

## CHARGES OF JURY FIXING

Climax of Sensational Events in the Thomas Murder Trial.

UNITED MINE WORKERS ELECT OFFICERS

Yerxa and Governor Folk and Johnson to Speak at Democratic Banquet Held in Des Moines.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, March 3.—(Special.)—Charges of trying to "fix" the jury today followed the charges of yesterday of wholesale perjury and threats of prosecution in the Charles Thomas murder trial. It was expected the case would reach the jury at noon today, but Judge Spurrier, who is making the closing argument for the state, talked well into the afternoon. He charged that the defense had been talking to members of the jury and solicited the charge that there had been wholesale perjury on the part of the witnesses for the defense and declared that prosecutions would follow from the office of the state's attorney. On the adjournment of each session of the court, the jury was taken on the walk for over a block to see Thomas, who is on trial for the murder of Mabel Scott.

**Mourning Loss of Stradivarius.**

Hans Albert, the celebrated violinist confined in the insane asylum at Lincoln, Neb., has written a letter to an Albia, Ia., musician, who is a close friend in which he complains bitterly of his treatment and threatens to appeal to the German emperor. He claims he has no hallucinations whatever and mourns most of all the loss of his Stradivarius. When he was detained after his last concert at Wayne, Neb., the instrument was replevied by Ed M. Nichol of Des Moines, who claimed it under a \$2,000 bond.

**Who Stopped the Work?**

No one seems to know who stopped the work of laying the oil company's pipe line near Fort Madison, Ia. No injunction has been issued from the supreme court of the federal court of this city and none from the state court at Fort Madison. The report, however, is that the work was stopped by the state. Another report is that the work was stopped pending the selection of some plan for crossing the Mississippi river.

**Miners Elect Officers.**

The United Mine Workers of America elected their officers for the new year today. The result of the referendum vote was reported by the tellers this morning as follows:

President, J. P. White, Oskaloosa; vice president, L. P. Joyce, Des Moines; secretary-treasurer, Edwin Perry, Oskaloosa; auditor, John Reed, Boone.

Delegates chosen for the national meeting were: Joseph Sharp, Brazil; Robert Long, Robert McBride, Des Moines; Samuel Ballantine, Boone.

**Delegates to the State Federation of Labor.** John F. Beam, Des Moines; James Baxter, Houghton; and Frank L. Wright, Eddyville.

**Bankers at Banquet.**

Nearly sixty of the most prominent bankers of Des Moines and vicinity sat down to a sumptuous spread at the Chamberlain at 7 o'clock last evening. Following the banquet they were entertained by a series of highly interesting talks by George F. Henry, State Auditor B. F. Carroll and others.

**Fletcher Howard Dead.**

Fletcher Howard, state pharmacy commissioner, died in Colorado Springs today of tubercular meningitis. His wife will be there with the body tomorrow noon.

**Funeral Will Be Held Here.**

The funeral will be held here in the First Baptist church under Masonic auspices. Dr. Wirt will deliver the sermon.

**Big Gun at Banquet.**

Governor Folk of Missouri, Governor Johnson of Minnesota, W. J. Bryan of Nebraska, Cato Sells of Iowa and prominent democrats will speak at the Jefferson club banquet Saturday, April 1, at the Savoy hotel. The primary purpose of the banquet is to spend the money left from the trip to the St. Louis national convention by the Iowa delegation.

**Debate Results in a Draw.**

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—In the annual debate between the Universities of Iowa and Minnesota, tonight St. P. Thompson, Geneseo, Ill., one of the three judges, was unable to be present, and Prof. Robinson of the University of Illinois and Hon. M. P. Rice of Lexington, Ill., the two remaining judges, being unable to arrive at a unanimous decision, the debate resulted in a draw, a conclusion unprecedented in debating annals. The question concerned the fixing of freight rates by federal authorities. Minnesota was represented by Raymond P. Chase, Jesse G. Stenson and Bernard Robinson; Iowa by R. T. Swaine, Ray Files and A. C. Gordon.

**Big Real Estate Deal.**

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A big real estate deal was closed here this morning, by which the Iowa building, office structure, and the Elks club building passed from the ownership of Judge Addison Oliver of Omaha and F. M. Pelletier into the possession of T. S. and J. P. Martin for a consideration of \$175,000. The sale yields a profit of \$20,000 to the former owners.

**Sioux City Man Free Victim.**

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 3.—Word was received today which precludes all doubt as to the death of Harry Carlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carlin of Sioux City, in the recent conflagration at Hot Springs, Ark. Identification of the body was secured from a letter found on his person. Carlin was 22 years of age and was well known here.

**Iowa News Notes.**

CEdAR RAPIDS, March 3.—Vaclav himself in his barn here today. Age, hung himself in a tree for several months. CRESTON, March 3.—John McDuffy, a railroad employee, while intoxicated in this city a few nights ago, was held up and robbed of some loose change and certificate of deposit for \$100.

CRESTON, March 3.—The car repair shop of the Burlington, which has been working eight hours a day, have been placed on a ten-hour shift owing to the large number of cars requiring repairs.

