

ACCIDENT AT THE MASONIC HOME

Mr. E. Snuffin Falls Down Stairs and Mrs. Hansen Overcome by Gas.

Mr. E. Snuffin, a resident of the Masonic Home, and a man of about eighty-three years of age, had the misfortune early yesterday morning to fall down a flight of stairs as he was attempting to make his way to the bath room. The accident occurred about 6:30 at a time when the electric machinery was out of repair for a few minutes. Mr. Snuffin was quite severely cut and bruised about the head and face. Dr. T. P. Livingston was called and five stitches were required to close the wound. After his wounds were dressed the aged patient seemed to rest comfortably, although at times his mind was not clear. It was thought no bones were fractured, though this cannot be definitely determined for a day or two. About an hour later, Mrs. Hansen, mother of the late Tolf Hansen, of Omaha, was found in her room in an unconscious condition. Mrs. Hansen is about eighty years of age and was missed from the breakfast table, she usually appearing in the dining room at 7:30, the usual hour for breakfast. On going to her room the door was found locked and they then went around on the west porch, where a view of the interior of Mrs. Hansen's room could be had. She was found lying on her bed with her night clothes still on, apparently sleeping. The gas had been turned on and it appeared that she had tried to light it, but had not succeeded. Medical aid was rendered at once and the aged lady soon revived, but had she not been discovered at that time there is no doubt but in a short time she would have been beyond assistance. Mrs. Hansen was able to be up a part of the time last evening and it is thought she will be in her usual health in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Long Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. John Long entertained in a very enjoyable manner, a number of relatives at their home on Christmas day, those present being: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Irons and two children, of Central City, Nebraska; Mrs. Laura Crabtree, of Avoca, Nebraska; Miss Margery Long, of Avoca, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary Irons, of Elmwood, Nebraska; Mrs. Ada Harland, of Mynard, Nebraska, and Mr. Solomon Long, of this city. The guest departed for their homes this morning over the Missouri Pacific.

UNION COUPLE MARRIED AT NEBRASKA CITY SATURDAY

One of Cass county's most worthy young couple were united in marriage in Nebraska City on Saturday, December 24, and in referring to the happy event, the Nebraska City Press says: "J. C. Loveless and Miss Mary E. Morton, both of Union, were married yesterday afternoon at the county court by Judge W. L. Wilson. The couple came to the court house to get the license and told Marriage Clerk Miller that they would like to be married at eight o'clock in the evening. As Judge Wilson had to play Santa Claus at home last night, he phoned from his office that he could not make the arrangement so the young couple decided they would seek a minister of the gospel. On their way through the court house yard they met the judge coming to the hall of justice and they decided that the ceremony might as well be performed then as any time. "A reporter for the Press and Mr. Miller witnessed the knot tying, which was done in eleven seconds by the clock. "The groom is a young farmer living on route one, near Union, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton, two very well-known Cass county people. Mr. Morton is a stock raiser of some note. "On account of the age of the bride, eighteen, there was some suspicion that the marriage was a runaway affair, but it was denied by the parties interested. They returned home on the Missouri Pacific yesterday afternoon and if parental forgiveness is necessary, we fully believe that it will be granted, for a better looking couple never asked for a license in the county court."

Ed. McMaken, of Sheridan, Wyoming, came in unannounced Christmas day and surprised the McMaken family reunion which was being held at the home of Mrs. Eva Reece. Ed. is looking fine and remained but a short time, departing for Omaha on the afternoon train today.

\$20,000,000 FOR IRRIGATION

President Approves Report of Army Engineers.

AMOUNTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Will Submit Message to Congress Urging Needed Legislation—Vast Sum to Be Spent in West Within Next Five Years.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Taft has approved the report of the special board of army engineers recommending the apportionment of the new \$20,000,000 fund, provided by congress, among the following projects in the west:

Salt river, Arizona, \$495,000; Yuma, Arizona and California, \$1,200,000; Uncompahgre, Colorado, \$1,500,000; Grand valley, Colorado, \$1,500,000; Payette-Boise, Idaho, \$2,000,000; Milk river, Montana, \$1,000,000; North Platte, Wyoming and Nebraska, \$2,000,000; Truckee-Carson, Nevada, \$1,193,000; Rio Grande, New Mexico and Texas, \$4,500,000; Umatilla, Oregon, \$325,000; Klamath, Oregon and California, \$600,000; Strawberry valley, Utah, \$2,272,000; Sunnyside and Yakima, Washington, \$1,250,000 and \$665,000 respectively; total, \$20,000,000.

