

WANT STATE TO HELP ROADS

Highway Convention Will Be Held at Des Moines Dec. 29.

TYPHOID CONTAGION KEEPS UP

Woman is Found Murdered at Van Wert and Police Are Holding Five Young Men on Suspicion of Complicity in Killing.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 10.—A meeting of men in the state interested in good roads in the southern part of Iowa was held here for the purpose of arranging a program for a highway convention to be held here Dec. 29. Many members of the legislature will be invited to participate and an organization will be effected to secure a state appropriation in aid of good roads. A similar convention held last spring came to naught, but it is believed that now some results can be secured through the legislature.

Woman Mysteriously Killed.

Mrs. Lee Zarnes lies dead at Van Wert with a crushed skull and five young men are in jail as a result of a drunken quarrel in which Zarnes was attacked and his wife rushed to his assistance, only to be knocked down with a club and killed. Sheriff An drews rounded up five young men, two brothers named Young and three brothers named Teale, under suspicion. They admit having been at the Zarnes home, but say they had nothing to do with the killing.

Three Deaths From Typhoid.

While the city health officials claim that the typhoid fever epidemic is on the wane, three deaths have occurred in Des Moines in twenty-four hours. More than 100 cases are under treatment in local hospitals.

Coal Rates Lowered.

The Iowa board of railroad commissioners announced a material reduction in freight rates on soft lump and nut coal within Iowa. The rates on steam or slack coal remain unchanged.

CORNELL COLLEGE FUND

Dean Freer Has Secured Pledges of \$130,000 to Half Million Fund.

Mount Vernon, Ia., Dec. 10.—The Cornell college canvass for \$500,000 is progressing with a satisfactory degree of success. Dean Freer, who has charge of the campaign, is giving his entire time towards the raising of the fund. All of his classes are being conducted by Professor Hudson of Baker university during the time which he is engaged in the raising of the fund.

Rev. J. O. Dobson, D. D., of the class of 1883, is busily engaged in assisting with the proposition and together with several others on the committee, are entering most heartily into the work. Already there have been unconditional pledges to the extent of \$120,000, which in addition to the \$100,000 donated by the Educational board, make a total of nearly one-half of the required sum.

MILL POND LEAKS IN SHAFT

One of Largest Properties in Wisconsin Wrecked by Water.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 10.—The Baxter mine, one of the largest zinc producers in the Wisconsin district, located at Cuba City, twenty miles east of here, was the scene of an accident which nearly cost the lives of twenty-five miners. The men were ready to descend in the mine to work when it was found the mill pond was leaking into the shaft. The walls of the dam quickly gave way and in a few minutes the mine had been filled to the top of the shaft. The damage will run into thousands of dollars.

Mehan Will Case Compromised.

Ida Grove, Ia., Dec. 10.—The contest of the will of the late Benjamin Mehan was settled by an agreement entered into by the parties. Benjamin Mehan died April 20, 1908, and left a \$50,000 farm and his city home to his son, Arthur. The other children were left legacies of from \$500 to \$1,000 and they sued to break the will. The two sisters, Kate O'Brecht and Mary O'Meara of Ida Grove, and James Mehan of Waverly, Kan., were the plaintiffs. By the agreement Arthur Mehan, the executor, agrees to pay Mrs. O'Brecht \$4,000, James Mehan \$3,000 and Mrs. O'Meara \$500. In exchange they agree to give him quit claim deeds to the farm.

Poultry Show at Iowa Falls.

Iowa Falls, Ia., Dec. 10.—The indications are that the annual poultry show to be held in this city next week will be the biggest meeting ever held by the Northwestern Poultry association and Secretary H. S. Dixon states that the number of inquiries and entries are unprecedented in the history of the association.

Wanted Her Body Burned.

Mount Pleasant, Ia., Dec. 10.—The dying request of Mrs. Charles D. Walker, wife of a prominent Mount Pleasant man, who died of cancer of the stomach, was that her body be cremated and the ashes consigned to the Mississippi river. The body was taken to Davenport today for cremation.

Why Is the Pole Not Removed?

