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IOWA CITY DAMAGED

STORM DEMOLISHES SCORES OF HOMES AT CHARLES CITY.

Tornado Strikes Residence District and Wrecks Everything in Its Course—People Had Warning and Fled to Cellars—Much Live Stock Killed.

At 5 o'clock Sunday morning a tornado struck Charles City, Ia., demolishing about 200 residences and barns. One man, W. R. Beck, is known to have been killed and four children are reported missing.

The path of the tornado was about ten rods wide. It started about three miles southwest of the city, tearing down many farm houses, barns and killing many head of stock. It struck the city in the southwest part, ploughing a path ten rods wide to a point in the northeast part of town. It crossed the river at a point a quarter of a mile east of the bridge, across the river on the main street and lifted the water almost clean from the river bed. It passed in a northeasterly direction, just missing Charles City college building and spent itself a few miles northeast of the city.

Several barns were tipped over while stock were inside and in some cases the animals were killed and in others passed through without injury. Big trees were torn from their roots and in some cases heaved through buildings.

While the storm was at its worst there was a loud roaring noise. Many had warning of the approaching storm and fully 3,000 people sought shelter in cellars. The path of the tornado included no business buildings or institutions and most of the houses destroyed were one and two stories. The scene in the path of the storm is a desolate one. Handsome homes are a mass of ruins and debris. Household goods are scattered all over town. Barns were picked up, carried several blocks and set down again. The length of the storm's path is about ten miles. All telephone wires are down and details from the country are meager.

IN MURDERER'S HOLDUP.

Business Man Slain and Girl Fatally Wounded by Negro Footpads.

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday night a holdup occurred in Rossville avenue, in the southern outskirts of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Joseph Knight, a business man, was instantly killed and Miss Sadie Pool was probably fatally wounded.

Knight and Miss Pool started for a drive, going in the direction of Rossville. When they reached a point just south of the city limits three negroes suddenly stepped to the middle of the road and commanded the driver to halt. This Knight declined to do. One of the negroes sprang to the horses' heads while the other two covered Knight with pistols. Knight resisted the attack and the negroes opened fire, killing Knight instantly.

Miss Pool was struck by two bullets, and there is little chance of her recovery. After the shooting the negroes took to their heels. Immediate assistance came and a posse started in pursuit of the negroes.

PRODIGY IN NEW YORK SCHOOL.

Youthful Foreigner Makes Remarkable Progress in Three Months.

Hyman Fenster, who is just 12 years old, is one of the wonder boys at public school No. 110 of New York. He has now a scholarship offered to students by the child labor committee. It pays him \$1.50 a week, which helps support his family. He is one of two sons of Gazella Fenster, a widow who came to this country some three months ago from Austria, the other son being Solomon, 15 years old. Solomon and his mother work. Hyman started to school as soon as he arrived. From the foreign class he was quickly promoted from class to class, until now, after three months, he is in grade 6 A and is able to speak the English language so that anyone can understand him. The message he carried to his home telling his mother that not only he could keep on going to school free of charge, but that he would be paid \$1.50 a week made her weep for joy.

No Objection to Spicers.

President Amador, of Panama, has cabled the Panama legation at Washington through Arias, his secretary of foreign affairs, to deny for him newspaper reports that Minister Squiers is persona non grata.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beaves, \$7.25. Top hogs, 5.25.

Decision Favors Liquor Dealers.

The Missouri supreme court has handed down an opinion deciding that liquor dealers have a right to ship intoxicating liquors into local option counties C. O. D. when sale is made where shipment is made.

Bishop Potter III Again.

Bishop Henry C. Potter is at his home in Cooperstown, N. Y., suffering from nervous breakdown. He has been sick for a month or more.

STEAM PIPE BURSTS.

Six Lives Lost in Explosion on Cruiser Tennessee.

A terrible accident occurred on board the United States armored cruiser Tennessee at 11:08 o'clock Friday morning while the ship was steaming at the rate of nineteen knots on a speed trial of Point Huene, Cal. A steam pipe in the starboard engine room burst under 235 pounds' pressure, killing four men in the compartment at the time. The explosion, the cause of which is unknown, occurred only a few minutes after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Capt. F. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine room on a tour of inspection.