The \$20,000,000 is to be spent within the next five years and the interest on the loan is to be charged against the projects.

Amounts May Be Changed Later.

In his letter to the secretary of the interior approving the report of the engineers, President Taft says:

"I hereby approve the report of the board of engineers in respect of the reclamation projects to which they have made allotments from the \$20,000,000 loans, but this approval, so far as the amounts of the allotments are concerned, is not final and absolute, but is intended to be subject to change by adjustment and modification of the amounts as may be necessary for the intelligent and proper prosecution of the work. You are authorized to call upon the secretary of the treasury to issue the certificates of indebtedness needed to furnish the funds in accordance with the allotment recommended by the board and approved by me as the same shall be needed from time to time in pursuance of the terms of the act. When congress reconvenes in January, I shall submit a message to the two houses, transmitting the report, announcing my approval of the same and urging the adoption of the enabling legislative measures recommended by the board."

Board's Report Comprehensive.

In its comprehensive report on the reclamation work in general the engineers' board says, in part:

"Modern irrigation being a relatively new art in this country, much freedom was allowed local engineers in the design of minor structures. While this was a wise policy in the early stages of this work, it has resulted in some complicated and unnecessarily expensive structures. With the present knowledge of the comparative merits of the different types it is believed that standard designs of the simplest, satisfactory type should be adopted for all minor structures.

"The most uncertain feature of nearly all of the projects is the water supply. This is under state control and in the prosecution of its work the reclamation service bears the same relation to the state as a private individual or corporation. Where the water rights have been adjudicated the rights of the United States are well defined, but elsewhere they are uncertain and may prove to be materially different from that assumed. It is recommended that wherever possible, steps be taken to secure an early adjudication of water rights on all projects where such adjudication has not yet been made and that, pending such action, expenditure be kept within the probable rights of the United States."

HOTEL BURNS; GUESTS FLEE

Escape in Night Attire When Cook House at Ann Arbor Is Destroyed.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 27.—The Cook house, Ann Arbor's oldest hotel, was almost destroyed by a fire of unknown origin which started in the cellar shortly after 4 a. m. L. F. Burke, the proprietor, aroused the sleeping guests and employees, some of whom escaped in their night attire to the streets, where they suffered greatly from the bitter cold. Mrs. Margaret Nowlin of Detroit, who owns the building, estimated her loss at \$40,000.

PLEDGE \$1,000,000 TO STATE

Heads of Shaker Village in Ohio Promise Reversion of Their Property.

Lebanon, O., Dec. 27.—The heads of the Shaker Union village here have told the state of Ohio, through their legal representative, that they will give their property, valued at more than \$1,000,000, to the state government when they are through with it. Real estate investors have been trying to get this and have offered \$600,000 for it. The state will agree to care for the remaining Shakers as long as they live.

ARCH HOKSEY.
One of Most Daring Air Men in the Country.



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WAR IS PLANNED ON AMERICAN BIRDS

Milliners and Market Men to go After Feathered Spoils.

New York, Dec. 27.—Declaring that the new year of 1911 is to mark the fiercest struggle in recent years to save American bird life from its human enemies, officers of the National Association of Audubon societies are perfecting plans here to combat the commercial interests that are plotting to break down protective laws in many of the legislatures of forty states. Men and money are to be used without limit by powerful groups of milliners and market supply men to rob their feathered prey of the scant legal protection that has been given them, according to advices that are being received from all over the country. Unless sportsmen, farmers and bird lovers rally against this well organized force of bird butchers, it is predicted, incalculable harm will be done in depleting the nation's game birds, as well as the flocks of insect-eaters that protect the crops from pest.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S STATE FLAG

Official Banners Ordered by Legislature Two Years Ago Are Delivered.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 27.—The legislative session of two years ago passed an act defining the "state flag" and appropriating \$250 for securing two official flags, one to remain in the state house and the other to be in the keeping of Seth Bullock camp of Spanish War Veterans. The flags have been received at the state house, and will be on exhibition at the opening of the legislative session, after which one will be sent to the Bullock post at Deadwood. The flags, in conformity with the law defining them, are of blue silk, with the seal of the state and the wording "South Dakota" on one side and on the other the "Sunshine State," with a center representing the sun. The flags were designed by Miss Ida Anding of this city.

