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THURSDAY—At 7 a. m. for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, GREECE, BRITISH INDIA and LORENZO MARQUEZ, per s. s. La Bretagne, via Havre (mail for other parts of Europe must be directed "per s. s. La Bretagne").

SATURDAY—At 6 a. m. for EUROPE, per s. s. St. Paul via Southampton (mail for Ireland and letter mail for Liverpool must be directed "per s. s. St. Paul"); at 8:30 a. m. for EUROPE, per s. s. Lucania, via Queenstown; at 2:30 p. m., for BELGIUM direct, per s.s s. Zeeland (mail must be directed "per s. s. Zeeland").

After the closing of the Supplementary Trans-Atlantic Mails named above, additional Supplementary Mails are opened on the piers of the American, English, French and German steamers and remain open until within Ten Minutes of the hour of sailing of steamer.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.

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SATURDAY—At 8 a. m. for BERMUDA, per s. s. Pretoria; at 8:30 a. m. (supplementary 9:30 a. m.) for PORTO RICO, CURACAO and VENEZUELA, per s. s. Philadelphia (mail for Savanilla and Cartagena must be directed "per s. s. Philadelphia"); at 8:30 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA, CARTAGENA and GREYTOWN, per s. s. Alene (mail for Costa Rica must be directed "per s. s. Alene"); at 10 a. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Morro Castle, via Havana; at 12:30 p. m. for CUBA, per s. s Maracas, via Havana.

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By rail to Philadelphia and thence by steamer closes at this office at 11:30 p. m. every Wednesday.

MIQUELON—By rail to Boston, and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily at 6:30 p. m.

COSTA RICA—By rail to New Orleans, and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 11:30 p. m. and 11:30 p. m., Sundays at 11 p. m. and 11:30 p. m. (connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at 11:30 p. m.)

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REGISTERED MAIL closes at 6 p. m. previous day.

Transpacific Mails.

CHINA and JAPAN, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close here daily at 6:30 p. m., up to December 22 inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Empress of India. (Merchandise for U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai cannot be forwarded via Canada.)

CHINA and JAPAN, via Seattle, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December 23, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Shawmut.

HAWAII, JAPAN and CHINA and specially addressed mail for the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December 23, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Nippon Maru.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p. m. up to December 27, inclusive, for despatch per United States Transport.

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CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Postmaster.

Postoffice, New York, N. Y., December 18, 1903.

LEGAL NOTICE.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

OFFICE OF LEE-GLASS-ANDREESEN HARDWARE COMPANY, OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12, 1903.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of the said company, corner of Ninth and Harney streets, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 12, A. D. 1904, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting. H. J. LEE, President.

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Archie C. Smith Seeking Endorsements as Collector of Internal Revenue.

SPEAKER CLARK WORKS ON COMMITTEES

Second Trial of Mrs. Lavalleur for Murder of Her Husband Results Like the First in Disagreement of the Jury.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—It is learned that Archie C. Smith of Storm Lake is a candidate for reappointment as revenue collector in the northern Iowa district in case J. U. Sammis of LeMars is dropped out of the office. Sammis is under charges filed by a former clerk in his office, who accused him of compelling the chief clerk to divide salary with a brother of the collector, who held a lower position in the office and at less pay. The accusations went to President Roosevelt some time ago and Mr. Sammis has replied thereto and has also visited Washington. But such is the situation that already candidates for his place have appeared and Mr. Smith has taken steps to secure indorsements for the place in case of a new appointment.

Speaker Will Take a House.

G. W. Clarke of Adel, who will be speaker of the Iowa house, has taken a residence in Des Moines for the session and will not follow the custom of speakers of living at a hotel in a semi-public way. He has rented a furnished house near Drake university where two of his children are attending college. Mr. Clarke is not visiting Des Moines very often previous to the legislature, but is remaining at home and members who desire to see him can find him there. He is at work on his committees, but states that he has far from completed any of the committees.

