

# CURRENT AFFAIRS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

## HOLDUPS REALIZE LITTLE

Two Tricks Turned Supposedly by Same Gang in Early Evening Hours.

## STORE AND MEAT MARKET ARE VISITED

Crimes Are Charged Up to a Gang of Tramps Who Escaped to Railroad Yards and Has Not Been Located.

Robbers held up and robbed the grocery store of Samuel Graves, 1822 High street, and the meat market of J. A. Kirk at the corner of High street and Graham avenue, about 8 o'clock last night. The Kirk robbery occurred fifteen minutes after the holdup at Graves' place. It is thought that the robbers are a gang of tramps, as they made for the railroad yards when entered while one remained on guard outside. The fellows were both armed with revolvers and wore slouch hats drawn down over their eyes, but no further disguise. Graves and two customers who were in the store were lined up against the wall while one of the robbers went through their pockets and the other stood with his revolver at their heads. From Graves they secured \$5 in cash, and from George W. Catterlin, a railroad man, a gold watch and chain. After cautioning the three men to stay quiet, the two robbers backed to the door, joined their companion on guard and ran towards the Milwaukee yards, where they were soon lost sight of.

At the Kirk meat market two men stayed outside while the third entered the shop and ordered 15 cents worth of round steak. Mrs. Kirk was in the shop alone and when she turned to go to the icebox for the meat she found the two men waiting for her. She kept the gun pointed at the frightened woman, the robber made his way back of the counter to the till, which he opened and emptied, securing about \$4 in small change. While the robbers at the two places were evidently different persons, the police believe they belonged to the same gang of tramps, and after the holdups resorted in the railroad yards.

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## COMPROMISE ON THE DITCHES

Auditors Finally Decided to Reject All Bids on Joint County Contract.

A compromise settlement of the controversy over the awarding of the contract for the construction of the Harrison-Pottawattamie county ditch was effected yesterday between the auditors and the boards of supervisors of the two counties. Auditors Innes and Huff were finally persuaded to reject all bids and the supervisors of both counties consented to extend the time for the completion of the ditch until July 1, 1937. Auditors Innes and Huff will advise the boards of supervisors of both counties that the new bids can be opened and the contract awarded.

If the auditors had refused to reject the bids the supervisors of both counties would have stood pat and declined to extend the time for the completion of the ditch, this being the case, it was extremely doubtful if the contracts would have been awarded by the auditors would have had any legal force. County Attorney Kilpatrick notified Auditor Innes that for him to persist in awarding the contracts under different terms, completion of the work than that provided for by resolution of the boards of supervisors of both counties would precipitate litigation which might delay the work for a year, or even longer.

It was also stated that some of the sureties on Auditor Innes' official bond had notified him that they would withdraw from the bond if he persisted in making what they considered would be an illegal contract.

The rejection of the bids for the Harrison-Pottawattamie county ditch in no manner affects the Pigeon creek ditch contract, which was awarded to P. B. Wickham. In his bid Wickham offered to complete the work by July 1, 1937, the time specified by the board of supervisors when establishing the drainage district.

The board of supervisors completed its business for the August session yesterday afternoon and adjourned to the regular meeting in September.

The chairman of the board was authorized to enter into the contract with Wickham Brothers for the construction of the poor farm buildings, and the bond of Wickham Brothers in the sum of \$10,000 for the faithful fulfillment of the contract was approved. By the terms of the contract the plotting of the buildings must be completed by November 15 of this year and both buildings completed and ready for occupancy by February 15 of next year.

Supervisor Brandes was selected to secure prices on machinery for the laundry at the poor farm and to report at the September meeting.

The bill of Wickham & Co. for laying the cement walk around the courthouse, amounting to \$350.57, was allowed.

## PEDDLER HELD FOR ASSAULT

Prisoner is Hauled Out of Town of Neola for Fear of Mob Violence.

Side Elkie, an Arabian peddler charged with committing a mob assault upon the 9-year-old daughter of Henry Briggerman, a farmer living near Neola, last Friday morning, was lodged in the county jail in this city last evening.

