NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office 15 Scott Street. Both 'Phones 43.

MINOR MENTION.

Ed Stone, wanted on a "dipso" warrant, was taken into custody last evening by Deputy Sheriff Gallup.

McDonald's sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary for incest has been affirmed by the Iowa supreme court.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon in the club room in the public library building.

J. Simon, 629 Mill street, reported to the police the theft of a gold watch from his house. He said entrance had been gained by the thief by means of a skeleton key.

Mrs. Sarah E. Case of this city has been appointed a district deputy for Pottawattamie county by Mrs. Mary E. Kellogg, state president of the Rebekahs.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, $8 PER MONTH; CENTRAL LOCATION, STEAM HEAT AND ELECTRIC LIGHT FURNISHED, OMAHA BEE, 15 SCOTT ST.

YOU WANT YOUR MONEY'S WORTH WHEN YOU BUY A PIANO. YOU ARE NOT SURE OF THIS UNLESS YOU BUY IT OF A. HOSPE CO., 25 PEARL, 28 SOUTH MAIN ST., COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Henry F. Snider, aged 36, and Ella Nelson, aged 28, both from Albion, Neb. They were married by Rev. Henry De Long.

According to the tax warrant handed to County Treasurer Mitchell yesterday by County Auditor Cheyne the total amount of taxes to be collected in Pottawattamie county during 1908 is $796,352.17.

Ed Bird of Staples, Minn., complained to the police Monday night that two men had "lifted" $19 from him. Captain Schafer investigated the matter and succeeded in securing the return of Bird's cash.

The meeting of the household economics department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club to be held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Towsley, 352 Sherman avenue will be Thursday afternoon instead of this afternoon, as erroneously announced.

E. A. Stevens, editor of the Sliver City Times and secretary of the Western Iowa Editorial association, has written Secretary Reed of the Commercial club that the association will hold its semi-annual meeting in the auditorium of the public library building of this city February 21.

L. C. Wolfe, a member of the editorial staff of the Nonpareil, reported to the police yesterday the theft of his overcoat from the Nonpareil offices Monday night. The theft of an overcoat belonging to one of the students of the High school was also reported.

Building permits were issued yesterday to Peter Weis for two two-story frame cottages on North Second street, to cost $1,200 each and for two one and a half story cottages on Franklin avenue, to cost $1,500 each. A permit was also issued to L. McDaniel for a one-story frame cottage on Fifth avenue and Tenth street, to cost $1,500.

An error in reading the prices quoted gave the contract to Ed McClelland for filling the approaches to the Frank street bridge over Indian creek. McClelland bid 17½ cents per cubic yard in place of 7½ cents, as announced, whereas John Wallace's price was 7¾ cents, and yesterday the mistake was corrected and the contract awarded to Wallace.

William Stonco, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stevent Marksveich, members of the gypsy camp in the western part of the city, died yesterday morning from pneumonia, aged 1 month. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from Cutler's undertaking parlors and burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The receipts in the general fund of the Christian Home for last week were $259.36, being $1,559.33 above the current needs of the week. The balance wipes out the amount needed in the improvement and contingent fund for 1907 and reduces the $25,000 needed for that fund for 1908 to $23,739.23. In the manager's fund the receipts were $164.25, being $129.25 above the needs of the week and reducing the deficiency in this fund to date to $821.94.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

Two Days' Session to Be Held at the Broadway Church.

A missionary institute of the Council Bluffs district of the Methodist church will be held at Broadway church, commencing Monday evening, January 27, and lasting over the following day. The program, which will be carried out under the direction of Dr. A. E. Griffith, presiding elder of the district, will include a number of prominent workers from abroad, besides the pastors of the several churches in the district.

Among those from abroad will be W. E. Doughty of New York, field secretary of the Young People's Missionary department; Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, a missionary from Nagasaki, Japan, and Dr. J. R. Trimble, field secretary of the Kansas division.

The institute will open Monday evening, January 27, when Dr. A. E. Griffith will give a "Foreword." Dr. Trimble will speak on "The Present Missionary Need," and Secretary Doughty will deliver an address on "The Need Made Real by Missionary Study."

The first session Tuesday will be at 8:15 a. m., and will include an address by Dr. Trimble on "The Task Assigned and the Price of Success." Secretary Doughty will speak on "How to Organize and Conduct a Missionary Class." At 10:30 a. m. class work will be commenced and Dr. Doughty will speak on "The Challenge of the City." Dr. E. R. Fulkerson will tell of "The Uplift of China."