The News Publishing Co. of Adel has been incorporated with $10,000 capital to publish the Adel News. The incorporators are A. C. Hotchkiss, T. J. Caldwell, S. M. Leach and others, and the incorporation was made necessary by a partial change in ownership.

State Health Officers.

The second annual meeting of the Iowa association of health officers is to be held in Des Moines, commencing January 12. There will be a banquet on that evening, with a full two days' program of papers and discussions. J. A. Valenta of Iowa City is president, L. A. Thomas of Red Oak, vice president, and T. C. Lesan of Mount Ayr, secretary and treasurer. The association was organized a little over a year ago and has already planned to secure some needed legislation affecting local health boards.

Second Trial a Failure.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Lavalleur, at Newton, failed to render a verdict after being out a day and a half. Mrs. Lavalleur was tried for the killing of her husband two years ago. She had one trial before, but the jury failed to agree. The testimony against her is all circumstantial and it is probable that the matter will now be dropped.

The sheriff of Cass county, Ia., has gone to Bozeman, Mont, to bring back to Atlantic one M. B. Lytle, accused of embezzlement from the Wiota office of the Des Moines Grain and Elevator company.

Preparing Capitol Report.

The members of the State Capitol commission are in the city today preparing their report on the work done by them in repairing and improving the state capitol during the past year and a half. The commission has expended a larger sum of money than was expected in the mere matter of repairs and needed changes and the work is still going on in the capitol. It is feared that some parts of the work will not be in order when the legislature meets. The commission will indicate that additional appropriations are needed for work that was not foreseen.

Charged with Shoplifting.

Two women were caught attempting shop lifting in a 10-cent store this evening and they were arrested with some stolen goods on their persons. They were Mrs. E. J. Stever and Mrs. H. J. Holden and gave bonds for trial.

Logan Lodge Elections.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Last night the Eastern Star elected the following officers for the coming year: Florence M. Wood, W. M.; Kate P. Stearns, A. M.; Thomas Arthur, W. P.; Fannie M. Ford, secretary; Mary Wood, treasurer; Fannie A. Beck, C.; Esther J. Kennedy, A. C.

The Masonic lodge elected the following officers: W. Humphrey, W. M.; A. L. Grosvenor, S. W.; H. R. Harvey, J. W.; J. A. Hetrick, treasurer; C. E. Blodgett, secretary; B. F. Huff, S. D.; A. W. Blackburn, J. D.; J. B. Crouch, S. S.; E. E. Beck, J. S.; J. N. Young, T. A joint installation will be given publicly by the two lodges above named December 30. Thomas Arthur will preside.

Modern Woodmen of America Encampment No. 1257 have elected the following: E. R. Kellogg, V. C.; S. A. Atkins, W. A.; O. I. Coffey, E. B.; George H. Harvey, clerk; W. H. Cattmell and C. S. Kennedy, physicians; W. C. Ehrhardt, E. G. Tyler and W. S. Bennett, managers; F. T. Topping, W.; H. M. Norman, E.

Entertainment for Church Benefit.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Last night at the opera house Belle C. Jackson, supported by Percy H. Levin, gave an entertainment under the auspices of the Christian church. One is a talented musician, the other a skilled elocutionist.

CHARGES MURDER TO GRAVES

Daughter of Dead Woman Swears Out Warrant for Her Stepfather.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 23.—Bidding defiance to detectives, who have been working on the case without results, Winnie Reader, or Mrs. Walter Halbach, the actress, within twenty-four hours after returning home, swore out an information charging her stepfather, C. W. Graves, with the murder of her mother.

The coroner's jury had returned a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Graves had been choked to death and that fire had been applied to her body afterwards.

Mrs. Graves' charred body was found last Friday. The couple have not been on good terms and divorce proceedings had been instituted. Graves was arrested this afternoon and is now in jail. Miss Reader swears vengeance against her stepfather.