HARAHAN STILL IN HARNESS

Retiring President of Illinois Central Tells of His Plans.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—J. T. Harahan does not contemplate retirement from an active participation in railroad affairs. This Mr. Harahan, who is spending the holidays in Memphis, made plain in outlining his plans for the future. "My withdrawal from the presidency of the Illinois Central does not mean that I am out of the service," Mr. Harahan declared. "I am still a director of the road and a director in a number of other roads, and shall give them much attention. As to where I shall permanently locate, I have really given but little consideration, as I will probably travel a great deal."

No Clue to Lone Bandit.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—With no clue save a description of the robber to work on, the police of Kansas City and Leavenworth are searching for the cool, young man, neatly dressed and obdurate, who took possession of a Missouri Pacific train from Leavenworth to Kansas City, robbed passengers and train crew and escaped. It is now believed the bandit obtained at least \$300 from about twenty persons searched. Most of the amounts were small. Two men lost watches. The bandit dropped from the train when it slowed down in the Kansas City (Kan.) suburbs, and is believed to have made his way across the line to this city.

FIRE VICTIMS LAID TO REST

Solemn Ceremonies Mark Funeral of Chief Horan at Chicago.

POLICE AND MILITIA IN LINE.

Impressive Pageant Accompanies Body to Calvary Cemetery—Archbishop Quigley Officiates at Requiem at Holy Name Cathedral.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The long series of funerals for the victims of the stock yards fire will be ended tomorrow, when the bodies of the last of the twenty-four men killed by the falling wall will be laid away.

The funeral of James H. Horan, fire marshal, one of the first to meet death in Thursday's fire, was held today at the same time as the burial of twelve other members of the department, victims of the fire.

Solemn ceremonies for Chief Horan were held at the Holy Name cathedral this morning. Archbishop Quigley officiated. The procession was led by Captain Healy and a detail of fifty mounted policemen after it left the cathedral and started for Calvary cemetery. Mounted men from the First cavalry of the national guard led by Colonel Foreman and a squad of policemen headed by Chief Steward also accompanied the body. Mayor Busse and the city hall department heads were followed by the entire membership of the city council. The Knights of Columbus also honored their dead comrade.

Captain Dennis N. Doyle of engine company No. 39 and his son, Nicholas Doyle, of truck company No. 11, were buried side by side, their bodies being taken from the wreckage only an arm's length apart.

PHYSICIAN MURDERED IN BED

Posse of Citizens, With Bloodhounds, Searching for Slayer in Oklahoma.

Hennepin, Okla., Dec. 26.—Aroused by the murder of Dr. R. S. Burns, a physician, thirty-three years old, in his office here, a posse of citizens, with bloodhounds, is seeking the slayer.

The physician's skull was beaten in with an axe or iron bar, the authorities believe. The killing took place while Dr. Burns lay in bed. He slept alone in his office.

Following the killing it is believed the slayer loaded the body into a wagon and hauled it half a mile from the office, but, changing his mind regarding the disposition of the corpse, drove back. The body was found a short distance from the building in which the murder took place. Traces of blood that had dropped into the road between wagon tracks led to the conclusion that the body had been hauled away.

The physician was under indictment on a charge of having assaulted a blacksmith here with intent to kill.

HOGS HAVE A HUMAN THIRST

Eat Decaying Oranges—Oranges for the Alcohol in Them.

Westboro, Mo., Dec. 26.—That hogs have an appetite for intoxicants has been clearly demonstrated on the farm of Ben B. Hurts, near here.

Around a portion of the Hurts farm there is a hedge of Osage orange and last year the trees bore an abundance of fruit. Knowing that it was ornamental instead of useful, Mr. Hurts left it lying on the ground, where it fell. Early snow covered the oranges. After it melted the fruit commenced to decay. The hogs were turned into the lot and they would leave their corn to eat the oranges. After each feed on oranges the hogs seemed to be hilarious.