At the afternoon session the speakers and their subjects will be: Dr. B. F. Crissman, "God's Missionary Plan for the World;" Secretary Doughty, "How to Secure the Results of Mission Study," Dr. Trimble, "Missions in the Sunday School."

Following the addresses there will be an open conference.

The evening and closing session of the institute will be opened by Dr. Trimble with an address on "Signs Giving Promise of Final Success." Dr. Fulkerson will tell of "The New Orient," and Dr. A. E. Griffith will give a "Closing Message."

Congregational Church Election.

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational church held Monday evening these officers for the ensuing years were elected:

Trustees, for two years, D. W. Keller and W. H. Kilpack; treasurer, E. E. Hart; clerk, C. S. Lawson; deacons, G. H. Brown and K. W. Hazelton; assistant deacons, Geo. Hamilton and Arthur Rapp; prudential committee, Rev. C. B. Rice, N. P. Dodge, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Scott and Dr. N. J. Rice; music committee, L. C. Squire, Mrs. J. H. Keith, Mrs. N. J. Rice, Mrs. Mary Cutler and Sheldon Coon; pastoral committee, Mrs. F. P. Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Nichols, Mrs. L. E. Rose, Mrs. W. F. Case, Mrs. S. S. Henry, Mrs. Oakley Rowe and Mrs. O. O. Smith; the Sunday school officers are: Prof. E. R. Jackson, superintendent; Mrs. C. F. Kimball, assistant superintendent; George Hamilton, second assistant superintendent and treasurer; George Blank, secretary; S. Lysle Pierce, librarian; Miss Mary Hazelton, organist, and Miss Edith Smith, assistant organist.

COMMISSION PLAN TO WAIT

Commercial Club Committee Thinks City Should Not Be in a Hurry.

LEGALITY IS YET TO BE TESTED

Time to Properly Consider Question Too Short Between Now and the Spring Election--No Action Taken on Report.

So far as the Council Bluffs Commercial club is concerned no effort will be made at this time to secure a petition for the submission to the voters of the proposition of adopting the commission form of municipal government. Contrary to expectations the report of the special committee, consisting of Postmaster A. S. Hazelton, V. E. Bender, Mayor Macrae, P. C. DeVol and F. R. Davis, was against taking any action in the matter at the present time, and advised that Council Bluffs wait and see how the plan worked out in Des Moines and other cities which had voted to adopt it.

The report of the committee follows:

Your committee appointed to investigate and report upon the commission form of government for cities, and the advisability of submitting the question of adopting said form of government for the city of Council Bluffs at a time prior to the next municipal election, beg leave to report as follows, to-wit:

First—That your committee has investigated the law creating such commission, enacted by the Thirty-second General assembly, and obtained information as to the origin, operation and practical workings of said plan so far as the limited time allowed would permit, and unanimously approve of the commission form of government of cities, and are of the further opinion that said form of government should be adopted and put into operation in this city as soon as practicable. We believe that this plan embodies the business principles necessary to and commensurate with the growing demands of the progressive and developing American city.

Second—Your committee, however, is not disposed to recommend the adoption of said form of government by the city of Council Bluffs at the present time for the following reasons, to-wit:

Because the work of securing the necessary number of names required on a petition requiring such an election must be prosecuted with the greatest care and accuracy and in strict conformity to the provisions of the law, and we deem the time in which this work must be done as insufficient to its proper performance. Furthermore, as this is essentially a "people's measure," it is desirable that every opportunity be given for intelligent and thorough public discussion, an opportunity which the limited time would not permit. While it may be held by some that all the preliminaries could be encompassed and that the plan could be sufficiently discussed, in the interval between the present and the date of submission, your committee does not feel warranted in approving such a course.

The committee learns that there is pending in the supreme court of this state a suit brought by citizens of Des Moines to test the constitutionality of the law and the action involves other questions regarding the sufficiency and regularity of the petition circulated in that city. While that case has been decided favorably to the proponents of the law in the lower court, it would, in our judgment, be unwise to incur the expense necessary in adopting the system here while the validity of the law, itself, is doubtful.

Expense Involved.

The committee is of the opinion that the ultimate result to the city financially of the management of its affairs by the commission would be to largely reduce operating expenses, yet the immediate result would be an increase to a considerable extent of such expenses, growing out of elections, additional salaries and the various changes which are necessarily involved in the change from the present to the commission system. The present financial condition of the city, and the uncertain prospects of the future are such that the committee does not regard it wise or prudent to enter upon an undertaking at the present time, involving immediate larger expenditures.