At the last meeting of the city council an order was made requiring the Bell Telephone company to remove a pole which obstructs the electric light for a block west of the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, but up to the hour of going to press today nothing had been done toward complying with the order of the council, notwithstanding almost two weeks has elapsed since the order was made. It may be that the management has been too busy preparing Christmas presents to attend to the matter, or it may be that the company thinks the council only makes orders for a sort of pastime with no intention of enforcing them.

There is no doubt but the pole is a nuisance, and was placed there only within the past few weeks, and if the company will not move it on being requested to do so, then the city authorities should pay some one to chop the pole off and get rid of it summarily, if it can be done in no other way. The citizens of the town are taxed for the maintenance of the light and it is exasperating for a corporation to arrogantly place a screen in front of the light and refuse or neglect to remove it when attention is called to it.

Gus Hyers for Sheriff.

A. A. Hyers was endorsed for the office of sheriff of Lancaster county at a meeting of the Lincoln and Havelock branch of the International Association of Machinists, in Lancaster hall at Havelock last evening. Mr. Hyers is now postmaster at Havelock. The annual election of officers was to have been held last night, but was postponed until after the special meeting Sunday afternoon. At this meeting to be held at 3 o'clock in the Lancaster hall, the Havelock machinists may try to break away from the joint organization of Lincoln and Havelock railroad men and form a separate organization of their own. Nearly the full membership of 120 men were present at the meeting last evening.—Lincoln Journal.

Resigns Position.

Miss Nettie Moore, who has been employed as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Olson Photo company for the past year, resigned her position a month ago, which resignation went into effect today, having secured a position as stenographer at the storehouse of the local Burlington shops. This position was made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Bertha Todd, who will depart on next Monday for Long Beach, California, where her parents now reside and where she will make her home in the future. Miss Moore entered upon her new duties this morning. Miss Moore is a most estimable, as well as popular young lady, and we wish her all the success possible in her new position.

Quite a Billiard Contest.

Quite an interest was manifest last night at Arries' billiard parlor over a game of billiards between Hon. Matt Gering, of this city, and Max Koehn, of Nebraska City. Matt is quite a lover of the game and always enjoys seeing good billiards played, but in this contest it could be readily seen that he was no match for Mr. Koehn and Matt of course lost. Mr. Arries' parlor is quite a favorite resort for those who love the game, and the proprietor is becoming very popular on account of the manner in which he treats his patrons.

Death of Mrs. Tighe.

Dan Rourke, of Manley, received a message announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Charles Tighe, at Bancroft, Nebraska, and left at once for that place to attend the funeral, which was held Monday. Mrs. Tighe was a resident of Springfield for a number of years while her husband was engaged in the grain business there. They moved to Bancroft eight years ago. She is survived by her husband and six children, and also by a number of relatives in Cass county.—Louisville Courier.

Resigns Her Position.

Miss Daisy Twiss, for several years manager of the local telephone exchange, resigned her position last Saturday and left Sunday for California. Mrs. Miller of Greenwood was installed to fill the vacancy. The Courier takes pleasure in introducing her to the people of Louisville as a lady of high standing in her home community.—Louisville Courier.

Mr. J. R. Vallery, of Murray, was a Plattsmouth visitor this morning, doing the week-end shopping.

BALLINGER ON LAND PROBLEMS

Secretary of Interior Submits His Annual Report.

DESCRIBES METHODS OF WORK

Advances Recommendations for New Legislation or Amendments to Existing Laws—Favors General Leasing System of Oil and Gas Lands.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In his annual report, just made public, Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior devotes a large amount of space to public land problems. After reciting the history of the public domain and giving statistics to show that there is now remaining unappropriated and unreserved 711,986,409 acres of public land in continental United States and Alaska, the secretary says:

"Heretofore, as will be seen, it has been the policy of congress to dispose of the public lands to those who were disposed to make the best use of them, none of which were disposed of with a view to securing revenue for governmental support.

"Under more conservative theories the question now is of saving the remnant of the public lands from monopolization or misuse without abandoning the old policies of encouraging development. The highest productive use of these lands is the concern of the people. The methods of securing this use are the concern of national and state governments.

New Amendments.

"New or amendatory legislation respecting our public lands should be direct, simple, effective and relate principally to the proper form of disposition of the withdrawn lands—water-power sites, oil lands, coal lands and rights-of-way over public lands.