Four of the men were killed instantly and two more are expected to die.

The dead: George Wood, water tender, Scranton, Pa.; E. C. Boggs, second class fireman, Woodlawn, Ala.; A. Reinhold, machinist's mate, second class fireman, Germany; George W. Meek, first class fireman, Skidmore, Kan.

The fatally injured: S. Stetmattos, first class fireman, Norfolk, Va.; F. S. Maxfield, second class fireman, Toukhena, Chester county, Pa.

The seriously injured: F. J. Burns, coal passer, New York; Walter W. Burns, coal passer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. P. A. Carroll, second class fireman, Hartford, Conn.

There were fourteen men in the fire room when the tube, which is four inches in diameter and enclosed with water inside the boiler, blew out, driving a torrent of scalding steam, coal dust, cinders and hot ashes through the ash pit and showered the half naked men.

PRIZE TO DERBY WINNER.

Signorinetta Captures Rich Oakes Stakes—Favorite Has Hard Luck.

A dispatch from London says, "The Oakes" was won by the Italian filly Signorinetta, winner of the derby, Courtney, second; Santeve, third. Thirteen horses ran, including Richard Croker's Rhodora.

Signorinetta won with almost as much ease as she captured the derby Wednesday. It is impossible to say, however, what would have been the result had not Rhodora fallen three-quarters of a length in front of the winner. The horses got a good start, French Partridge soon forged to the front and led the field to the mile. Near Tattenham corner French Partridge stumbled and fell in a heap. Rhodora and Signorinetta were close up. Lucien Lyne, who was riding Rhodora, was unable to pull his mount aside and the American-Irish filly rolled over French Partridge. Signorinetta managed to clear the struggling horses and then took up the running and won easily. The betting was 3 to 1 against Signorinetta, 100 to 7 against Courtney and Santeve. Rhodora started the favorite at 6 to 4 against.

THREW BODY INTO RIVER.

Unknown Writer Says They Had no Way to Bury Her.

What may be the solution of the mystery surrounding the death and the identity of a woman found in the Mississippi river at Alton, Ill., on May 23, with her skull crushed, is contained in a letter postmarked St. Charles, Mo., and signed Ruth Edmonds, received by the police Friday. The woman found in the river, according to the letter, was the writer's sister, Mary Edmonds, and she met her death by being kicked in the face by a mule.

The letter in part says: "On May 3 she was kicked by a mule in the face and died instantly. We had no way to bury her and he and me threw her into the river. The clothes she wore were made by she and me. Leave the jewelry on her. Bury the cross with her. It will help to take her through."

The jewelry and the cross referred to in the letter were found sewed up in the woman's dress. The police authorities are trying to find the writer and the man mentioned as "he."

ERIC TO INCREASE FORCE.

President Underwood, of the Erie railroad, has issued instructions that all the road's locomotive and car shops be placed on a ten-hour basis. It is the intention of the company to immediately begin repairing all equipment which has been idle by reason of lack of business. The resumption of work will give employment to several thousand men.

GROCCERS THANK ROOSEVELT.

The National Wholesale Grocers' association, at its final meeting Friday, at Atlantic City, N. J., passed a resolution thanking President Roosevelt for his assistance in securing national pure food legislation, in securing uniform state pure food laws.

ROOT NOT TO "SIT ON LID."

Secretary Root when asked if he was to "sit on the lid" in Washington during the summer, replied that his plans were so arranged that he should leave Washington June 20 and remain away during the warm season.

TO COMPLETE CONTINENTAL HALL.

Continental hall, the home of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D. C., will be rushed through to completion, a loan of \$200,000 having been negotiated to carry on the work.

MORE MEN ARE AT WORK.

Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate further progress in the right direction, especially as to the number of hands employed in mills and factories.

AN ATTEMPT TO KILL DREYFUS

Assassin Fires Two Shots at Famous Soldier.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Thursday morning in connection with the placing of the remains of M. Emile Zola in the Pantheon, a member of the staff of the France Militaire, who gave his name as Pater Gregori, fired two shots point blank at Maj. Alfred Dreyfus, wounding him in the arm. His assailant was arrested.