Elkie was arrested late Tuesday evening a few miles from Little Sioux by City Marshal Corbett, who had been on his trail since Monday. Elkie was taken before Justice Clarke at Neola yesterday and on the advice of his attorney waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000. Feeling rather high at Neola when it was learned that the alleged assailant of the child was in town and it was deemed advisable by the authorities to get the man out of the place as quickly as possible. It was feared that the man might be the victim of mob violence if not got out of town. He was placed in a buggy and driven rapidly by Marshal Corbett to Underwood, where the Rock Island train to Council Bluffs was caught.

Elkie is said to have called at the Briggerman home Friday morning and finding the children alone, their father, who is a widower, being away threatening for a neighbor, attempted to assault them. The eldest girl, 12 years of age, made her escape and ran to a neighbor's. The fellow then, it

## CONDITION OF IOWA CROPS

Hay the Only Thing Which is Up to the Standard of Previous Year.

## CONTEST OVER TELEGRAPH TAXATION

Horse Entries for the Coming State Fair the Largest for Many Years, with All Leading Breeders Represented.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
DES MOINES, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The Iowa crops are not in as good condition as they were at this time last year. Director Sage of the Iowa weather and crop service today gave out a statement summarizing the reports of the correspondents in counties and townships for the first of August. These reports make the following estimates of the condition of the leading Iowa crops August 1: Spring wheat, 85 per cent; corn, 75; oats, 77; millet, 80; flax, 84; buckwheat, 80; pasture, 104; sorghum, 84; potatoes, 80; apples, 85; grapes, 80. At the corresponding date last year the averages estimated were as follows: Spring wheat, 81; corn, 83; oats, 83; flax, 81; potatoes, 87; apples, 86. The estimate shows that pastures are about the only thing in Iowa this year that are better than usual.

## Controversy Over Taxation

For several years there has been a controversy between the Burlington railroad and the Western Union Telegraph company over the assessment of certain telegraph lines along the Burlington road in Iowa. The railroad company claimed that the value of this line was included in its other property and the telegraph company declined to assume responsibility for the taxes on the lines. Last year for the first time the property was assessed to both the railroad company and the telegraph company. This year the state executive council assessed it to the telegraph company alone. Now the company making objection to having this line taxed up against it and is considering the advisability of going into court to decide the matter. The line is in fact owned by the railroad company and is operated by the telegraph company.

## Examining for Physicians

The State Board of Medical Examiners held a session here today and considered reports and routine matters. The most important matter before the board was passing on the papers of 161 persons who were last month examined by the state board for certificates to practice medicine in Iowa. This list included the graduates of medical colleges in Iowa for this year. The board also considered a number of complaints of unauthorized persons engaged in the practice of medicine in the state. The board plans to make an aggressive campaign against all such persons.

## Many Horse Entries for Fair

The entries for the state fair closed nominally today, but the returns will not all be in for several days. Secretary Simpson today received entries from nine of the largest horse breeders in this part of the country, including breeders in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The returns show that the largest horse exhibits ever made in the state. Some horsemen who have been absent from the state for several years are preparing to exhibit. Entries in all departments indicate much greater interest than usual in the state fair, which is to be held last week of the present month.

## Speaking to the Teachers

State Superintendent Barrett, who has just returned from attendance at the National Educational association, is out delivering lectures before the teachers' normal institutes. His first lecture was given last evening at Centerville today and will be at Fairfield tomorrow.

## To Enforce Sunday Closing

A strong association of retail grocers exists in Des Moines and the officers today started out on a plan of strictly enforcing the Sunday closing ordinances of the city as they relate to the grocery stores. It is found that many of the suburban stores keep open late at night. The association will insist upon strict enforcement of the law against them. Secretary Thomas of the State Grocers' association is at work out in the state organizing counties to affiliate with the state association of retail grocers. It is planned to organize county associations in all counties where there are not large cities. The state association will co-operate with the local associations in securing some needed legislation.