CRESTON, March 3.—The City Federation of Women's Clubs of this city will attempt to induce Andrew Carnegie to donate \$25,000 to the city and agree to buy the site of the city with the other clubs.

CRESTON, March 3.—The funeral of C. M. Dunn, late mayor of the Burlington in this city, took place this afternoon and was largely attended by the members of the Burlington railroad from all parts of the system.

CEdAR RAPIDS, March 3.—Frank Rogers, an employee of the Sinclair Packing company, was killed while at work in the plant today. He was caught in the machinery of a pulley belt and his body fatally lacerated to pieces.

CRESTON, March 3.—"Farmer" Burns, the middle-weight wrestler, and M. A. Farmer of Lenox, known as the strong man of Iowa, met at one of the local opera houses last evening in a wrestling match and exhibition of weight lifting. Burns won the match.

CEdAR RAPIDS, March 3.—William C. Rogers, a business man on the Rock Island road, lost a hand here today. He was at work on his train and endeavored to climb up the side of a box car when the ladder

## STOCK COMMISSION FORMED

Governor Elrod of South Dakota Announces the Appointive Office.

PIERRE, S. D., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Live Stock commission, appointed under the provisions of the new stock law, is meeting this morning selected as its officers F. W. Stewart, president; D. R. Jones, vice president, and C. L. Bakin, secretary.

Governor Elrod made the following appointments today:

Insurance Commissioner—J. C. Perkins of Sisseton.

Public Examiner—F. T. Bramble of Watertown.

Food and Dairy Commissioner—B. W. Small of Webster.

Miss Inspector—Nicholas Treweek, sr., of Lead.

Governor Elrod today granted an extradition warrant on request of Governor Folk of Missouri for Benjamin C. Brock, who is under arrest at Sioux Falls, wanted on a charge of embezzlement at Kansas City.

Judge Gaff today refused to grant an order to show cause in the Walworth county seat fight in which Baker is attempting to get the county seat back from Selby. In refusing, the judge declared a special term of court in that county on the 4th of April to hear the whole case.

A telegram from Raleigh, N. C., to this city announces that the southern state has decided to settle the bond judgment held against it by South Dakota and will compromise the rest of the bond issue of which the South Dakota bonds were a part.

**SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATORS QUIT**

Conferences on Appropriations Occupy the Last Session.

PIERRE, S. D., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The afternoon session of the senate took up the general appropriation bill of the house and amended it by adding \$14,000 a year for the Springfield Normal to the bill. The motion on which this was done was made by Chairman Brandon of the appropriation committee, who at first reported the bill to wipe out that institution. The amendment was accepted without a dissenting vote and the bill returned to the house for concurrence. This was refused by a vote of 41 against 4 for concurrence, on motion of Chairman Turner of the house appropriation committee that was selected, as the house conferees were all antagonistic to the Normal.

The other principal house bills passed by the senate were to allow cities to acquire property outside their limits for sewerage purposes; empowering city to sell or lease municipal water plants, which is the last of the Sioux Falls bills, to clear up their waterworks work.

The senate killed the Carroll house bill to allow securities on official bonds to limit their liability. Carroll has pushed this bill through the house at two different sessions and both times has fallen in the senate.

The conference committee on the difference in the general appropriation committee reported about midnight, cutting the appropriation for the Springfield Normal \$1,000 for each of the two years and increasing the expense and litigation funds of the railroad commission \$1,000 for each year. The report of the committee was adopted and as soon as the bill was signed the session adjourned.

The senate presented the lieutenant governor with his chair and gavel.

The only house action of importance for the evening was the passage of the law increasing the salary of the public examiner to \$1,000 a year and the state standard insurance policy. The usual high scenes were carried out in both houses while waiting for the committees to finish up the work.

**RENTS DUE THE CITY COME IN**

Firms Who Use Public Property Are Slowly but Surely Settling for Same.

The first considerable fruits of the efforts undertaken by Acting Mayor Zimmerman to induce tenants of many years on city property to pay not only rent for the past year, but for all the time the ground was occupied have been realized. After considerable negotiation the Hoagland Lumber company, which has used a piece of city property near the Douglas street bridge for about twenty years, has agreed to pay \$1,000 a year and the state standard insurance policy. The usual high scenes were carried out in both houses while waiting for the committees to finish up the work.

**CELEBRATING REMOVAL.**

The South Omaha high school classes finished their studies in the present high school building yesterday afternoon. A week's vacation has been granted the high school commencing March 8. The high school will occupy the new building, set on March 13. In order to celebrate the removal of the high school some of the students rang the big bell in the tower for about an hour yesterday afternoon. There was a general meeting of the high school classes in the assembly room in the afternoon and remarks were made by the superintendent, the principal some of the teachers and some of the alumni.

**Magic City Gossip.**

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## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Hall Bond Ordinance is Rushed Through the City Council.

CALLS FOR SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

No Site is Mentioned in the Ordinance. This Being Left for Council to Decide in Case Bonds Are Voted.

Instead of following out the program originally outlined for the passage of the ordinance for an issue of bonds for the city hall building, the council met at noon Friday and listened to the reading of the report of the judiciary committee, the second and third readings. The ordinance was passed and the copy was given to the official paper of the city in time to be printed last evening.

