farmers' Savings' bank, Williamsburg.

In Wyoming, the only application thus far in the Green River state bank, Green River, and in South Dakota the First National of Canton.

ROOT'S BODY AT CITY HALL

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With the exception of those who are with the body of Mr. Root, the members of the executive council held a meeting yesterday, though no attempt was made to transact routine business. Sovereign Adviser Fraser of Dallas, Tex., who by virtue of his official position succeeded to the office of sovereign commander until the meeting of the sovereign camp in San Francisco in 1913, was present, but refused to occupy the chair of the late Joseph Cullen Root. He said that out of respect to the memory of a friend and business associate whom he had known intimately for more than a quarter of a century, he could not act in his stead until after the funeral rites had been performed. Mr. Fraser was excused and he will not sit with the council until after Monday.

Active Pall Bearers.

The following have been selected as pall bearers:

W. A. Frazer, Dallas, Tex.
H. B. Burnett, Columbus, Miss.
Hon. Morris Sheppard, Texas, Ark.
A. H. Bradley, Little Rock, Ark.
M. A. D. Floyd, Denver.
J. E. Fitzgerald, Kansas City, Mo.
N. B. Massey, Muskogee, Okla.
Bliss B. Lewis, Kingston, N. C.
E. J. Campbell, Lincoln.
W. F. Huggins, Mich.
William Ruess, St. Louis, Mo.
Cleveland, O.

Honorary Pall Bearers.

John T. Yates, R. T. Wells,
B. W. Jewell, Murray, Kan.,
A. H. Burnett, R. R. Boak,
M. A. D. Floyd, Denver,
A. R. Talbot,
E. J. Campbell, Lincoln,
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Representing Ak-Sar-Ben: Charles Beaton, Charles E. Black, Joseph Barker, Gould Dietz.

Representing Omaha: Mayor James C. Dahlman.

Representing the Masons: B. F. Thomas, C. L. Shook, G. F. West, M. F. Funkhouser.

Benson has sent out letters to the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and to former governors and they will attend the funeral in a body.

Officers Will Attend.

The following are the officers of the sovereign camp who are in the city, who will attend the funeral and who will hold their sessions here next week:

Sovereign Clerk John T. Yates, Omaha; Sovereign Adviser W. A. Frazer, Dallas, Tex.; Sovereign Banker, Hon. Morris Sheppard, member of United States senate, Texas, Ark.; Sovereign Escort St. F. Strahl, Columbus, Miss.; Sovereign Watchman B. Wood Jewell, Omaha; Sovereign Sentry De E. Bradshaw, Little Rock, Ark.; Sovereign Managers J. E. Fitzgerald (chairman), Kansas City, Mo.; N. B. Massey, Muskogee, Okla.; Bliss B. Lewis, Kingston, N. C.; E. J. Campbell, Fort Huron, Mich.; William Ruess, Cleveland, O.; Raimey T. Wells, Murray, Ky.; Sovereign Physicians J. W. Forgie, M. D., Omaha; D. Cloyd, M. D., Omaha.

At the Woodmen office in the Wood-

men of the World building, hundreds of telegrams are pouring in upon Oscar Styler, private secretary for Mr. Root, expressing sorrow over the death of the sovereign commander and asking if they can render any services. These telegrams come from Woodmen scattered all over the United States and from business men of hundreds of cities.

It is not known how many Woodmen of the World will be in the city Sunday and Monday, but it is likely the number will be large. Word has been received from scores of the camps of Nebraska, Iowa and other close by states, saying that representatives would be sent to the funeral.

OLD SILVER DOLLAR AT OMAHA LIBRARY

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for over fifteen years. She removed it from the safe this afternoon for a brief private display, as the result of the renewed interest in the issue following the New Haven discovery.

Lettering on Edge.

An extensive scheme of decorations will be used to give the Big Auditorium the bright and cheery appearance appropriate to the season. Absolutely no expense will be incurred, however, as the committee in charge of the decorations is determined to save every cent possible for charity. All materials used will be donated or loaned by the people supporting the ball, and the necessary labor will be done by men employed by the city on wholesale houses, at the expense of the latter.

Green and White Colors.

Green and white will be the color scheme. Large quantities of evergreen trees will be given to the committee, after their usefulness as Christmas ornaments is past. The giant tree that was used in the municipal celebration in the court house square will be among the donations to the decorators. The boughs of the tree will be cut off and used as the greens in the color scheme. The committee consists of Mr. Frank W. Judson, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Summers, Mrs. Robert Francis, Mrs. C. S. Cowgill, Mrs. J. A. McShane, Mrs. C. C. Redick, Mrs. J. W. Towle, Miss Lynn Curtis, Mr. D. J. O'Brien and Mr. Louis C. Nash.