A bulletin issued Thursday afternoon by the physician attending Dreyfus says: "The bullet penetrated deep into the forearm, but without reaching the bone. The patient is calm and without fever. Absolute rest is necessary."

Pater Gregori was committed to the detention prison charged with attempted assassination. He narrowly escaped being mobbed when taken from the police station to the prison.

The incident occurred at the foot of the catafalque and directly in front of the tribune, from which Minister of Public Instruction Doumergue delivered an eulogy on Zola's matchless courage in arousing the conscience of the nation the necessity of doing justice to Dreyfus.

HOKE SMITH BEATEN.

Brown is Choice for Governor of Georgia.

Returns up to midnight Thursday indicate the nomination of Joseph M. Brown as governor of Georgia in the general democratic primary held Thursday by a majority of about 15,000.

The Atlanta Constitution estimates that Brown has won with 15,000 to 25,000. Brown's managers claim the plurality is larger.

Gov. Smith's campaign managers decline to make a statement, and the governor himself says that he cannot comment on the result.

In all the eleven congressional districts indications are that the present democratic congressmen will be returned, the only doubt being in the Fifth, where James L. Mayson may contest the election with Congressman J. W. Livingston.

There was no contest over the United States senatorship, W. S. Clay being the popular choice.

Primary results mean election in Georgia, the other parties in the state making no contest.

LONG RIDE IN SEALED BOX CAR.

Railroad Men Find 16 Half Starved Chinamen in Frisco Yards.

When a sealed box car which had apparently come intact from Galveston, Tex., was opened in the yards at San Francisco, Cal., sixteen half starved Chinese were found in addition to half a load of heavy steel. The car was ten days on the road and had been in the yards for 48 hours. The Chinese had a little water and a few crackers left, but were weak and hollow eyed. One of them showed a certificate entitling him to admission to the country, but the others were turned over to the immigration authorities.

It is supposed by the officials that the men were smuggled across the Mexican border and placed in the car at El Paso, Tex., the seals of the car being replaced with others. There evidently was an arrangement for their release at San Francisco, but in some way it miscarried.

NEARLY 300 PERISHED.

News of Disaster to a Pearling Fleet is Brought to Vancouver.

The Canadian-Australian liner Manqua, arrived at Victoria, B. C., bringing news of the destruction of a pearling fleet in a typhoon off west Australia, involving a loss of forty luggers and 270 lives, twenty being white.

The disaster occurred near Thursday island, the typhoon striking the fleet just as it was starting for the pearling grounds, scattering the vessel, complete wrecking some and driving others ashore. About twenty Australian pearlmen were lost. The other victims were Malays, Manilamen, Japanese and Kanakas.

GERMAN STEAMER LOST.

All hope has been abandoned for the German steamer Europa, which sailed from Hamburg, Germany, forty-five days ago, bound for Norfolk, Va., loaded with fertilizer. The trip should have been made in twenty-one days. Nothing has been heard of the ship for forty days. She carried a crew of twenty-one men.

JEFF DAVIS' ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis was celebrated in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday. All the banks were closed, and holiday hours were observed at the postoffice.

ECHO OF BANK FAILURE.

Congressman J. F. Lanning, James P. Gibbs, F. W. Christian and William Perrin, former officers of the defunct Ohio Trust company which failed in January, were Thursday indicted on charges of embezzlement and misapplication of funds of the bank.

STUDENT SUDDENLY INSANE.

P. C. V. Canfield, of Waterloo, Ia., a student in the Leland Stanford Jr. university at San Francisco, went suddenly insane while in the university library. He was overpowered and taken to San Jose by the lunacy commission.

BANK ROBBERY VERY BUSY.

Robbers cracked the safe in the bank at Fairfield, Okla., thirty miles east of Tulsa, Okla., early Thursday, and escaped with \$10,000.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS
From Day to Day Condensed
FOR OUR BUSY READERS

LUMBER BUSINESS SOLD.

Blenkirn Bros. Dispose of Large Interests at Randolph.

