

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

BROTHERS GET THE ESTATE

Child of William M. Haskins Held by Court Not to Be the Heir.

ALLEGED COMMON LAW WIFE ALSO CUT OUT

C. Longree Sues Former Clerk of District Court for Failure to Record Transcript of Judgment.

Judge Wheeler yesterday handed down his decision in the matter of the estate of the late William M. Haskins, who was drowned in Lake Manawa last fall. He held that while Ollie Hoider Haskins, according to the evidence, was in all probability the natural daughter of the deceased, she had not been admitted to his estate as his heir.

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MINOR MENTION.

Stocks sell cheaply. Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son. Dr. Woodbury, dentist, 30 Pearl street. Leffert's improved toilet lenses give satisfaction.

Get your pictures and frames at Borchwick's, 211 So. Main St., Tel. 683. Wooding's is Undertaking Co., 206 E. W. Way, successors to Lunkey, Tel. 339.

Special attention given to pictures for wedding gifts. Senders, 43 E. West. Duncan, 23 Main St., guarantees to do the best shoe repair work. Give him a trial. Myrtle Lodge, Degrees. House will hold a public installation of officers July evening.

Dr. Luella S. Dean, homopath, diseases of women and children. Room 2, Brown Bldg. Tel. 500. The health lodge will hold a special meeting this evening for work in the third degree.

Sarah H. Hart, was yesterday appointed by Judge Wheeler guardian of Mrs. Elizabeth Cusworth, her bond being placed at \$200.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans of Garden City, Kan., are in the city called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Evans' brother, John A. Evans, whose body is expected to arrive here Saturday from Atlantic City, N. J.

All members who anticipate going to Denver next month for the meeting of the grand assembly of the local lodge of Eagles to meet with the transportation committee.

The Woman's Relief Corps Aid society will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Pickard at 541 W. 54th St. at 2 p. m. St. John's English Lutheran church, returned home yesterday from his trip to the east in the interest of his church. He will occupy his pulpit again Sunday.

R. B. Wren, the colored restaurateur on Madison street, was indicted yesterday for the murder of William Brennan with intent to do him great bodily injury, was allowed yesterday to enter a plea of guilty to assault and battery and Judge Wheeler sentenced him to thirty days in the county jail.

The city council will meet in adjourned regular session this evening, when City Solicitor Snyder is expected to make his report on the application of the Council Bluffs, Taylor & Southern Electric Railway company to extend its line from six miles in length to construct its line to the Iowa School for the Deaf at this city.

Dr. F. T. Seybert, who was hurt a few days ago in the collision between a motor car and an automobile on Fifth street, was able to be out yesterday with the aid of a cane. Dr. R. B. Tubbs, the otolaryngologist, operated on his ear and he is seriously injured but he is improving, although still confined to his bed.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to J. W. Hatcher, aged 30, and Harriet E. Smith, aged 24, both of Missouri Valley. A. W. Higgs, teacher of physical science in the high school of Boone, Ia., was in the city yesterday and made application for the position made vacant in the high school by the election of Prof. Thomas to that position. The regular meeting of the Board of Education will occur next Tuesday night. The regular meeting of the Board of the city Superintendent Clifford it is doubtful if the vacancies in the high school faculty will be filled at that time.

Probably Expensive Suicide. GRINNELL, Ia., July 13.—(Special.)—Louis Spencer, brother of the late suicide cashier, Henry Spencer, has fallen in Chicago and people are now prone to believe that in the failure of the Chicagoan the cause of the double suicide is explained. In the petition in voluntary bankruptcy, Louis Spencer gives his liabilities as \$87,245.02. His assets are but \$239. Grinnell residents acquainted with the facts say that undoubtedly Charles H. Spencer, the bank president killed in Colorado, was heavily in debt as a result of his son Louis' failure.

Omaha Negro Arrested. SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—William Jones, a negro who says he came here from Omaha, is in jail charged with robbing the home of L. H. Rye at Riverside park and attempting to break in the door of Charles Hill's home and badly frightening Mrs. Hill. On his person was found among other things a pocket watch which Rye identified, but which Jones says he regular in Omaha. Rye's right hand is gone and this assisted in his arrest and identification.