That there are serious defects in the present law is admitted by its most ardent advocates. Without doubt these defects will be remedied by subsequent legislation, but we regard them of sufficient importance to warrant further delay.

Two cities in Iowa, to-wit: Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, have already, by vote, adopted this form of government and will, at the coming city election, elect officers thereunder. Sioux City will vote on the proposition on the 21st of January. That many questions must necessarily arise growing out of such radical changes is inevitable. Your committee deems it the conservative course to wait, observe and profit by the experiences of these cities.

While the only action taken by the club on the report was to order it received and placed on file, it was the opinion of those present that the club should not take the initiative at this time in having the proposition submitted to the voters.

There was a large and representative attendance at the meeting and the subject was discussed pro and con with considerable interest. The discussion showed that the commission form of government was not lacking in supporters.

Republicans Preparing for Election.

At the meeting of the republican city central committee held last evening in the office of County Attorney J. J. Hess the features of the new primary law were discussed and preliminary arrangements made for opening the municipal campaign.

As there will be no opposition, it is expected, to the present republican incumbents of the several city offices, the committee decided that the first work it had to do was to secure councilmanic candidates from such wards not already represented in the council by republicans. In the First ward it was announced Joseph Liggett would likely be a candidate, as would C. A. Tibbits in the Second ward. Frank Levine, it was stated, was a possible candidate in the Third ward. The name of William Dawson was mentioned for the Fourth ward, and a committee will wait on him. Peter Smith, being a candidate for renomination in the Fifth and Walter M. Hendrix for renomination in the Sixth ward, the committee will not have to seek candidates in those wards.

G. H. Scott, former judge of the superior court, has informed his friends that he intends to be a candidate for city solicitor on the republican ticket.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas McCaffery formally announced yesterday his candidacy for the republican nomination for sheriff.

Freeman L. Reed, Elmer E. Smith and James W. Mitchell were appointed a subcommittee to wait upon prospective candidates, and J. P. Greenshields, E. H. Lougee and Ed Canning were appointed a finance committee.

MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT

First Jury Trial of Term Will Be that of Marion Hedgepeth.

Judge Thornell, in district court, yesterday made an additional equity assignment, also an assignment of criminal and law cases. The first jury trial will be that of Marion Hedgepeth, the Missouri paroled convict charged with blowing the safe in the office of the Council Bluffs Transfer and Stove Storage company. This is the second trial. On the first trial Hedgepeth was found guilty, but was granted a new trial on a technicality.

The second case set for trial is that of Roy W. Stevens, who was found guilty of criminal assault on 11-year-old Christina Christensen, but secured a new trial, also on a technicality. It is stated that local attorneys are no longer in this case, but that the defense at this trial will be conducted by attorneys from Lincoln, Neb.

This is the additional equity assignment:

Tuesday, January 21—Wells against County Treasurer; Ouren against County Treasurer.

Wednesday, January 22—Barker against Talbott; Siedentopf against Keller et al.; Hays against Hays.

Thursday, January 23—City against Chicago Great Western Railway Company; City against Mason City & Fort Dodge Railroad Company.

Friday, January 24—Western Implement Manufacturing Company against Union Transfer Company et al.; Swanson Manufacturing Company against Union Transfer Company et al.

The criminal and law assignment is as follows:

January 27—State against Hedgepeth et al.; State against Stevens.

January 28—City against Stevenson; State against Fricke et al.

January 29—Benjamin against Fogarty Estate; Gundram against Randlett.

January 30.—Kineer against Patten; Monarch Manufacturing Company against City; Ouren against County Treasurer.

January 31—Rainbolt against Torbitt; Partridge Lumber Company against Blummer Manufacturing Company; McCarville against Wabash Railroad Company.

February 1—Van Dorn against S. O. Seed Company; Lyons Bros. against Marmonson.

February 3—Vien, Administrator, against Illinois Central Railway Company; Sorenson against Wabash Railway Company; Droge Bros. against Goldsp; Droge Bros. against Giese; Droge Bros. against McMullen; Droge Bros. against McMullen.

Febuary 4—Kennedy against Chicago, Rock Island & St. Paul, special; Williams against C. C. C.; Hapgoods against Chase.

February 5—Roth against Modern Woodmen of America; Milledgh against Street Railway Company; Anheuser Busch Brewing Company against Warehouse Construction Company.