The Lumber and coal business of Blenkirn Bros. at Randolph was formally transferred to Bagley, Renard & Co. Thursday. The latter firm has purchased the Blenkirn yards at Bloomfield, Magnet, Randolph, Sholes and Carroll. This transaction closes out the Blenkirn interests in northeast Nebraska, where they have been identified with the lumber business for 27 years. The first stop of Blenkirn Bros. toward closing out was a few months ago, when they sold a line of elevators on the Burlington road to the McCaul-Webster people. At that time they had business enterprises at 22 stations in Nebraska. The selling represents a total of \$275,000. For the present at least Blenkirn Bros. will continue their residence in Sioux City and rest from active business.

STORM HITS THREE TOWNS.

Series of Tornadoes in Central Nebraska.

Three Nebraska towns were struck by tornadoes Thursday evening and while there are no fatalities so far as known a number of persons were injured and the property loss is considerable. A whirling wind of great violence descended on Kearney shortly before 6 o'clock. Several houses were blown down and a woman, Mrs. Jenkins, and her child, were injured. Among the houses damaged was that of United States Senator Norris Brown. Across the Platte river a school house, unoccupied, was demolished.

News came Thursday night that the town of Minden, in Kearney county, had been wrecked by a storm. The town of Axtell, 18 miles from Kearney, is the third town visited.

TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

Judge Munger Sentences a Nebraska Stockman.

Perry A. Yeast, a former politician and stockman of northwest Nebraska, must serve three months in the Hall county jail at Grand Island and pay a fine of \$1,000 for conspiracy to defraud the government out of land in Grant county by means of fictitious claims. This was the sentence imposed by Judge T. C. Munger in United States district court Thursday afternoon.

Yeast's attorney gave notice of an appeal to the circuit court of appeals, and a supersedeas bond was fixed at \$5,000. Sentence was imposed following a verdict of guilty returned by a jury in February, an appeal for a new trial being heard in the meantime.

GIVES EXHIBITION HANGING.

Workman Makes a Gallows and Kills Himself Before Fellows.

C. F. Wilbur, a Beatrice butcher, improvised a gallows in the presence of workmen and hanged himself. The deed was done in the building he formerly occupied as a store. He paraded questions while attaching a rope to a ceiling hook, and when attention was diverted drew a noose over his head, leaped from his ladder and was instantly killed. His neck was broken by a fall of seven feet. He left a widow and several children. It is supposed he was demented.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

Benson Chosen as Next Place of Meeting for State Aerie.

The state aerie of Eagles adjourned Thursday afternoon after Benson had secured the 1909 convention over McCook and Grand Island. T. T. Ryder, of Lincoln, deputy labor commissioner, was elected state president over H. B. Fleharty, a South Omaha attorney. The Nebraska aerie declared against reducing the membership age limit to 18 years and in favor of a new system of national deputies. A banquet was given in honor of the delegates.

Huntington's Last Chapel.

Wednesday morning at convocation hour, the main floor of the auditorium in the White memorial building of Nebraska Wesleyan university, at University Place, was thronged with students, alumni, and visitors to hear Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington conduct both the last chapel exercise of the year and the last chapel exercise of his administration. The large gathering hung on the words as they fell from his lips, and many eyes were filled when it was realized that he was closing ten years of administrative service, during which time the institution has made marked progress. Chancellor Huntington is well known throughout the state of Nebraska.

Drowned in Swollen Creek.

John Peterson, of Friend, was drowned Wednesday while fording Johnson creek, which had been swollen to a torrent by the late rains.

Congressman Pollard Returns.

Congressman E. M. Pollard, of Nehawka, wife and baby, arrived home Tuesday. Mr. Pollard will rest for a few weeks.

Reunion of War Veterans.

A reunion of Spanish-American war veterans, attended by nearly 200 members of the three Nebraska regiments, was held at Lincoln Thursday.

Wanted in Texas.

Chief of Police Moore, of Beatrice, Thursday morning received a telegram from Dallas, Tex., stating that Dr. R. B. Morris, alias Dr. R. B. Bartell, the palmist arrested at Beatrice Wednesday afternoon, was wanted at that place on a felony charge.

Plattsburgh Masons Celebrate.

Plattsburgh Lodge No. 61 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, celebrated the semi-annual anniversary of the organization of that order in their hall in Plattsburgh Tuesday evening.

SURE CURE FOR HOG CHOLERA.