CHARGES FARMER WITH DEATH

Alleged that Iowa Man Killed His Young Wife with Chloroform.

ELDORA, Ia., Dec. 23.—A young farmer named William Blifer of Melrose township, near this city, was arrested by the sheriff of Grundy county today on a charge of murder in the first degree.

It is alleged that he is responsible for the death of his bride of less than a year. She died in bed while he was sleeping by her side. An empty cloroform bottle was found on a dresser near by.

Convicts Cedar Rapids Official.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 23.—W. L. Moore, street commissioner of this city, was this evening convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses from the city of Cedar Rapids by entering on the payroll of the city a horse as "William Martin" and drawing excessive pay for the horse in that manner for a period of ten months.

CHANGE IN MINE MANAGERS

Harris Franklin Resigns from Active Work with the Golden Reward.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A conference of the principal owners in the Golden Reward Mining company was recently held in New York and Harris Franklin, manager, has just returned. At this conference Mr. Franklin submitted his resignation as general manager and insisted upon its acceptance, explaining that he intended to spend much of his time away from Deadwood in the future and it would therefore be impossible for him to devote his personal attentions to the business as heretofore. The resignation was accordingly accepted, to take effect as soon as his successor can be decided upon. Who the successor will be is not known, although the company is said to have several men in view. Mr. Franklin says the company is well satisfied with its mine superintendent and its smelter superintendent, and the duties of the general manager consist chiefly in attending to the details of both mine and mill.

The company has fully decided to resume operations at the smelter in Deadwood, where work has been suspended since last March, when a walk-out of employes occurred. The resumption will not occur, however, until the new general manager has taken over the affairs of the company. It is estimated that six weeks will be necessary to unwater the principal Golden Reward mines, which have been allowed to fill up since the smelter closed down.

E. H. Harriman, the Belmonts and Samuel W. Allerton are, with Mr. Franklin, the heaviest stockholders. At the recent conference in New York, they were all present except Mr. Harriman, who was in Utah attending the ceremonies of opening the new Salt Lake Cut-Off. Mr. Franklin says the coke situation is greatly improved and the company will be able to supply itself at reasonable figures.

There is no sign of improvement in the cattle situation and Mr. Franklin says his company is still determined to dispose of its holdings on the range.

Mitchell's Three Conventions.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The South Dakota buttermakers' convention will be held in Mitchell February 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A proposition was made the Commercial club by Hon. C. P. Sherwood of DeSmet, secretary of the association, to meet in Mitchell, which was concurred in by the executive committee, and which the Commercial club was pleased to accept. The dates mentioned above are the same on which the state poultry show and the convention of the live stock breeders will be held, and the combination of the three important conventions will be the means of bringing a very large crowd of delegates to the city, it being estimated that between 500 and 600 delegates will be attracted. Mr. Sherwood says that a fine program will be made up for the buttermakers, including some experts from the east. The live stock breeders, aside from having some good addresses on matters of importance to that line of industry, will have a fat stock sale, which will give breeders all over the state an opportunity to dispose of their stock. This feature is in charge of Prof. J. W. Wilson of Brookings.

Dakota University Begins Year Well.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Dakota university closed the fall term this afternoon for the holiday vacation. The first term under the direction of President Nicholson has been a splendid success, and the impress of his ability has been felt throughout the institution. The enrollment for the fall term has reached 75 students in all departments, which shows an increase of at least fifty over last year. The university has just come into possession of $1,000 as a bequest from the Rev. G. W. Smith of Platte, who died during the summer and left the university that amount from his estate. Work is being pushed on the new university building and the heating plant will be installed soon. In the early spring it is intended to use several rooms in the building. It will be dedicated at the June commencement.

Mitchell Expects New Buildings.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Among the building projects for next year will be the erection of a three-story stone and brick building by T. P. Navin and J. F. Craig. It will have a frontage of fifty feet on Main and 142 feet on First street, and will cost $25,000. The lower floors will be used for business houses and the upper floors for offices. It will be located across the street from the Widmann hotel building. There will be considerable house building next year according to the reports of contractors, several of whom are drawing plans this winter and making their estimates for the beginning of work in the spring.