Pelletier Buys Big Building. SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 13.—(Special Telegram.)—F. M. Pelletier has bought from W. H. Claffin & Co., well-known dry goods dealers, the fine new store building in Pierce street between Fourth and Fifth streets, and it is understood he will open a new dry goods store here. The consideration was \$115,000.

Attempts to Wreck Train. GREENE, Ia., July 13.—(Special.)—An attempt to wreck the Rock Island train from the south was frustrated yesterday. Miscreants, supposed to be tramps, fastened a heavy strip of iron across the rails, reinforcing this by a timber tied to the switch. The strip of iron broke when the train struck it at full speed and the cars kept the track.

Toy Pistol Causes Death. CLINTON, Ia., July 13.—(Special.)—From a small wound inflicted by a toy pistol on July 4, Edward Everson, aged 10, died last night of tetanus. The boy suffered horribly before he became unconscious. It was not thought the wound was serious.

Oil Tank Bursts. CENTERVILLE, Ia., July 13.—(Special.)—Two large tanks of the Standard Oil company burst this morning, flooding a portion of the town with 60,000 gallons of kerosene and gasoline. The town is in danger from fire, but police guard the oil flooded portion.

HUMMEL ENTERS A DEMURRER NEW YORK, July 13.—Abraham Hummel, the attorney under indictment on a charge of criminal conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce tangle, will not be permitted to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which returned the indictment. In denying the application for such permission, Judge Davis in the criminal branch of the supreme court today declared that after inspecting the testimony before the grand jury he was convinced that there was evidence to sustain the indictment. "I might say," he added, "that there is evidence to warrant conviction."

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Fifty-Sixth Breaks Camp. The fifty-sixth regiment today broke camp, some of the companies getting off at 8 o'clock in the morning. Tonight the grounds are deserted. The next company in camp is the Fifty-third, from the northern quarter of the state and is commanded by Colonel William G. Dow.

Druggists Are Here. It is estimated tonight that fully 1,000 druggists are in the city attending the state convention which opens today. This forenoon a business session was held at Elks' hall and an organization perfected. The afternoon was spent in athletic sports at Union park and a ball is in full swing this evening in Elks' hall, following a supper and smoker.

State Bar Meets. The state bar meeting in this city and Judge Wakefield of Sioux City made a plea for an international court to prevent war. Judge W. H. McHenry of this city made a plea for a law to punish wife deserters, though the County Attorneys' association refused to endorse the idea. It is believed Judge McKinley of this city will be elected president.

Maxwell Man Dead. James Mingle of Maxwell was found dead at his room at 418 East Locust street this morning.

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Meeting Proposed by President Roosevelt is Welcomed and Program Will Be Considered.

LONDON, July 13.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Robertson asked Premier Balfour whether there has been any further representations in regard to the international conference proposed by President Roosevelt and whether the government was prepared to agree to the president's proposal to include in the subjects for discussion the question of making private property not subject to war free from capture or destruction.

Mr. Balfour replied that the government cordially welcomed the proposal of President Roosevelt, but that Great Britain, in common with other nations, reserved the right of considering what should be submitted to the conference. The premier added that there had not been any further negotiations on the subject.

BRITISH OFFICERS AT PARIS

President Loubet Will Give Reception in Honor of Guests of Nation.

PARIS, July 13.—More than 100 British officers from the visiting squadron at Brest arrived here today and were met by representatives of the minister of marine and a large party of French officers. Rear Admiral May headed the British delegation, while leading French admirals were among those who received the guests, who were shown about the city.

President Loubet will give a reception in honor of the British officers tomorrow. The visit of the British officers to Paris is part of the Anglo-French naval amities which are considered significant in connection with the Moroccan controversy.

MISS ROOSEVELT NOT TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, July 13.—President Roosevelt has declined the invitation extended by the commonwealth government in Melbourne to visit Australia with Secretary Taft and the members of his family, which was accompanied by the assurance that the party would be cordially welcomed by all classes.

FRANCE REDUCES LETTER POSTAGE

PARIS, July 13.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed a bill reducing letter postage from 15 centimes (3 cents) to 10 centimes (2 cents).