February 6—S-McK. Real Estate Company against Langer; Swanson against Skelton; Hess, Trustee, against Anchor Fire Insurance Company.

February 7—Jefferis against Chicago & Northwestern; Kron against National Bank of Commerce; Barker against Talbott.

February 8—Boylen against Hannan.

February 10—Webster against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, special; Cramer against Chicago Great Western.

February 11—Saltzman against Grain Shippers' Association; McVey against Edstron; Jones against Sexey.

February 12—Pettersen against Street Railway Company; Penn, Administrator, against Scheffler.

February 13—McCarel, Trustee, against Travelers' Insurance Company.

February 14—Davis against Dobson; Blatz Brewing Company against Dobson; Dobson against Canning, Sheriff.

February 15—Boyle against Fogarty Estate; Harris against Fogarty Estate.

The case of the state against Joe Rock and Harry Haskell was dismissed yesterday on motion of the county attorney for lack of evidence to convict.

M. L. Marks began suit against the Illinois Central Railroad company in which he asks damages in the amount of $1,995 for loss in shipment of horses from Memphis, Tenn., to Council Bluffs. The plaintiff alleges that he shipped a carload of horses from Memphis to St. Louis with the understanding that if the animals were not sold there they were then to be shipped to Council Bluffs. The railroad company, it is alleged, failed to send the shipment to St. Louis, but brought it to Council Bluffs by a roundabout route. Two horses were killed as the result of the car jumping the track and others injured.

Assessors for Schedule.

The assessors of Pottawattamie county met yesterday at the court house to talk over the assessment for 1908 and fix a schedule of assessments on certain classes of stock, etc. The meeting is required by law.

Paul Beezley of Center township presided and Titus Fehr of James township acted as secretary. James Coons of Macedonia, C. E. Springer of Silver Creek and John Schmidt of Layton were appointed a committee to name a schedule of assessments. These valuations were decided upon:

One-year-old colts, $36; 2-year-old colts, $48; 1-year-old heifers, $12; 2-year-old heifers, $16; cows, $20; 1-year-old steers, $16; 2-year-old steers, $24; 3-year-old steers, $32; cattle in feeding, 3½ cents; swine, 3½ cents.

Horses, 3 years old and over, sheep, bulls, goats and vehicles to be assessed at the discretion of the assessor.

Old corn to be assessed at 30 cents a bushel; new corn bought by feeders in hand January 1, to be assessed at 30 cents.

This year the assessors do not have to place a new valuation on real property, but only have to assess personal property.

Moses Draper Found Dead.

Moses Davidson Draper, aged 62, was found dead in bed at his home, 1923 Avenue E, by his daughter, Florence, who kept house for him, when she went to call him for breakfast yesterday morning. Indications were that death had occurred about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. While not thought to be seriously ill, Mr. Draper had not been in robust health recently. He retired as usual Monday night after partaking of a hearty supper. Coroner Treynor, who was called, assigned heart failure as the cause of death and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

He is survived by one son, James W. Draper, of 1710 Avenue F, this city, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Fisher of Pleasantville, Ia.; Mrs. E. M. Klotz of Pacific Junction, Ia.; Miss Florence Draper, who kept house for her father, and Miss Bertha Draper, who at present is working in the country.

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Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee, January 14, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Harry L. Robertson and wife to Hattie West, et al., w½ ne¼ of 5-75-44, q. c. d. $5,013

Anna J. Payton and husband to L. W. Glidden, part of lots 3 and 4, Aud's subd. of lot 1, Aud's subd. of ne¼ se¼ of 30-75-43, w. d. 2,200

J. L. Bunker and wife to Jens Larsen, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in block 23 in town of Walnut, Ia., w. d. 700

A. P. Brown, et al., to Ann Hildebrand, e½ nw¼ se¼, 10-76-40, q. c. d. 1

A. P. Brown, et al., to Clarissa C. Beatty, w½ nw¼ se¼ of 10-76-40, q. c. d. 1

Five transfers; total $8,015

Fast Train Strikes Two Men.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Two young men, Frank Prime of Osceola and W. T. Carson of New Virginia, were struck by fast mail train No. 8 about midnight Saturday night, near the Osceola depot, and Prime was instantly killed. Carson had a leg broken and suffered internal injuries, but he may recover. Both men are farmers, about 21 years of age, and both were unmarried.