Remedy Evolved at Conference of Veterinarians at Ames.

"A cure for hog cholera has at last been found, provided the animal be treated soon enough," said Dr. A. T. Peters, of Lincoln, head of the department of animal pathology of the University of Nebraska. Dr. Peters reached Omaha Monday from Ames, Ia., where he attended the conference of veterinarians of nine western states, in which the disease is making serious inroads and causing a tremendous loss to farmers. Hog cholera is prevalent in several Nebraska counties now, and if the state bureau at Lincoln was ready to send out the new serum great benefit would result. As it is, Dr. Peters thinks the regrets of the university, who are deeply interested, will make an appropriation this month that will enable the distribution of several thousand doses a year.

"The hog cholera scourge has heretofore resisted the efforts of veterinarians," said Dr. Peters. "We have been proceeding on the theory that the cholera germ was discovered and treatment has been given in the form of injections of a germ culture, which was not a cure. In very few cases has it proved efficacious. The discovery of Dr. N. Dorsett, of the bio-chemic department of the bureau of animal industry, Washington, appears to have solved the problem. Tried in thirty or forty herds throughout Iowa, it has cured well established cases of the disease. It consists of the injection of the blood of an affected animal into the circulation of one not under the influence of the disease. This much he combined with the injection of the serum of an animal already immune. The production of a vaccine by means of infected blood instead of artificial cultures of the germ is the basis of the cure.

The conference at Ames was called by Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson and Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry. Over a week was spent in experiments and discussion of the best way to introduce the new discovery commercially so that instant results may be secured.

It is the hope eventually to perfect the vaccine so that a small injection may be sufficient to effect a cure. At present it takes about two drachms for this purpose.

The benefits of the new discovery cannot be too largely estimated. During the last fiscal year, of the 151,645 hogs slaughtered in the great packing centers under government inspection, over 19,329 were cholera suspects. This does not take into account the numerous hogs affected in individual herds that die with heavy loss to the hog raisers.

FIRST JUNE BRIDE A MATRON.

Iowa Woman Gets to the Altar in Omaha Before Any Local Girls.

The first June bride of the season in Omaha was not an Omaha girl at all. Mrs. Mary E. Roberts, of Lorah, Ia., claims the distinction of leading the list for the month of brides. She was married about 10 o'clock Monday by County Judge Leslie, to Henry Tando, of Atlantic, Ia. She shyly admitted she had passed her forty-first birthday and was entering the nuptial state for the second time, having been divorced about five years ago. The groom was divorced about two years ago.

MRS. HESTER IS OUT ON BOND.

Woman Charged with Helping to Train Mrs. O'ferman Gives Bail.

Mrs. Pearl Hester, charged with being implicated with "Prof. Ray" in the larceny of \$2,000 from Mrs. Anna O'ferman, of South Omaha, while professing to find buried treasures on Mrs. O'ferman's farm, was released from the county jail on bond Monday morning. Her bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Steve Eagan, indicted for the murder of Enos Daley at South Omaha, was released on a \$2,500 bond.

APPEAL FOR PARDON.

Citizens of Tennessee Plead for Prisoner in Nebraska Penitentiary.

Gov. Sheldon Monday received a request from citizens of Knoxville, Tenn., among them Sheriff Reeder, of Knoxville, that he pardon Albert Grizer, whose home is there and who is serving a sentence of two and a half years in the Nebraska penitentiary for horse stealing. The plea is made on the ground that Grizer's aged parents are dependent on him; that his record heretofore has been good.

Record for Small Elevator.

The manager of the Cedar Bluffs elevator at Ashland states that one day this week he took in 310 wagon-loads of corn.

Farmer Kills Self.

Jacob Crocker, a farmer living southwest of McCook, threw himself down an abandoned well Monday. He was instantly killed.

Drowned While Fishing.

Otto Schody, 21 years old, who resided south of Beatrice, was drowned Friday night while fishing in Anderson's cut off.

Blow to Car Franchise.

Notification was received at Lincoln that the United States court of appeals at St. Paul, Minn., had set aside the sale of the old Home Street Railway company to the New Citizens company, of Lincoln.

County Judge Resigns.