LAYS BLAME ON CORPORATIONS

Former Attorney General Beck Talks to Bankers of "Moneyphobia" and its Cause.

FRONTENAC, N. Y., July 13.—At the annual convention of the New York State Bankers' association here today Former Attorney General James M. Beck declared a "moneyphobia" of the country is the cause of the present economic depression, which he said is a growing feeling of social discontent, which finds its chief expression in the indiscriminate abuse of wealth. The agitation, he declared, is not confined to the ignorant, the envious or the malicious. The recent campaign of the times is unmistakably indicated that educated men are disinterestedly considering the phenomena of business in their moral aspects. Their deliverances teem with useful jeremiads at the evil of the times and the decay of morals.

"Primarily at least among the conscientious critics of the times," he continued, "the present discontent is due to a profound dissatisfaction with the code of commercial morality. Abuses of trust have run riot. They are not, as I believe, due to the fact that men are essentially less honest than previous generations, but in part to the intoxication that inevitably marked the most rapid and extraordinary period of commercial expansion that the world has ever known and also to the artificial character of our commercial machinery. The complex subdivision of social office has created confusion and therefore weakening of moral responsibility. The artificial creation of a law—the corporation—with the legal fiction that it is a moral personality, has been a Pandora's box from which infinite good and evil has participated. The surpassing difficulty of adapting this mighty instrumentality of civilization to the moral sense of the age must be apparent. The solution of the problem surpasses all others in importance. Its just solution will require dispassionate consideration, not intemperate agitation."

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Council Meets and Passes Levy of Seven and Three-Fourths Mills.

VOTING MACHINES FOR FALL ELECTION

City Attorney Reports on Twenty-Fourth Street Paving and Ordinance for the Improvement Passed.

The city council met last night in adjourned session, all members being present except Martin, who is in Chicago. Both the levy and appropriation ordinances were taken up and read for the first time. On a valuation of \$21,125,000 the levy calls for 7 3/4 mills. This will bring into the municipal coffers \$163,742. Deducting the usual 10 per cent reserve, there will be available for payment at the commencement of the fiscal year, August 1, \$147,367. The appropriation ordinance shows the amount to be distributed among the various funds. This distribution will be made: General fund, \$38,917; fire, \$19,860; police, \$17,985; library, \$4,828; parks, \$1,666; street repairs, \$4,323; judgments, \$12,674.

There was a marked cutting down in some of the funds as compared with the first estimate of expenses. The charity fund, which was listed for \$1,000, was reduced to \$1,000 and the printing and advertising was cut from \$200 to \$200. In addition to the \$147,000 available for warrants on August 1 there is a balance available of \$40,913 in the treasury. In addition to this balance there is the royalties from the Omaha Gas company and the electric light company, police court collections and revenue to be derived from other sources, such as license money.

This matter of making the levy and the appropriation sheet has been gone over thoroughly and when the members of the council met there was no protest of any kind and the ordinances were read and referred to the judiciary committee.

The matter of voting machines was considered and a committee, composed of Adams, Kiewit and McCraith, will call on the county commissioners today in regard to the purchase of machines.

City Attorney Laubner submitted a report on the remonstrance to the Twenty-fourth street paving. He admitted that the start that 6,000 was needed to prevent the paving. The city attorney's report says: "On the face of the petition about 6,800 feet have been reported. This amount, of course, exceeds the requisite amount by 822 feet. I have personally examined the records and made investigation and after giving the signers of the remonstrance the benefit of a liberal construction of the law I find that the remonstrance is signed by only 6,150 feet frontage, leaving the remonstrators short at least 672 feet. If the known doubts are resolved against the remonstrance and if the strict construction applying to a petition to improve, or to signers on a petition to improve, should be applied, then the remonstrance is short 2,000 feet frontage."

"I therefore advise you that the remonstrance is insufficient in law; that it is not signed by the owners of the majority of the feet frontage on the street proposed to be improved. It does not state the mayor and city council of the city of Omaha, in the premises under and pursuant to said ordinance and you are at liberty to go forward with the improvement."

The council adopted the report of the city attorney without discussion. The Twenty-fourth street paving ordinance was then passed and was signed by the mayor immediately.