Mr. Hurts concluded to investigate. Gathering up a wagon load of the Osage oranges he took them to the yards and fed them to the hogs. An hour later every hog was hopelessly drunk, running about the pens, squealing and cutting antics. Later all the hogs fell into a drunken sleep that lasted for hours.

DYNAMITE WRECKS PLANT

Llewellyn Ironworks at Los Angeles Partly Demolished.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—The Llewellyn ironworks, one of the largest establishments of the kind in the southwest, was partly demolished by dynamite exploded against the side of the building.

J. E. Asbury, a watchman, was slightly injured. The office and upper floor of the building were wrecked. The plant proper was uninjured. The company has been involved many months in a strike of union metal workers.

Big Tim's Annual Feast.

New York, Dec. 26.—On the Bowery State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan fed 5,000 derelicts and unfortunates in the rooms of the Timothy D. Sullivan association, marking the fifteenth annual Timothy D. Sullivan Christmas feast.

Moderate Temperature Now.

Washington, Dec. 26.—With the exception of a cold spell today in the eastern states, moderate temperature will prevail everywhere during Christmas week, according to the weather bureau's bulletin.

APPORTIONMENT TO COME UP

Consideration of Census Bureau's Scheme by House Committee.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The census bureau's congressional apportionment scheme will be before members of the house committee between now and the reassembling of congress, Jan. 5. Chairman Crumpacker of that committee has had printed the statistical tables prepared by the census bureau, showing the effect of various changes in the basis of apportionment of the representations of the different states. These will be mailed to the members of the committee, who are at their homes or in Washington for the holidays.

This is designed to expedite the consideration of the plan so that when that body meets every member will have had time to go over the tables thoroughly and be better prepared for action on the proposal to report the bill to the house at this session.

MOCKETT'S IDEA

OF DIRECT VOTING

President of Direct Legislation League Issues Statement.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—John H. Mockett, Jr., president of the Nebraska Direct Legislation league, gives out the following statement in reference to the present discussion regarding the form of the initiative and referendum amendment to be passed by the Nebraska legislature this winter: "To require a majority of all those who go to the polls election day to vote in favor of any measure submitted to the people under the initiative and referendum, which is popular government by intelligence and not by ignorance. We have had the system proposed in Nebraska for thirty years under our present constitution and its effect has been to defeat most important and necessary reforms submitted as constitutional amendments and approved at the polls by a large majority of those electors intelligent enough to vote for or against the proposition, but defeated by the inherent mass too careless, too lazy or too ignorant to express an opinion upon their ballot. "In twenty-eight states of the union constitutional amendments are adopted by a majority of those voting thereon, and, in the language of Professor Dealey of Brown university, only a few make constitutional amendments well nigh impossible by requiring a majority of the electors or a majority of those voting at a general election. "Since voters are coming now to vote less for parties and for men and more for principles in which they believe the tendency and the need both strongly turn toward the proposition that a majority of those voting for or against shall determine the enactment of a principle or a law or its defeat."

AVENUE PAVED WITH SILVER

Denver Street Nearest Approach to Golden Throughfares.

Denver, Dec. 26.—Even if the residents of Sixth avenue do not ever walk streets of gold, they will have had a substitute, for a part of Sixth avenue is paved with silver.

The avenue is being paved with slag from the old Grant smelter, and a part of the dump where a quantity of silver bullion was run off by mistake years ago, was used before the fact was discovered.

But after quite a distance of the street had been surfaced with the valuable carpet a fellow who knew something about minerals came along and noted the character of the paving and the company soon stopped the removal of the valuable deposit.

FOUR MAIL CLERKS KILLED

Passenger Train Derailed in Tunnel on Norfolk and Western.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—Four mail clerks were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of a passenger train on the Norfolk and Western railroad in tunnel No. 6, near Williamsburg, W. Va.

The locomotive and tender and baggage and mail cars were thrown from the tracks, the mail car being badly wrecked. Engineer Robinson and his fireman were both slightly injured. Baggage man R. H. Edwards of Columbus sustained severe injuries and Mail Clerk Charles N. Davison, also of Columbus, was badly hurt. The wreckage choked up the tunnel.