Perfect Dancing Floor.

To secure a perfect dancing floor for the ball, Chairman Robert T. Burns, of the floor committee, has ordered that the whole area be scrubbed, scraped and polished. The work will begin soon, in order to have it done properly and in plenty of time for the dance.

Two score and more of young men will comprise the committee to assist Mr. Burns on the floor the night of the ball. They include:

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History of Coins.

An old coin book in the library contains the alleged history of the 1904 issue of American dollars. In it is the statement that New England legends tell of a certain tea ship that carried almost the entire 1904 mintage of dollars away from a Massachusetts seaport and was lost in mid-ocean, which accounts for the scarcity of the coin. Another theory of the scarcity is that practically all of the dollars coined in 1904 were shipped to Algiers and were lost.

The Byron Reed collection in the public library contains many other rare old coins, but none that can compare with the 1904 dollar. A total of 4,800 coins comprising the collection, which is insured against fire for \$50,000, although the building is supposed to be fireproof.

JUDGE RICE ENDORSED FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Two republican and one democratic proposal county committee meetings were held here. Majority and minority republicans passed resolutions regretting Congressman Martin's withdrawal, endorsing Judge Rice of Deadwood for congress and the minority endorsed Congressman Burke for senator.

The majority endorsed Governor Byrne for re-election while the minority failed to endorse, but urged harmony between the factions. The majority democrats endorsed Johnson for senator, the Wilson administration, and Coffee for state chairman. All meetings were brief and harmonious.

PIONEER WEBSTER CITY EDITOR DIES SUDDENLY

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—William F. Smith, formerly captain of small arms practice in the Iowa National guard and pioneer newspaper man, died at his home in this city of heart disease this morning after a three days' illness. He was 64 years of age. Captain Smith established the Clarion and Monitor and was formerly a partner in the Freeman Tribune and Journal offices. He was one of the founders of the Journal. Mr. Smith was a native of Scotland and served two terms as county auditor here without opposition. He had lived here since 1887.

GLOVER BUYS TWO PISTOLS

Damaging Evidence Against Slayer of Wife's Former Husband.

HEARING WILL BE WEDNESDAY

Officers Will Try to Find Out Marital Status of Woman Who Says She is the Wife of Glover.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Information obtained by city detectives which showed, they declared, that Roy Glover, the San Antonio, land agent, had purchased two automatic pistols prior to the tragedy of last Sunday, in which the former Boer soldier, Henry De Villiers, met death, resulted today in an announcement from the district attorney's office that Glover would be held for trial. De Villiers was shot when he attempted to enter Glover's home, ostensibly to see his former wife, who claims now to be Mrs. Glover, and his two little children, who were brought here by Glover last October. Glover declared he shot De Villiers in self-defense. After the shooting an undischarged automatic pistol was found beside the body of the ex-soldier, and when questioned Mrs. De Villiers said she had witnessed the struggle between the two men and had seen De Villiers with a weapon in his hand just before he fell mortally wounded.

M. J. Shannon, a deputy district attorney, said today that the information regarding the alleged purchase by Glover of the two weapons convinced him that it was necessary to hold Glover. It was announced at the same time that Glover would be held for preliminary hearing Wednesday, and that in the meantime inquiries would be made regarding the marriage of Glover to the former Mrs. De Villiers, who is the daughter of J. G. Campbell, a wealthy broker of New York, and the former wife of Vivian M. Lewis, vice chancellor of New Jersey.

SWEET CHARITY TO BENEFIT FROM THE BIG BALL THURSDAY

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ing on the new quarters of the mission, as well as to cover the needs of the poor during the winter.

The members of the committee having charge of the boxes are: Mr. Lawrence Brinker, chairman; Mesdames T. L. Davis, Glenn C. Wharton and Joseph Barker; Messrs. Ward Burgess, Sam Burns, Jr. and Luther Kountze.

Mr. C. M. Witham, Mr. Charles C. George, Mr. D. A. Baum and Mr. H. H. Haldridge compose the advisory committee. The publicity committee consists of Mr. Clement C. Chase, chairman, and Miss Belle Dewey, Mrs. Victor Rosewater and Mr. Henry Dooley. Those in charge of the printing are: Mrs. Lawrie Childs, chairman; Mrs. D. A. Baum and Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm.

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Tickets Sell Fast.

Harry A. Tukey, chairman of the ticket committee, has been battling with a peculiar problem for several days. Of the 3,000 tickets, which his committee is selling at \$2.50 each, all but three are white. The three odd ones, printed on red cardboard, are the ones that are puzzling him, for the simple fact that they are different and there are only three, makes them in great demand. All his friends who know of the three odd red tickets have asked for them, but he has decided to keep them till all the others are sold, and then "knock down" the red tickets to the highest bidder.