An adjourned meeting will be held Friday afternoon to put the levy and appropriation ordinances on second reading.

Buying Voting Machines. It appears to be the plan of the city officials to combine with the county officials in the purchase of voting machines. With this end in view a committee was named last night at the meeting of the council to confer with the county authorities today. It is expected by this committee that the county will agree to purchase three voting machines for South Omaha and that the city will provide five. These machines are to cost \$200 each. South Omaha has now six wards, and with only eight machines in sight the voting precincts will have to be cut from twelve to eight. The heavy voting is done in the First, Second and Sixth wards. This will mean that the voting districts will have to be changed, but there is no possibility of changing the ward lines. With voting machines it is asserted that 90 may vote in a district. This cutting up of the voting precincts will cause the councilmen to do some figuring in order that the voting population may be so regulated as not to interfere with the ward boundaries.

Chicken Thief Arrested. Frank Livingston is in the city jail, charged with petit larceny. He is to be accused of stealing chickens in South Omaha and selling the fowls to butchers across the line. Officer Dan Baldwin of the Omaha police turned him over to the local authorities. Livingston has not a word to say. He refuses to tell where he lives. When arrested he had about three dozen fowls taken from henpencs in South Omaha and vicinity. Detective Eisefelder and Chief Briggs did their best Thursday afternoon to induce Livingston to talk, but he showed fight all the way through.

It was learned that Livingston staked out his old horse and wagon in the low ground east of the African Methodist Episcopal church, and during the night he drove away with the rig. The police are satisfied that Livingston has confederates, but he will not tell. Some of the fowls Livingston had when arrested have been identified. Among the South Omaha people who have lost chickens lately are Dr. Ennor, R. B. Montgomery, W. S. King, H. B. Pienhary, Charles O'Brien and H. Kieper. Livingston's horse and wagon are being cared for at a livery stable, but the entire outfit will visit \$10.

Will Visit Papillon. On Saturday evening, July 15, the Ancient Order of United Workmen will run a special train to Papillon for the purpose of visiting the Papillon lodge. The special train will leave the depot at 11 p. m. There is to be an out-of-door celebration at the grove. Grand Master Workman VanDyke will be the principal speaker. There is to be music and dancing. At 11 p. m. the special will start on its return trip. As the price of tickets is low it is expected a large number of South Omaha Workmen will take the trip.

Advance Agent Arrives. Charles R. Welsh, advance agent for the Parker Carnival company, arrived in the city yesterday and is prepared to boost the Workmen carnival. In order that all members of the Workmen may have an opportunity of making the trip, Mr. Welsh is listening to his talk a special meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges is called for tonight at the temple. Mr. Welsh brought with him printed matter for billboards and window displays. He expects to return here today and is expected to open on July 21. After the meeting tonight steps will be taken to lay out the grounds and arrangements made for the evening.

Under the agreement the Parker company puts a percentage out on the shows and furnishes its own ticket sellers. The Workmen get a percentage and the proceeds will be turned into the temple building fund.

Magic City Gossp. The new addition to Cudahy's soap factory is about completed. Herman Eas, city engineer, has gone to Saline county to visit relatives. Captain Shields of the police department is in Colorado on a fishing expedition. It is understood that the remains of Mrs. J. M. Galtney have taken here from Colorado today.

Dave Callahan has arranged a permit for the construction of a dwelling at Twenty-second and Q streets. Women of the Christian church will hold a food sale at Elter's store, Twenty-fourth and J streets, on Saturday. Harry Heber, a steamfitter, died at 2328 N street yesterday of Bright's disease. James Lyons, an uncle of the deceased, is here from a weaker. He is to look after the funeral arrangements. This evening the Women's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association will hold a social at Highland park. The recently organized Magic City Brass Band will furnish the music.

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Fifty-Sixth Breaks Camp. The fifty-sixth regiment today broke camp, some of the companies getting off at 8 o'clock in the morning. Tonight the grounds are deserted. The next company in camp is the Fifty-third, from the northern quarter of the state and is commanded by Colonel William G. Dow.

Druggists Are Here. It is estimated tonight that fully 1,000 druggists are in the city attending the state convention which opens today. This forenoon a business session was held at Elks' hall and an organization perfected.