Girl Puts Neck Out of Joint.

Greeley, Colo., Dec. 26.—While going through the exercises prescribed at the school which she attended, Beulah Allen, the eight-year-old daughter of A. S. Allen of this city, dislocated a vertebra in her neck. Physicians replaced the bone in its proper position and are watching the case with interest.

Life for Slayer of Child.

Louisville, Dec. 26.—Joseph Wendling, convicted on Dec. 3 of the murder of eight-year-old Alma Kellner, was denied a new trial by Judge James P. Gregory and formally sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Etter Notified of Confirmation.

South Omaha, Dec. 26.—Lew F. Etter, recently named for postmaster at South Omaha, has received notice of the confirmation of his nomination. He will take charge of the office Jan. 1.

"THE STRUGGLE" FRIDAY NIGHT

A Play That is Interesting From the Beginning to the End.

The next attraction at the Parmelee will be "The Struggle," a four-act society drama to be presented by the Taylor Bennett attractions on Friday night, December 30, is a powerful portrayal of intrigue in the social and financial circles of New York society. A young engineer, Albert Garland, has stolen funds from his firm and charged the amount to a bridge being erected in Egypt by Robert Armstrong, the resident engineer. His sister, hearing of the theft, appeals to her fiancé, Gerold Morton, for the money to clear her brother. He is unable to assist her, and she makes a trip to Switzerland to meet Robert Armstrong, deliberately causes him to fall in love with her and engages herself to him, with a view of having him pass the vouchers, and save Albert from prison. Armstrong learns of the theft from Albert himself, and pays the discrepancy, thinking Ethel ignorant of the whole matter. Gerald, in the meantime, procures the necessary money, after Ethel has broken her engagement with him, and Armstrong learns the truth. He reproaches Ethel for her duplicity and leaves her with the intention of quitting New York for good, but Ethel, who really loves him, convinces him of her sincerity, and he alters his plans. Mr. Bennett, as "Armstrong," has a congenial role, and the entire company is well cast. Don't fail to see this great play Friday night, December 30, at the Parmelee theatre.

NEHAWKA. (News.)

The rock quarries are not working full time now, being somewhat short on orders.

The many friends of Mrs. Charles Royal will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent spell of sickness.

Charles Chriswiler expects to have his new house ready for occupancy shortly after the first of the year. It is to be modern in every respect and will make him a fine home.

Miss Edna Morrison and Miss Ruth Chapman, of Plattsmouth, were guests of Miss Mattie Larson over Sunday, coming out for the purpose of being present at Miss Larson's entertainment Saturday night.

Gertrude Lindsay, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Keltner, left last Friday afternoon for her home in Plattsmouth. A number of her schoolmates accompanied her to the train to bid her goodbye.

Chris. Nutzman, a brother of Hon. F. L. Nutzman, who has been in Galveston for some time in search of health, is much worse. His wife went down from their home at Bertrand the first of the week in response to a telegram informing her of his critical condition.

Col. Tom Mason returned Sunday night from his trip to Wayside, Mississippi, where he went a few weeks ago with a car of stock for ex-Governor Sheldon. Mr. Mason brings back a very glowing report of the south and says the ex-governor has a fine body of land and in his estimation stands to make a lot of money through his holdings down there.

Mrs. Jacob Gruber was 78 years old Sunday and about 25 of the relatives; children, grandchildren, etc., ate dinner there. Mr. and Mrs. Gruber have been residents of this vicinity for a long time and have a host of friends that hope they may have the happiness of many more birthdays. Mr. Gruber is 81 years old and looks to be ten years younger.

Mrs. I. N. White, of Omaha, returned to her home last evening, having spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rishel. Mr. Rishel has been sick for a week with kidney trouble, but is able to be on the street today.

Mr. Harry Northcutt and wife and daughters, Lorene and Harriett Mabel, came down Saturday to visit Mrs. Northcutt's mother, Mrs. Kennedy, over Christmas. Mr. Northcutt returned to Omaha this morning, while his wife and daughters will remain for the week in Plattsmouth.

Mr. J. R. Dysart, of Union, was a Plattsmouth visitor today, having been called here on business.

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