"As has been shown, the unappropriated public lands of the public land states and territories amount to about 712,000,000 acres and as compared with the private lands in these various states are but a small percentage of the territory thereof, and the federal government should not undertake or assume the entire burden of the conservation of the natural resources of the states in which they are situated, for it has been demonstrated that the states are capable of taking care of these questions in a large measure, as is shown by the legislation effectuating these purposes in states like Massachusetts and Washington at the extremities of our country.

The secretary reports marked advances in administrative methods and efficiency within the department during the year. He also reports that the recommendations made from time to time by the committees appointed at the instance of the president to suggest economies and changes to improve the service are being put into effect wherever existing law will permit, without waiting for legislation.

Referring to oil lands the secretary

... leasing system of oil and gas bearing lands, such a system as will promote legitimate development of this industry, prevent monopoly and conserve one of the great natural resources of the country.

Other recommendations for amendments to existing laws or for enactment of new laws are as follows: "Amendment of existing desert land laws so as to limit the maximum of area which may be entered to 160 acres; to extend the time within which final proof may be made to seven years, but impose the additional condition of actual cultivation of not less than one-half the irrigable area of the entry for a period of not less than three years prior to final proof.

"Repeal of the commutation provisions of the homestead law, or, if this be deemed inadvisable, modification of the present laws so as to require two years' actual residence, cultivation, and improvement as a prerequisite to commutation. Also provide that no patent shall issue under any commuted homestead entry hereafter made except to citizens of the United States."

CAMPAIGN EXPENSE BILLS

Congressional Campaign Committees File Reports in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Republican congressional committee received \$77,461 and disbursed \$74,373, while the Democratic congressional committee received \$27,790 and disbursed \$27,771, during the recent campaign, according to the reports filed with the clerk of the house of representatives.

The largest individual contribution to the Republican fund was made by Representative William B. McKinley, which amounted to \$5,000. A contribution of \$5,750 was received from the treasurer of the Union League club of Philadelphia. The Republican state committee of Louisiana contributed \$2,000; former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, as treasurer of the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia, \$1,630, and John Pitcairn of Pittsburgh, \$1,000. The national committee gave \$887.

The largest individual contribution to the Democratic fund was \$1,000 from W. C. Beer of New York city.

HURT IN QUEER ACCIDENT

Two Mason City Men Have Noses Broken While Driving in Auto.

Mason City, Ia., Dec. 10.—A peculiar accident occurred here in which B. F. Moore, head machinist, and C. A. Tyrrell, superintendent of the Colby Motor company plant, had their noses crushed and broken.

While driving an auto the machine ran over a high bump in the road which threw the occupants of the car against the top of the car, driving their hats, which were stiff, down over their faces. Mr. Tyrrell had his nose broken by the impact against the auto top, while Mr. Moore's nose was crushed and lacerated.

COL. P. W. CRAWFORD DEAD

Aged Iowan Was Commander of Guard at Execution of Mrs. Surratt.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 10.—Colonel P. W. Crawford, eighty years old, commander of the guard at the execution of Mrs. Surratt and others for complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln, died here. He had served several terms in the Iowa legislature and was a resident of the state for seventy years.

WATER FAMINE IN SOUTHEASTERN IOWA

Burlington Railway is Hauling Water in Tank Cars.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 10.—The lowest stage ever known in the Mississippi river is now recorded—fifteen and one-half inches below low water mark of 1864. This unprecedented stage is caused by the drought which has dried up many contributory streams throughout the northwest. This failure of the water supply is menacing the stockmen and the railroads. The latter are compelled to haul water in tank cars for many miles to supply their water tanks which have become dry. At the West Burlington shops wooden tank water cars are being constructed at the rate of six a day and are being used to haul water from the Mississippi here to Mount Pleasant, Ia., and other cities to the westward and as far east as Monmouth. It is feared that Rice Lake at Galesburg may fall and the company is preparing to haul water from here to that point. The water tanks are composed of two-inch planks tongued and grooved and bolted together with long rods. They are placed on flat cars for transportation and long trains of them move in and out of Burlington every day.