Diphtheria Closes Schools.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The schools of Fort Pierre, on the west side of the river, were closed last week on account of several cases of diphtheria in that town. One death has occurred, it being that of Miss Alice Demmon. Two other cases exist, but are quarantined and there is no spread of the disease.

GRANTS WRIT; SCORES DUNN

Judge Estelle Finds the Reformer Was Acting in Very Bad Faith.

ACTUATED BY MOTIVE TO GET REVENGE

Court Lets Mandamus Lie Against City Officials, but Does Not Make It Operative as Yet.

Judge Estelle granted a modified writ of mandamus yesterday in the case brought by I. J. Dunn against the Diamond saloon, 1313 Douglas street, where it was alleged gambling was being carried on and where gambling fixtures were alleged to be in operation, but took occasion to declare that Dunn was acting in very bad faith in the case, being actuated primarily by a desire for revenge rather than to enforce the law.

By the terms of the writ the municipal officers are not empowered to arrest any one at the Diamond or elsewhere, but are to make an investigation of the conditions at the Diamond, and an inspection of the premises with a view to ascertaining whether gambling fixtures are kept and operated.

Dunn Acts in Bad Faith.

Judge Estelle said:

The court finds as a matter of fact that the relator, I. J. Dunn, is not acting in good faith in bringing and prosecuting this action, in this: That he brings and prosecutes this action primarily for the purpose of affecting one Thomas Dennison, and his desire for enforcing the law is a secondary consideration.

I do not desire to comment on this question to any great extent. At the same time I would be doing violence to my own convictions of right and wrong if I should find any other way. I find here that for four years Mr. Dunn was the assistant county attorney, and had for three years, as I recall it, during his incumbency of the office, the entire charge of the prosecution of men for gambling; and, notwithstanding the immense number of cases that he commenced in the prosecution of these gamblers, as I recall it, the only ones where the records have been investigated have been against Berlin, Haley, the two Shermans and Jorgenson. Those are the only ones I recall at the present time. When pressed for an answer Dunn said that not one of those cases had ever been prosecuted to final determination in this court, and his manner of testifying on the witness stand and all that, leads me to that conclusion.

Evidence Not Perfect.

Speaking upon the question as to whether a pool room is actually in operation at the Diamond the court said:

I am not prepared to say that there is sufficient evidence to convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, but the strong preponderance of evidence in this case is that a pool room was being conducted there.

The court also holds that the mayor and chief of police had been notified that gambling was being carried on at the Diamond.

"I make this finding," the court says, "because I think they had sufficient notice to lead them to act, but notice and actual knowledge are two entirely different things."

As to the duty of the municipal officers in enforcing the law the court found as follows:

It is the duty of the mayor of the city of Omaha to see that the criminal laws of the state and the ordinances of the city are enforced, and where he has notice or knowledge or has reason to believe that the same are being violated it is his duty through the chief of police and the police force of the city to cause an investigation to be made for the purpose of having them ascertain whether the criminal laws are being violated, and in case the police ascertain that such is the case, is further the duty of the mayor to see that the proper information is filed, that the persons so violating the laws are arrested by the police and that they are prosecuted, and in case the chief of police or police force neglect or refuse to do so, it is the duty of the mayor to order them to do so. And in case of the chief of police, under the same state of facts, it is his duty to act of his own volition and make an investigation, and if he ascertains that the criminal laws are being violated it is his duty to arrest or cause to be arrested persons so found violating the laws and hold such persons until a complaint is filed and warrant issued, and to use all lawful means to bring such parties to trial.

What Constitutes Gambling.

The court finds as a matter of law:

That betting or selling pools on a horse race is gambling within the meaning of the statutes of this state.