## Assault in Jail

Ed Puckett, serving a sentence of six months in the county jail for killing Al Eucher, the horse trader, has been given an additional thirty days for an assault upon a fellow prisoner in the county jail. The fight was fast and furious and after flooring his opponent Puckett used his feet and broke the count of the referee. Puckett, the county physician, was called and it was found that the man was in very bad condition. Puckett was taken before Police Judge J. G. Silveira and upon a plea of guilty of assault and battery was given thirty days.

## Odd Fellows' Grand Officers

At the meeting of the Des Moines Odd Fellows, last night, the result of the recent election of grand lodge officers was announced as follows:

Grand patriarch, M. A. Raney, Murego; grand high priest, W. C. Kummer, Keokuk; grand senior warden, J. C. Miller, Belle Plaine; grand treasurer, August F. Hoffmann, Webster City; grand representative, J. C. Miller, Logan. The contest for junior grand warden resulted: A. A. Montgomery, Stuart, 10; George M. Kellogg, Sioux City, 23; A. D. Steele, Knoxville, 10; K. C. Curtis, Iowa Falls, 12.

## CEDAR RAPIDS MAN BUNCOED

Deposits \$1,000 with Alleged New York Bankers Whose Offices Police Raid.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The police today raided the offices of Daniel Ace & Co. according to the sign on its office door the firm conducted a banking business. Seven prisoners were taken, including Thomas F. Danahy, the alleged head of the firm. All were accused of grand larceny. The warrants were issued on the specific

## RAIN TEARS UP PAVEMENTS

Severe Storm Does Great Amount of Damage at Burlington.

## MAPLE LEAF WRECK FATAL

Half a Dozen Italians Are Slain in Iowa by Railroad Collision.

NEW HAMPTON, Ia., Aug. 5.—Six or seven Italian workmen were killed this afternoon at Devon, five miles north of here in a wreck on the Great Western. A freight train broke in two and ran backward into a gravel train.

## NEW SLUMP ON EXCHANGE

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## Assignee Makes Statement

Mr. Cromwell, counsel for the assignee of Sharp & Bryan, made the following statement:

The firm made the general assignment for the purpose of insuring equality among its creditors without preference. The cause, as stated by the assignee, is the sudden and extreme shrinkage in the market value of the securities of the firm.

The liabilities of the firm, as stated, are about \$500,000. The value of assets, comprising almost exclusively stock exchange securities, is dependent on market conditions.

Most of the creditors recognizing the present conditions are short lived, are very fairly and wisely withholding their securities from sale.

An official statement was made to the effect that the firm had no open contracts in the market and that at prevailing prices there was still a fair margin on their loans.

The greater part of Sharp & Bryan's obligations on the exchange were liquidated yesterday and several banks and trust companies took out their loans. In fact, the greater part of yesterday's liquidation on the exchange was for Sharp & Bryan's account.

## NAVIES IN MIMIC WARFARE

United States Squadron Off Bar Harbor and English Squadron Begin Maneuvers.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 5.—To defend the Maine coast from the attack from the "hostile fleet" of United States vessels which put to sea from here on Monday, the remaining portion of the North Atlantic squadron today took to the water.

The opposing fleets are represented by the letters B and X, the former being the home fleet, which is divided into two squadrons, one at Berhampur, Ireland, commanded by Admiral Wilson, and the other at Madeira, under Lord Beresford.

The problem to the home fleet is to effect a junction of forces at sea, while on Admiral Domville, in command of the X fleet, concentrated at Lagos, Portugal, is imposed the task of finding Admiral Wilson's fleet and effecting a junction, and defeat whichever is discovered first before the

## complaint of Edwin F. Collins of Cedar Rapids, Ia., that he had lost \$100.

Collins told the police, however, that he had given nearly \$1,000 to the firm and had never received a dollar in return.

## other comes to its assistance. The operations cease at noon, August 11.

Independent of these maneuvers, operations by torpedo craft are proceeding on the Irish coast, sixty-one destroyers, thirty-one torpedo boats and nineteen other sea-going craft being engaged.