County Judge G. C. Marshall, of Blair, Monday announced his intention of resigning his office to take effect July 1. Mr. Marshall has bought an interest in the Arlington State bank at Arlington.

STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN

The state board of assessment is in the air over the distribution of rail road property, which it assessed last week. Heretofore the boards have always assessed the property and then apportioned the values to the various lines going to make up the system. This apportionment has been arbitrary, but in most instances the railroad representatives have approved the distribution. This year the Burlington property was returned as one system and the various corporations which in the past have made up this system were not mentioned. The board has about decided, however, to distribute the value of the physical property just the same as it did in the past, even though the various corporations no longer exist. But it has not decided what to do with the value of the franchise and the value of the rolling stock under the terminal tax law. The average value of the Burlington in round numbers is almost \$42,000 a mile. The main line of the Burlington is valued at \$85,000 a mile. The physical property of the Burlington was valued at about \$17,000 a mile. One board member figured this would make the value of the franchise and rolling stock about \$25,000. Should the valuation be apportioned according to mileage at the average value per mile, the main line of the Burlington would be worth \$69.00 a mile instead of \$85,000 a mile, and practically all of the less valuable roads would be enormously increased. This procedure would cause a loss in railroad property under the terminal tax law to every town on the main line of the road, with the possible exception of a few of those towns which have a lot of sidetracks or branch line trackage. While some members of the board are of the opinion the proper way to make the apportionment would be to distribute the valuation as under the unit system, Secretary of State Junkin is of the opinion the fair way would be to first distribute the value of the physical property according to main line and branches, making an arbitrary division or valuation, and then add to each mile the average value of the franchise and rolling stock.

The contract of the state with the Lee Broom and Duster company for penitentiary labor, to be used in the broom factory at the state prison, has expired, but the board of public lands and buildings has not made a new contract. At a meeting last week C. R. Lee, manager of the company, agreed to stand for an increase of 5 per cent in the money paid for the labor, but this the board would not consider. The Lee company now pays 50 cents a day for each convict, and the contract provides that the company must use all the convicts sent to it by the warden. The board intends to increase the price to 75 cents or \$1 a day for each convict. So far, however, not a single bid has been received for the labor except from the Lee company. Until the matter is finally settled the Lee company will use the prisoners under the terms of the contract just expired. Mr. Lee informed the board that he had propositions from four penitentiaries to use their convicts, including a proposition from one of the prisons in Iowa and one at Rawlins, Wyo. His great trouble, he said, was in disposing of his wares because they did not have the union label, and he showed the board a letter where an order for a carload of brooms had been countermanded because the brooms did not bear the union label. The board, however, has a number of letters on file where private broom manufacturers pay from \$2.50 to \$3 a day for labor and furnish their own power, while at the penitentiary the Lee company is furnished power and heat along with the convicts. The board had its talk with Mr. Lee behind closed doors.

It is by no means certain that the state railway commission will issue an entire new classification of freight rates, but it is probable that the commission will make reductions in the rates for the shipment of certain commodities and from time to time make still further reductions on other commodities. This practice may be kept up until the commission feels that the Nebraska rates are just and not exorbitant. Since the hearing granted the railroad officials, followed by the hearing granted the railroad employes, together with its investigations along other lines, the commission has decided the making of a new classification of rates is a big task and one that will require a long time and lots of study and investigation. On the other hand, one member of the commission believes that by picking out here and there certain commodities upon which the rates seem high and making reductions in these instances it probably would accomplish more for the people than if it made a sweeping reduction of a certain per cent in all rates. The commission's receipt of a letter from the secretary of the Wisconsin commission which disputes the statement made by a railroad representative that the Wisconsin commission has made a ruling that the railroad should be entitled to earn a dividend upon 80 per cent of its property accredited to that state. The commission will make further investigations before taking any action looking into the work of other commissions and the effect of a radical change in rates in general.

Whether the district court or the mayor shall appoint the Omaha park board will be settled by the supreme court. In the name of the attorney general quowarranto proceedings have been started, the contestants being John Latenser, appointed by the district court, and John L. Nebes, appointed by Mayor Dahlman. A demurrer was filed to the petition filed by the legal department of the state and the case will be taken up at the next session of the court.