At first it was planned to hear the report of the committee as a meeting to be held last night and listen to the second reading of the ordinance. Another called meeting was booked for noon today, when it was expected that the ordinance could be passed and signed. Some of the council held that the second and third readings of the ordinance could be heard at one meeting and Mayor Koutsky directed the clerk to go ahead.

In the ordinance, which provides for the issuing of \$70,000 in bonds for the purchasing of a site and the construction of a city hall building, the mayor is directed to issue such notices and proclamations as may be in accordance with law. These notices and proclamations will call for a vote of the people on the proposition at the election to be held on April 4.

Nothing is said in any of the official documents about a site, so that the people who vote for the bonds will not know where the site is to be until after the council makes a selection. Colonel J. B. Watkins declared most emphatically yesterday that he was not making an effort to sell his property at Twenty-fifth and O streets for city hall purposes. He said that he wanted to see a suitable city building erected here and intended doing what he could for the proposition, but he had no property to sell.

The next thing will be the publication of notices and the proclamation and the arrangements for the election.

**Horse Causes Trouble.**

Some days ago a horse was purchased from Glynn & Smith for fire department service. The first day the animal was worked he appeared to be all right, but it was found that he was too light for fire service and that he was not up to expectations. Chief Garrett appeared before the council at noon yesterday and filed a statement about the animal. Acting upon the advice of the chief a motion was passed directing the city clerk to withhold the warrant ordered drawn in favor of Glynn & Smith for \$175.

When the council had declined to pay for the horse Chief Garrett ordered the animal returned to Glynn & Smith with the statement that the city could not accept the horse, but was willing to pay for the days it had been in service. Mr. Glynn refused to permit the animal to be brought into his stables and the result was that a fireman tied the horse to a post in front of the city hall building and went away.

W. P. Adkins called upon Mr. Glynn during the afternoon and talked the matter over. Mr. Glynn was not inclined to take the horse back and Adkins left after saying that the city would have nothing more to do with the affair, except to pay a fair compensation for the services of the animal while he was in service.

**Quits Railroad Work.**

A. F. Stryker, for some time local live stock agent for the Illinois Central, has resigned his position and is now employed by the Iowa Stock Food company, which has its headquarters at South Omaha. Mr. Stryker is to have charge of the traveling men working in the territory east of the Missouri river. Prior to his going to work for the Illinois Central Mr. Stryker was with the stock yards company.

**Anti-Annexation Meeting Tonight.**

A call is out for a meeting of those opposed to annexation. This meeting is to be held at Workman's hall, those pushing the affair expect a big crowd. A set of resolutions to be presented to the legislature will be read. The petition now in circulation giving the names of those opposed to annexation are filling up with signatures. One feature of these petitions is the list of citizens whether freeholders or not may sign.

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## STANFORD AFFAIR UNSOLVED

Death of Distinguished Woman May Be Due to Acute Indigestion.

POISON FOUND IN MINERAL WATER

All the Servants in Palo Alto Mansion Are Under Observation—Statement Made by a Detective.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Although every effort is being made to solve the mystery of the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford in Honolulu, there was no new developments in the case today. The autopsy in Honolulu has not yet been completed and it has not been proved that death did not result from natural causes. A cablegram from Honolulu quotes that an acute attack of indigestion may have caused the fatal illness of Mrs. Stanford, who, before dying, recalled the previous stories of an attempt on her life and exclaimed that she had been poisoned.

As yet no arrests have been made and the detective engaged in investigating the matter have made no direct accusations, though the various members of the Stanford household are understood to be closely watched.

**Statement of Detective.**

With reference to those suspected by the authorities, Captain Callaghan of a detective agency says today:

"At the present moment we have positively no proof that would hold anyone for the poisoning of Mrs. Stanford. We are not at all sure that the Chinese cook and he is not under greater surveillance than the others in the Stanford household."

We cannot take any action until the report of the autopsy reaches us from Honolulu. It has been learned that W. E. Jackson, head pharmacist at the Stanford hotel, had been given a package of bicarbonate of soda on February 2, Mrs. Stanford and her secretary, Miss Berger, and returned from the Hotel Vendome at San Jose and came directly from the train to the drug store. They were helped from the carriage and entered the store. They purchased several drugs and other articles among them being 10 cents worth of bicarbonate of soda. The package was wrapped in a paper bearing the name of Mrs. Stanford.

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## JAPS NEAR MUKDEN

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mountain, surprising the Russians and meeting with little opposition. The Japanese are ascending near the Wapomans hills, where the Japanese fire is directed. The Japanese casualties in the right army have been very few compared with the results gained.

**Decisive Engagement May Be On.**

GENERAL OKUKA HEADQUARTERS, March 3.—(Via Fusan, March 3.)—There is every evidence that both sides are preparing for what may prove the decisive battle of the war. Probably fully 100,000 men will be ready to move when the battle is joined. The battle must be fought before a general thaw comes. The Japanese troops are in excellent health and spirits. This morning the Japanese opened a terrific bombardment, the entire line using enormous guns. The Russian