The act of keeping and maintaining a room where the public is invited to come for the purpose of betting on horse races and for the purpose of buying and selling pools on horse races constitute the offense of keeping a room to be used or occupied for gambling within the statutes of the state of Nebraska.

The keeping of fixtures and devices set forth in the court's fifth finding of fact where such fixtures are used in maintaining and operating a pool room, such as the court finds is kept and maintained at "The Diamond" pool room, No. 1313 Douglas street, do not constitute gambling devices or gaming machines as defined in section 215, Criminal Code, state of Nebraska.

It was on this proposition that the greatest contention was had here as a proposition of law. I have very carefully studied the cases that were presented, and there are at least three cases that are probably squarely in point. I rather think there is but one that is absolutely and squarely in point.

This decision is the outgrowth of the writ for a mandamus brought by I. J. Dunn to compel the municipal officers to arrest the proprietors of the Diamond. The hearing of the writ occupied more than a week before Judge Estelle and was concluded three weeks ago, since which time the court has been investigating the law, preparatory to announcing its decision.

Time for a Motion.

When Dunn appeared before Judge Estelle yesterday afternoon with an order drawn up for the court's signature, in compliance with his decision of the morning, W. J. Connell, as attorney for the defense, said he wished to be given time in which to file a motion for a new trial before the court affix his signature to the order.

Dunn protested against this, but Judge Estelle said that he would hold the order in his own keeping until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time he will hear the motion and the argument for a new trial. In the meantime the writ of mandamus will not become operative until the motion for a new trial has been disposed of.

South Dakota Wants Bids.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The State Board of Regents is preparing to advertise for bids for the new building at the Madison State Normal school and the dormitory to be erected at the Springfield Normal, the bills to be opened at the meeting of the board which will be held at Huron January 25. They are also asking architects to submit plans and sketches at the same meeting for the new drill hall and armory to be erected at the Vermilion university.

Garland Bank Closes Doors.

GARLAND, Wyo., Dec. 23.—The Garland bank has closed its doors as a result of the failure of the Bank of Newcastle last week. It was reported here that the local bank was involved with the Newcastle institution, and a heavy run was made. The Garland bank was connected in no way with the Newcastle bank, however. Stockholders say they will be able to meet their obligations and resume business at once.

Aberdeen Still Excited.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The interest in the recent coal discovery south of this city is not abating. Those who have investigated the matter claim that the quality is better than the North Dakota lignite and burns freely.

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MISS MYSTERIOUS MINISTER

Sioux Falls Church People, and Particularly His Bride, Wonder Where Lyons Is.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram).—Local police are baffled by the mysterious disappearance of Rev. Charles A. Lyons, who for some time has been occupying different pulpits in this city, not having a regular charge. The last seen of him was yesterday afternoon, since which time not slightest trace can be found. He was married only a few weeks ago to Miss Purvis, stenographer in a local bank. The wife believes he is victim of foul play or has met with a serious accident.

Musicians to Organize.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Lead and Deadwood musicians have taken steps toward the organization of a union and have selected temporary officers. The union is to become a branch of the American Federation of Musicians. The local branch is known as the Black Hills Musicians' association. J. E. Rickle of Deadwood is temporary chairman and H. W. McManus temporary secretary. There are forty names on the roll, mostly from Lead.

Liquor Dealers' Main Taps.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the South Dakota Retail Liquor Dealers' association was held in Watertown and as reported by President John T. Breen of this city, was largely attended and of much interest to those present. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, John T. Breen of Huron; first vice president, Fred Widman of Mitchell; second vice president, Curt DeGraff of Watertown; secretary, Ed H. Hawley of Huron; treasurer, Thomas Navin of Mitchell; sergeant-at-arms, L. A. Booth of Watertown. Mathew Goelen of Redfield, Ed Lann of Watertown, William Madden of Castlewood, William O'Connell of Redfield, Mathew Behrend of Parkston constitute the executive committee.

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