

ELEVENTH YEAR.

A JUDICIAL DIVY.

Iowa Split in the Middle and a New District Created.

Each District Divided Into Four Divisions For Court Purposes.

Details of the Bill Recently Passed and Awaiting Approval.

Senator Van Wyok and the President at Daggers' Points.

The Former Notified He Must Obey or Lose all Political Patronage.

A Stormy and Exciting Interview in the Presence of Teller.

Two Important Bills Considered—Gibbans' Hope Rising.

IOWA JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

THE NEW DIVISION. WASHINGTON, June 14.—The bill dividing Iowa into two judicial districts, which has passed both houses, now awaits the approval of the president.

The Northern district is composed of the counties of Clinton, Jones, Linn, Benton, Blackhawk, Grundy, Hardin, Hamilton, Webster, Calhoun, Sac, Ida, Monona, all the counties north of those named. The remaining counties constitute the Southern district.

The present district court of Iowa is to be known as the district court of the Southern district of Iowa, and the president is directed to appoint a district judge for the Northern district.

The Northern district is divided into four divisions, to be known as eastern, southern, central and western divisions.

The counties of Clinton, Jackson, Jones, Linn, Benton and Blackhawk shall constitute the southern division, the courts for which shall be held at the city of Cedar Rapids.

The counties of Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Clayton, Fayette, Bremer, Floyd, Chickawau, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek and Allamakee shall constitute the eastern division, the courts of which shall be held at the city of Dubuque.

The counties of Grundy, Hardin, Hamilton, Webster, Calhoun, Pocahontas, Palo Alto, Emmet, Kosciusko, Humboldt, Wright, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth, Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Butler shall constitute the Central division, the courts for which shall be held at Fort Dodge.

The counties of Monona, Woodbury, Plymouth, Sioux, Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, Cherokee, Ida, Sac, Boone, Wayne, Marion, Clark, Madison, Warren, Hamilton, Clark, Lucas, Decatur and Wayne shall constitute the western division, in which the courts shall be held at the city of Council Bluffs.

The Southern district of Iowa is divided into four divisions to be known as the Davenport, Eastern Central and Western divisions.

The counties of Scott, Cedar, Muscatine, Washington and Louisa shall constitute the Davenport division, in which the courts shall be held at the city of Davenport.

The counties of Keokuk, Mahaska, Monroe, Appanoose, Davis, Wapella, Jefferson, Van Buren, Henry, Des Moines and Lee shall constitute the Eastern division, in which the courts shall be held at the city of Keokuk.

The counties of Johnson, Iowa, Poweshiek, Jasper, Tama, Marshall, Story, Boone, Greene, Dallas, Polk, Madison, Warren, Marion, Clark, Lucas, Decatur and Wayne shall constitute the central division, in which the courts shall be held at the city of Des Moines.

The counties of Guthrie, Carroll, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, Adair, Cass, Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Ringgold, Taylor, Page and Fremont shall constitute the western division, in which the courts shall be held at Council Bluffs.

ARTHUR ON HIS EAR.

National Associated Press. A ROW WITH SENATOR VAN WYOK.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Senator Van Wyok was taken to task today by the postmaster general for his vote against Worthington's confirmation and other matters in executive session, and given to understand the president desired no advice in the matter of appointments from those not fully in accord with the administration. The interview which occurred in the presence of Teller is said to have been stormy and excited. Van Wyok declared the patronage was to be at the expense of surrender of personal conviction, he desired none.

CAPITAL NOTES.

National Associated Press. TROSCOTT ON THE STAND.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—In the Shipherd investigation today, Troscott was examined. He knew nothing of the alleged missing Shipherd letters; he never saw the correspondence beyond the fact that Blaine called attention to the letter making an improper proposition to Harbut. He knew no American minister interested in the Credit-Industrial or Peruvian company. He learned nothing prejudicial to Harbut in South America. From what he learned in Chili and Peru he believed the Industrial was the only concern able to furnish Peru money to pay the war indemnity but affairs there have not attained that point where such assistance was available.