TIMOTHY HEALY IS DEFEATED

Independent Irish Leader Thrown Out by Nationalists.

London, Dec. 10.—Totals show that the coalition parties have thus far secured 244 seats in the new parliament and the unionists 207 seats. The unionists have gained twenty-one constituencies, the liberals fourteen and the labor party four.

News of special interest was the defeat of Timothy Healy at Louth, which constituency he has represented in the house of commons for eighteen years. The Redmonites brought all their forces to bear in turning out the man who may be said, almost, to be a more bitter opponent of the Irish leader than O'Brien himself. Healy is known as the Ismael of nationalist politics and has followed an independent course since the downfall of Parnell, to which he largely contributed. Another interesting development was the capture of the only nationalist seat in Belfast by Joseph Devlin, one of the Redmond party, who recently visited America.

ALLEGED KIDNAPERS HELD

Eight Men and Two Women Arrested in Brooklyn Asked to Give Big Bond.

New York, Dec. 10.—Ten alleged kidnapers, eight men and two women, arrested in Brooklyn in the raid on a tenement which resulted in the recovery of Giuseppe Longo, the eight-year-old boy, who was stolen from his parents on Nov. 19, were held in \$10,000 bail each for examination next Monday on the charge of kidnaping. Marie Rappa and Antonetta Monilo, the two women under arrest, carried babies in their arms.

Young Creel Held as Hostage.

San Antonio, Dec. 10.—Bernabe Elias, a courier from Mexico to the family of Francisco I. Madero, brings the information that the revolutionists have captured Enrique Creel, Jr., son of Enrique Creel, minister of foreign relations to Mexico. They are holding him as a hostage. Creel is held in the mountains near Chihuahua City.

Rents Pethouse for Home.

Granite City, Ill., Dec. 10.—Under an agreement to vacate on a day's notice, James Smith, a mill worker, moved his family into the Granite City pethouse. Scarcity of houses caused Smith to rent the pethouse from the city for \$12 a month. If a smallpox case appears here Smith must give his home to the patient.

"THE CLIMAX" AN ABSORBING PLAY

Music, Mental Suggestion, Love and Devotion Play Their Varied Parts.

With the powerful elements of mental suggestion intertwined with the series of delicate situations and love parts, "The Climax" which comes to the Parmele Friday, December 16, should, if precedent is any criterion, be greeted by a large and enthusiastic house, as it was last season.

This quaint dramatic document, filled to overflowing with interesting and verile elements, touching to the quick every emotion in the human make up, tells a story of a woman, youthful in years and experience, who early in life, as a legacy from her famous mother, aspires to honors on the operatic stage.

Her suitor of puritanical ideas, a prominent physician, and a friend of her childhood, to prevent her from accomplishing her life's dream, sets out to ruin her God-given voice, not from a desire to be malicious but through a selfish desire accentuated by her unswerving devotion.

After an operation on her throat, preparatory to her receiving a hearing before a great impressario, he treats her voice, and by mentally suggesting to her that she is unable to sing, her voice becomes hopelessly lost to her.

By an accidental disregard of the suitor's prescription, "an atomizer," the girl's voice is restored. The doctor suitor confesses. Such joy both on and off the stage is seldom noticeable in the theatre.

The plot, peculiar to the stage, gives the principals excellent opportunities to show their musical and dramatic talents. One of the delightful charms of the play is the incidental music especially written for the play by Jos. Carl Briel, a prominent organist of a Fifth avenue church in New York. Miss Florence Webber plays the part of Adelina, and her voice and personal charm, captivated the most blasé of the great metropolis, where the play ran for eighteen months.

Curbstone Joshings.

If you'd be happy, gay and free,
And not be glum and surly,
Just up and get a move on you
And do your shopping early.

The larger the bird the tougher it is.

The fellow with set habits seldom sets 'em up.

The open season for cakes and lasses is now on.

When you look for romance go among strangers.

A little mystery makes a whole community gossip.

It's the dead game sport who thinks he's a real live one.

A man in a millinery store feels like a bull in a china shop.

When you start to run a bluff make it strong—then stick to it.

The man who looks for luck to help him out is always in a rut.

If it wasn't for money there would be no use for penitentiaries.