At midnight that portion of the New England coast from the British boundary to Cape Ann had been theoretically threatened by a hostile fleet for twelve hours, but so far as known the enemy had not taken advantage of the northeast storm and thick weather to slip past the defending fleet and establish himself in any harbor.

The attacking fleet has been at sea for about three days and will have until Saturday to win the game planned by the naval experts in Washington by occupying any of the harbors in this portion of the coast for five hours without being discovered.

## STRIKER DEFIES INJUNCTION

Denver Judge Sentences Contemptuous Smelter Man to Two Months in Jail.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 5.—Joseph Scott, a member of the smelter men's union, was today found guilty by Judge Dixon of violating his injunction, which prohibits interference with the employees of the Globe plant.

Scott was sentenced to two months in the county jail, and as the case will be taken to the supreme court on a writ of error for supercession, he was released on \$1,000 bonds, returnable August 15.

## BRICKLAYERS ARE ENJOINED

Denver Judge Rules Out Union Regulation Fines Contractors for Working.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 5.—An injunction was issued by Judge Dixon today against the local branch of the International Bricklayers' union, restraining it from enforcing a rule that not more than one contractor in a firm shall work on a job at one time.

The union is restrained from attempting to fine any or all contractors violating the union rule in this respect. Paul Brown is the plaintiff, backed by the counsel for the Citizens' Alliance.

## UNIONS ARE AMALGAMATED

Rival Organizations Unite Under Title of International Team Drivers' Union.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The International Team Drivers' union and the National Team Drivers' union of America, in joint session today, decided to amalgamate the two bodies.

The united organization will be known hereafter as the International Team Drivers' union.

## Cotton Mills to Shut Down

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 5.—The cotton mills of the China, Webster and Pembroke manufacturing companies at Sunook, N. H., will be shut down on Saturday night until August 24, on account of the high cost of cotton and the unsatisfactory condition of the market for printed cloths.

The Pittsfield, N. H., cotton mills will shut down the same day for several weeks. The Clinton mills of Norwich, Conn., have closed for a fortnight.

## DEATH RECORD.

Captain L. S. Russell.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Captain L. S. Russell, sergeant-at-arms of the state senate at the last session, died at a hospital in Omaha this morning from diabetes and the effects of an operation upon a foot for gangrene. Mr. Russell was born in Massachusetts in 1860. He spent several years of his early life as a cabin boy on a Havana packet. At the beginning of the war he enlisted as a private of a Massachusetts regiment and was successfully promoted to second and first lieutenant and captain, serving until the close of the war.

Major Joseph G. Rowland.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Aug. 5.—Major Joseph G. Rowland, governor of the state of Kansas, died tonight of Bright's disease, aged 71. He had been failing for some time, and several months ago was compelled to take a vacation. He returned and seemed much improved until two weeks ago, when he was again struck down.

Governor Rowland was born at Philadelphia, and came to Leavenworth from Santa Monica, Cal., six years ago to take the place of A. J. Smith, who was transferred. Joseph G. Rowland volunteered his services to the government at Quincy, Ill., on April 1, 1861. He was made a first lieutenant and commissioned adjutant. Later he was appointed to the Tenth Illinois infantry. He resigned his commission in 1862.

## Buried at Old Home

COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The remains of Henry M. Winslow arrived here this evening and will be laid to rest in the Columbus cemetery tomorrow. He was 68 years old and had lived here the last twenty years until about two years ago, when he went to Holt county, where he was engaged in raising cattle. He fell dead Monday evening. He has a son and daughter living here.

## Phil May.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Phil May, the artist and illustrator of Punch, the Graphic and other periodicals, died at his residence on Camden Hill this afternoon after a protracted illness. At the regular weekly dinner of the staff of Punch tonight the artist's death was announced.

## Marshalltown Banker.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Aug. 5.—D. Carr, a banker, is dead. He was a Blaine elector in 1884 and was a delegate to several republican national conventions.

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