CASH IS LOW IN TREASURY

Legislature Overdraws the Funds Available for Payment of Bills.

BOUSQUET FOR COURT CLERK

Senator John L. Bleakley of Ida Grove Announces Himself as a Candidate for State Auditor on Republican Ticket.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The state treasury of Iowa will be out of money inside of a month, at least by the last of February, and if the bills due January 1 were presented today the treasury would be emptied. The explanation is that the legislature has continued for some sessions back to make appropriations that were greater than the income of the state. While the balances at the end of each quarter in the state treasury have fluctuated somewhat the tendency has been to grow less. There was on December 31, 1907, $169,000 in the state treasury. There was due the State university, State normal and State Agricultural college on January 1 a total of $147,000, and the monthly salary list of the state is $40,000 and the monthly support fund to the state institutions is about $125,000. The total is $312,000. There will be some receipts to the state treasury, but not such that the balance will hold out more than a month or two and the receipts from state taxes will not begin to reach the state treasury from the county treasurers till some time in April and May.

For a good many sessions the legislature has been overdrawing its account. During the seven years that Governor Cummins has been in the executive chair he has not at any time recommended a direct expenditure of money for a specific purpose, but each of the sessions he has called the attention of the legislature to the amount that was available for special appropriations. The legislature has ignored this almost always and at the last session, though the governor called attention to the fact that there was but about $800,000 available for appropriations, the legislature made appropriations amounting to a total of about $1,200,000. The amount available for special appropriations was about $600,000, but the legislature appropriated about $700,000.

Under the law in this state when a warrant is presented and there is no money to pay it, it is stamped "not paid for lack of funds," and it draws interest from that date. The state treasurer has nothing whatever to do with preserving a balance in the treasury and no other state official has any authority in the matter. The legislature makes the appropriations and is solely responsible. It has had the information on which to work, but has disregarded it. It is probable that the treasury will be out of money only till the taxes begin to come in in April and another session of the legislature will convene before the funds will run low again. State officials have been aware of conditions all along.

Bousquet is Clerk.

When the supreme court met today it accepted the resignation of John Crockett as clerk of the supreme court and elected Henry Bousquet of Knoxville, the present deputy, to be clerk. Colonel Bousquet is a veteran of the civil war. He appointed Thomas Grubb, filing clerk under Crockett, to be deputy clerk, and appointed Chris T. Jones, who preceded Mr. Crockett as clerk, to be filing clerk.

The court today advanced the suit involving the constitutionality of the commission plan of government for Iowa municipalities and the arguments on the case will be heard about Tuesday of next week. It is expected that an opinion of the court can be had by the February term. This will be only a short time before the city primaries are to be held under the plan.

The court today handed down the following opinions:

State against Andrew Smith; Monroe district; murder in the second degree; affirmed.

State against L. A. McDonald; Pottawattamie; incest; affirmed.

Fred L. Bowe, appellant, against Ada M. Frink and Nathan Frink; Linn district; suit over cement sidewalk; affirmed.

J. O. Glass et al., proponents, against Jasper D. Glass et al., contestants; Linn district; will case; affirmed.

Theo Munnier, appellant, against A. E. Zachary; Linn district; suit over removal of property from leased land; affirmed.

State against Nick Blackburn, appellant; Marshall district; statutory offense; reversed.

Empire Real Estate company, appellant, against N. K. Bechley; Linn district; suit to quiet title; reversed.

Bleakley for Auditor.

Senator John L. Bleakley of Ida Grove will be a candidate for state auditor. This information reached Des Moines today, and it is understood that his formal announcement will be made in the Ida Grove Pioneer on Thursday of this week. Senator Bleakley was a member of the insurance commission which conducted an investigation of the insurance business during the summer of 1906, and at the session of the legislature in 1907 presented most of the insurance laws that were enacted at that time. He probably will be the only Eleventh district candidate for a state office.

Larrabee Will Not Serve.

Ex-Governor William Larrabee will not act as chairman of the big temperance meeting that will be held in this city the last of this month. His refusal is due to his age and ill health. It is possible that Judge Weaver of the supreme court will act in that capacity.

Eighteen Candidates.

There are eighteen candidates for the position of director of the Iowa State Traveling Men's association, which meets in this city Saturday. There are five vacancies to be filled. The men whose terms expire are: J. A. Gunn, E. J. Concannon, W. A. Tucker, T. M. Langan and A. E. Cobb, and all with the exception of Cobb are candidates for re-election. The other candidates are: E. C. Evans, Walter St. John, Meyer S. Cohen, John A. Blanchard, E. W. Brown, James Bowie, Fred S. McCord, H. H. Smith, W. A. Gray, T. B. Cookerly, C. R. Moorehouse, O. K. Palmer, Ed Scott and Al Thomas.