The more life insurance a man has the larger will be his funeral.

If you understand a boy you'll have no difficulty in understanding a man.

There is nothing quite so pleasing to the sterner sex as a little con salve.

The only time a girl is real comfortable is when she has on her old shoes.

Information Wanted.

If any reader of the Journal knows of the whereabouts of Frank Cherry, whose home is near Akron, Colo., please notify me at once. Will pay all postage. N. W. CHERRY, 2t-w-12-9 Harrisburg, Colo.

Mr. Vern Perry and wife, and Mr. G. Kiser and wife, drove in from their homes in Eight Mile Grove this morning and boarded the morning train for the metropolis to look after some business matters during the day.

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CITES EUROPEAN EXAMPLES.

Secretary of War in Report Says That France and Germany Have Made Big Progress in Aerial Work While United States Has Stood Still.

Washington, Dec. 10.—J. M. Dickinson, secretary of war, in his annual report recommends that the government provide the army with both dirigible airships and with aeroplanes for instruction purposes and for field work. He says in part:

"Aerial navigation is attracting worldwide attention. Marked progress has been made in this art during the past year. Its possible influence upon the art of war is much discussed among military authorities the world over. Recently in Berlin and Paris opportunity was afforded me to witness aviation tests that were being made there by the military, and I was impressed with the interest and activity displayed in the development of this new art with special reference to its possibilities for use in the military service.

"Information from abroad indicates that at the present time Germany possesses fourteen military dirigible airships and a number of aeroplanes and France seven military dirigible airships and thirty aeroplanes.

France Orders Dirigibles.

"Late information received from France indicates that the French government has recently ordered eleven new dirigibles of different dimensions, whose delivery will take place at different times within the next twelve months.

"The following is an extract from a report of an officer of the United States army on the autumn maneuvers of the French army from Sept. 15 to Sept. 18, 1910:

"But the most striking thing was the aeroplane. The French have made wonderful progress in this respect. I saw Lieutenant Bellenger in his monoplane rise right out of a wheat stubble field. The biplanes and monoplanes were everywhere. They traveled with great speed and must have seen everything except where the troops could be concealed in the woods. An efficient aeroplane corps is certainly indispensable to an army. "The United States, which was the first nation officially to recognize the aeroplane for military purposes and which conducted at Fort Myer in 1908 the first public flight of a heavier than air machine, has since that date made no addition to its aeronautical equipment, which at present consists of one small practice dirigible balloon, one Wright aeroplane and three small captive balloons.

"It is contended by some that dirigible balloons and airships will at best prove to be of doubtful utility in warfare. The fact remains that all European first class powers are devoting a great deal of attention to the subject of military aeronautics and are displaying marked activity in the development and supply of both the dirigible and the aeroplane for war purposes, while the United States is practically at a standstill in this matter.

"In my judgment the time has come when it would be wise to make appropriations adequate for providing the signal corps with a reasonable number of the better type of machines for instruction purposes and for field work.

Strength of the Army.

"At the date of the last reports received from the military departments (Oct. 15, 1910) the actual strength of the regular army was 4,310 officers and 67,459 enlisted men, a total of 71,769. As compared with the strength reported last year this shows an increase of 101 officers and a decrease of 4,381 enlisted men, making a net decrease of the regular army during the year of 4,280. These figures do not include the 3,486 men of the hospital corps excluded by the act of March 1, 1887, from classification as part of the enlisted force of the army. There were also in the service 166 officers and 5,100 enlisted men of the Philippine scouts.

Enlisted Men.

"The total number of enlistments in the army during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910 (exclusive of the hospital corps and the Philippine scouts), was 17,973, of which 7,268 were reenlistments and 10,705 were original enlistments.

"The death rate from disease is the lowest which has ever occurred in the army.

Seacoast Defenses.

"During the past fiscal year three ten-inch guns and forty six rapid fire guns have been added to the number of guns actually available for service at our seacoast defenses."

Bedouins Massacre Turkish Garrison.

Constantinople, Dec. 10.—A telegram from Jerusalem states that Bedouins have massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish vilayet of Syria, and killed more than 100 Christian inhabitants of the place in revenge for the execution of a Bedouin chief.