ADJOURNED, SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR.

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE. between the state department and Troscott from last publication to date, was sent to the house today. He relates the history of the mission as generally understood—the proffer of friendly aid, Chili's terms and the refusal of the United States to intervene on such terms.

NOMINATIONS.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Postmasters—John C. Williams, at Cressline, Ohio; Charles Holden, Jr., at Alton, Ill.; W. C. Smith, at Holden, Mo.; Mrs. Susan R. Harter, at Wellboro, Pa.

STAR BOUTH CASE.

Late this afternoon the evidence was concluded on route 24,149, and begun on 3,845.

GUITRAU.

seems to-day to have hopes that Reed will be successful in his application for a writ of habeas corpus, and to talk of approaching death with some what distaste. His health keeps good.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press. SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—After the expiration of the morning hour the bonded whisky extension bill was taken up. Senator Bayard's substitute for the house bill being read, Bayard made a long speech in support of it, which fixes the period at five years, and argued in favor of a provision covering fruit brandies. Senator Brown offered an additional section to the effect that nothing in the bill should be construed as lessening the chances for future reduction of tax, and that those taking advantage of the provisions of the bill do so at their own risk. Senator Sherman opposed the bill. At the conclusion of Sherman's speech the senate went into executive session, and at 5:30 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The house resumed the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. After a stormy scene between Messrs. Kelly and White, both apologized. The apologies were accepted.

Several amendments were adopted, and the bill passed.

The report from the election committee allowing the claim of Cannon, of Utah, for pay as delegate until his claim was rejected, was adopted.

The pension appropriation bill was reported from the committee. The bill appropriates \$100,000,000.

Mr. Page moved to take up the river and harbor bill, and it was agreed to.

A resolution was adopted to print 25,000 copies of the report of the geological survey.

Adjourned at 4:35 p. m.

FAIRFIELD FIRED.

The Chancellor of the University Must Go.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. LINCOLN, Neb., June 14.—The board of regents met at 2 o'clock today. After considerable unimportant business, a resolution to rescind the action of the January meeting in turning out three professors was voted four to two.

Mr. Garnett then presented a resolution notifying Chancellor Fairfield of his connection with the university would end on three months notice. This was carried, Regents Garnett, Gere, Holmes and Powers voting for and Persinger and Fifeled against. General satisfaction prevailed.

Coaly's Body Found.

National Associated Press. CHESTERFIELD LAKE, N. H., June 14.—The body of Coily, the famous tenor of the Kellogg opera troupe, who with another member was drowned here two weeks ago, was found today.

Immense Fire in Montreal.

National Associated Press. CHICAGO, June 14.—A Montreal special says the most destructive fire that has ever occurred in Montreal raged last night. It originated in the book bindery and stationery establishment of Robert Miller & Son, in Clendeng's magnificent five-story stone block on Victoria square, in the heart of the city.

The flames gutted the place where the confederation originated; also the extensive dry goods establishment of S. Green-shield's Sons & Co., and McIntyre & French, and extended to Clendeng's stove and tinware house. The Great American cabinet house of Henry J. Shaw, which is on the east end of the block, is the only house intact. The losses are as follows: Miller & Son, \$150,000; McIntyre & French, \$400,000; William Clendeng, on the stock, \$50,000, and on block, \$500,000. All are covered by two-thirds insurance. The block was the finest in the city, being built only four years since on the site of the old St. Patrick's hall, which was also consumed by fire, and nearly caused a holocaust, as an immense audience, which was attending a concert given by Miss Neilson, was only retiring as the flames appeared on the stage. A 2 a. m. firemen succeeded in becoming masters of the situation, to two upper stories having succumbed the fury of the flames. The water power made itself felt below, and soon extinguished the flames.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Hoolbrook block, occupied by Hoolbrook & Tate, was written by Tilley, was found under a pillow. It is the story of a child waiting complacently for her turn to die.

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A MOTHER'S MADNESS!

Unparalleled Crime of a Woman Whose Distorted Ambition and Hate Were Not Gratified.