Messrs—
T. L. Davis
O. C. Redick
F. J. Lusk
Roy Wilcox
George Van Brunt.

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Cub Potter
O. C. Redick
F. J. Lusk
Roy Wilcox
George Van Brunt.

In the Cloak Room.

The cloak room committee, consisting of Mrs. Charles Offutt, chairman; Mrs. M. T. Barlow and Mrs. F. W. Judson, are working out a careful and satisfactory system for checking wraps. As they fear a regular charging system would cheapen the ball, they will depend entirely upon tips to defray the expense.

For the convenience of the women, a large parlor will be provided for use between dancing numbers, and for the men

who desire to smoke a special room will also be furnished.

The coming affairs, in which society leaders and public-spirited citizens are gladly joining to promote the cause of charity, recalls charity balls of other years to the memory of many residents who have participated in the social, civic, business and charitable growth of the city.

First Charity Ball.

The first big charity ball remembered by Omahans was held in January, 1888. Over \$250 was raised for the Ladies' Christian Aid society. Robert Patrick, Edward Porter Peck and Clement C. Chase were members of the big committee of citizens who promoted the affair.

Like the coming charity ball, it was a brilliant social affair, as well as a popularly supported charitable enterprise. Among the many society women who contributed to its success by attending in beautiful gowns were the following and others.

His assistants in handling the tickets are:

Mesdames—
W. A. Redick,
Mrs. W. A. Redick, jr.,
Louisa Reed,
J. N. H. Patrick,
Gibbs Fritchett,
J. M. Metcalf.

Mesdames—
John C. Cowin,
Mrs. E. T. Woodland,
N. A. Merriam,
John L. Webster,
Levi Carter.

Record Charity Ball.

Another big ball, supported by society leaders and prominent citizens, was given in the old Exposition building, Fifteenth and Capitol avenue, 1894. It was also conducted to raise money for charity.

Since then charity has benefited by many other balls, entertainments and bazaars promoted by Omaha's leading citizens, church members and social figures. The most recent large affair of this character were brilliant society balls given a few years ago for the benefit of the Creche.

One was held at Chambers' academy and was managed by Mrs. W. A. Paxton, now Mrs. Martin Sarna of New York. Mrs. Charles T. Koutz and other leaders. The grand march was led by Mrs. T. L. Kimball, president of the Omaha Charity association, and General John C. Cowin. Among the society women who were patronesses were the following and others:

Mesdames—
A. C. Shuman,
John L. Kennedy,
C. C. Allison,
J. E. Summers,
E. A. Nash,
W. M. Rogers,
Mrs. A. Brandeis,
Robert Hollister,
Miss—
Arabella Kimball, Jessie Millard.

Mesdames—
E. R. McMahon,
Jas. C. Dahlman,
Thomson Kilpatrick,
A. D. Brandeis,
Miss—
Arabella Kimball, Jessie Millard.

Ball at Fort Crook.

The other big society affair, given about the same time for the Creche, was at Fort Crook. Colonel and Mrs. Cornelius Gardiner organized the event with the assistance of the other officers and their wives, and had intended to give one-half of the proceeds to the Creche. It was largely attended by the society folk of the vicinity, and on account of the wonderful gowns of the women and the full dress uniforms of the fort officers, it was perhaps one of the most brilliant affairs ever given in this part of the country. As time wore, however, the committee decided to give the entire proceeds, instead of the original half, to the charitable institution.

But the people who participated in these balls of bygone days and are now interested in the coming New Year's affair for the benefit of the City mission, all agree that in brilliancy and general magnitude, the present undertaking will surpass all others, and will produce for charity a fund never before realized by any other charity benefit.

PRESENTMENT SAVES LIVES OF SEVERAL PERSONS

IRENE, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A strange feeling that all was not well with the family of Fred Liebeck, a neighbor, caused C. F. Hansen, living on a farm some miles from town, to enter the Liebeck home. His visit was a timely one, for it saved the lives of the entire family. Hansen found every member of the family in a stupor verging on unconsciousness as the result of gas escaping from a coal stove. Throwing open the windows Hansen summoned a physician from Irene by rural telephone, who went to the scene as rapidly as an auto would carry him. After strenuous efforts the members of the family were brought back to a normal condition.

News Notes of Geneva.

GENOVA, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Marquette Mohrman and Leonard J. Davis were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mohrman, Rev. Thomas Griffiths officiating.

Miss Ethel F. Brown and Earl Johnson of Peru, Neb., were married, Rev. A. G. Heybo of Crete officiating.

Oliver F. Statter and Miss Sadie Cusick were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Cusick.

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