Four Innocent Children Compelled to Take a Fatal Drug and Die With Her.

Painful Account of the Preparations in Letters Written by the Little Ones.

Story of the Husband, Whose Marital Life Seems to Have Been Anything but Pleasant.

An Ignorant Quack Doctor Practicing at Grafton, Nebraska.

The Malley Trial Nears the End—Other Varieties of Crime.

Chicago Times, June 11.

There is no parallel in police annals to the tragedy in which Mrs. Mary Seybold administered strychnine to four children in her bedroom at No. 51 Fenwick street, Friday night and Saturday morning, and took a dose herself when she heard her husband's footsteps on the stairway, as he was coming from his work, and met him at the doorway to tell him what she had done. There could be no more painful picture than that which presented itself a moment later, when she conducted him to the chamber where he saw the white and lifeless faces of his four children. Certainly nothing could be more agonizing than the act of the woman, when she stretched out her arm and put it about his neck, as she said to him: "I did it, Kasper. They are all dead. They are all in heaven and I will be with them soon. So don't be afraid of my hands. How pretty they are!" and with these words her arm relaxed, her face whitened, and she fell upon the bed where her oldest child, Tilley, lay in the hush of death.

KASPAR SEYBOLD is a Bavarian, 45 years of age, and a baker. He was employed at S. H. Campbell's bakery, at No. 401 South Clark street. He went to work at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and usually reached home about 5 o'clock the following morning. He was married about thirteen years ago, his wife having been a servant on Van Buren street. They had four children—Matilda, an unusually bright girl, 12 years of age; Antonia, 7 years of age; Annie, 2 year old, and the baby, who is 6 months old. They lived in two rooms on the second floor of a two-story frame cottage at No. 51 Fenwick street, owned by a German named Marat, who lives in the rear room, a family named Murphy occupying the front room below.

When Kasper came home yesterday morning his wife met him at the door and told him what is related above. She wore only a white chemise which was tastefully trimmed with ribbons and lace. She had a white wreath of artificial flowers on her head, and her hair was hanging about her shoulders in disorder. There was a tub filled with water on the floor and, as she pointed it out to her husband she said: "I bathed them first and dressed them with my own hands as you see them there."

I BOUGHT FLOWERS for each one of them, as you see." And there they were, each dressed in white, each with hands folded, in which were white artificial flowers, and ribbons in their hair. The baby's wrists were tied with a white ribbon, and white ribbons were on her forehead. She was the first to be sent "heavenward," and, to that end, was laid in her little crib upon a pillow. Beside her was Annie, the second one who followed, similarly dressed. On a bed in the southeast corner of the room was the boy, who had been placed under the coverlet. He was dressed in white, and his hands were clasped across his breast. In the other bed, on the west side of the room, Matilda was lying, just as she probably took her position immediately after she had written the singular letter which is given below. There never was a case of this kind in which there appeared such systematic and deliberate planning. There are few instances on record of such singular devotion on the part of children to a mother. They listened to her story of what she conceived to be her wrong—those that were intelligent enough to understand—and at her request prepared for death without a murmur, or a quiver of the lip. The eldest, the girl of 12 years sat down with a coolness which cannot be understood, and wrote to her father and her playmates of the preparation which was being made for their death. One by one they took their places, and submitted to their murder as complacently as if they had been going to sleep under the lullaby of a mother after she had taught them how to pray.

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am going to bed to take it. Tony and Annie don't suffer any. Mother is ready to give me mine and I am ready. Papa will be out of trouble soon and so we will all be. I are ready. Good-by.

TILLY SEYBOLD.

The signature remains unfinished. Did the mother grow impatient, or did the voice of the Great Accuser ring in her ear? His judgment before her murderers were done?

The following is another letter written evidently before the one given above:

DEAR PAPA: Forgive us that we must part from you. Mother said it was the best thing we could do. I have gone to a better land now, where we all live in peace. Farewell, your daughter,

On the other side was a postscript: My knife and fork is yours for a present. It is in a collar-box.

This was followed by a plea: DEAR PAPA: Be kind enough and give us a decent burial, and bury us at Wonder's burying-ground, that we may all be together. That is all we ask from you.

Then another, as if she began to realize what she had meant: DEAR PAPA: Buy Anton a flower and Annie one and one for me, from the money that is mine which I have saved. The knife in the collar-box is yours.

And then, as the memories of her play-days gathered about her, she wrote this: This is for Mary and Lizzie Murphy my two dear playmates. Wish you better and happier time than I had. Good-by. You are all welcome.

There evidently came an inter-thought in the child's mind: "What would people say?" She concluded to unlock the closet that held the skeleton:

To MARY MURPHY: I will tell you the whole story of our trouble. My mother was always sick, you know, and thought of dying, often, and thought how if she was dead how we would be treated, and so thought it best for us all to die at once, and bought something to kill us—the baby first, Annie second, Tony third, I after, and then my mother. We did not suffer much and now we are out of trouble. No pain or sorrow must we bear. Remember me and the family.

On another slip, Maria Mema wrote to take the book that she brought home to school. It is not mine. It is the history of the U. S. Take it to room 5, to George Caproni (Ca-pro-ni). It is on the lower shelf of closet.

MATILDA.

MARY MURPHY: Please tell Lizzie, Martha, and Minnie Otton and Lizzie Reynolds that I have forgotten their dispute and forgive them. I miss they will carry for me. They think of me as their friend.

TILLY SEYBOLD.

This was written on a slip by itself: I wish to all my playmates a better and happier time than I had; so, good bye to all, for you are all welcome to the place where I have gone. Remember me. Good-by.

On another slip, Maria Mema were written as they were here printed: My dear playmates, wish you better and happier time than I had. Good-by. You are all welcome.

Which prompted this work of murder and self-destruction must have been founded upon some dream which the perpetrator felt that she could not bear was the substance of the talk of many yesterday. The real motive, as has been learned from others who profess to know, was founded on a devilish disposition, an ungovernable temper which the mother and wife would never try to control, and a grasping, yearning desire to be rich.

On six intelligible then arrested women, who knew these people before their marriage and after, the following facts were obtained: She was a Swiss woman, 35 years of age. When she married she was a servant. She believed that Seybold had some money. He is described as a good-natured, easy-going sort of a soul, whose fate it is to be out of employment most of his time. Consequently, he will be always dreading that he had a cousin named Miller, who lives somewhere in Cottage Grove avenue. He is a driver for Downer & Baum, and has accumulated a little home and some money. Mrs. Seybold was forever holding this cousin's thrift up before Kasper as an example, and contrasting his wealth with Kasper's poverty. When he was out of work she said to him: "If you were a man, you would be a better man than I am." Her pride in her children, whom she wanted to educate, and, so far as the girl Tilley was concerned, much attention in this line had been bestowed upon her. Mrs. Marat, the wife of the landlord, who lives in the rear of the house, says that husband and wife quarreled very often. Friday last, they had serious trouble, growing out of the fact that she had not prepared his dinner at the hour he was accustomed to having. He said she didn't care whether he had anything to eat or not. This threw her into a passion, and she seized the stove-poker and

STRAUCK HIM over the arm, raising the flesh, which is black and blue. An exhibition of the arm was made to a reporter for the Times in proof of this statement. Then she damped a towel, tied a knot in one end of it, and struck him over the head. He left home without her dinner, and told her he would never speak to her again. After he had gone she went over to Wenckmeier's drug store at No. 2200 Archer avenue, and told the clerk she wanted some strychnine with which to kill rats. She bought two ounces, but the clerk told her that, if she wanted to kill rats quick, she ought to get arsenic. From this place she went to Bayard's drug store, near, and bought two ounces of arsenic. She then called on a family somewhere on the avenue, and bade them good-by. In response to the question, "Where are you going?" she replied: "I am going to finish this. He slapped me three months ago." She re-

turned home and began the preparations for the work as detailed. It was probably begun in the night