Parker May Resign.

Major George M. Parker of the Fifty-sixth regiment, Iowa National Guard, may resign. He returned today from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has spent four weeks for his health. He preferred charges against Colonel Chantland of the same regiment some time ago, but the governor refused to allow them to come to trial. Parker said today that he could not force the charges, but that he might resign as major.

Interurban Retrenches.

The Interurban has announced that it will retrench on the service on the Colfax, Perry and Woodward lines, beginning January 20. There will be a reduction in the number of trains one-half, two coaches being run on each train instead of one. The schedules will be announced later.

Episcopalians Here.

Episcopal dignitaries from all over this portion of the country are arriving in the city to attend the convention of that church, which convenes Wednesday morning. Ten bishops of the church will be in attendance here. Deans of all the large cathedrals of the middle west will be here. Among those who will attend are: Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Clark of Detroit, Rev. Marmaduke Haire of Davenport, Dean Rev. Bode of Laramie, Wyo.; Rev. Owen F. Jones of Bismarck, N. D.; Rev. Theodore Sedgwick of Minneapolis, and Rev. Carroll W. Davis, dean of the cathedral at St. Louis, Mo.

These dignitaries will be the guests of some of the leading men of the city during the convention. Rev. Davis will conduct the service at St. Paul's church Sunday morning, January 19.

Suicide of Frank Farrell.

BOONE, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The dead body of the late Frank Farrel, was found under the ice of the Des Moines river Monday afternoon shortly before four o'clock where he had committed suicide early in the morning. Farrell was a prominent and wealthy Marcy township farmer, and had often made threats of suicide. He arose Monday morning and after bidding his wife farewell, started off toward the river. She asked him where he was going and he replied that he would return later. She started to follow him, but he, seeing this, slipped away through the woods and made his get-away. Mrs. Farrell notified the neighbors, and many of the farmers of the township gathered to search for the man. Farrell had jumped in an air hole and his body went down the river about thirty yards and lodged there.

He had often made threats of committing suicide, but his family concluded it was only the idle talk of an unbalanced mind, and that he would eventually recover from the illness. He was respected among the farmers and in the city.

Court's Charge to Grand Jury.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Judge R. M. Wright of this city yesterday, in his charge to the grand jury which will sit during the January term of district court here, came out strongly in his denunciation of the liquor men who violate the laws.

Within the last few weeks one saloon has closed voluntarily, since the proprietor was proved to have sold liquor to a man on the black list, and also on Sunday. The first case before the grand jury at this term of court was that of Jody Bowers against Colby Bros. It resulted in the closing of the defendants' saloon by a permanent injunction. Evidence, it is said, that certain saloon men were not entirely law-abiding called for the charge to the jury. In his charge Judge Wright also denounced slot machines, declaring them to be the educators of a nation into gamblers.

Iowa News Notes.

CRESTON—The Mutual Telephone company has just completed a toll line from here to Bedford entirely of copper.

MARSHALLTOWN—The home and all its contents of Frank McDonald, living five miles east of the city, was destroyed by fire while the family was away from home last night. The loss on the house and household furniture is $1,900. No insurance.

MARSHALLTOWN—While warming the Gilman theater this afternoon for an entertainment to be given this evening the floor under the large stove used in the audience section of the house caught fire. Before the blaze was discovered and could be put out a hole had been burned in the floor, through which the stove fell to the basement below.

ATLANTIC—Gerald Butler, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Butler, near Buck Creek church, while riding a horse in the pasture met with an accident that broke his leg above the ankle and crushed several bones in the top of his foot. The horse he was riding fell with him, throwing the entire weight of its body on his left leg, with the above result.

ATLANTIC—Sunday was the anniversary of the Young Men's Christian association here and an interesting program was rendered in the afternoon and evening. Dean Charles F. Fordyce of the Nebraska Wesleyan university delivered two very eloquent and scholarly addresses and a fund of $500 for support of the local association during the coming year was raised in about twenty minutes.

ATLANTIC—As evidence of the high price still maintained by Cass county land the recent deal of W. J. Tobias is cited. Mr. Tobias sold his farm in Pymosa township for $115 per acre and instead of looking for cheap land in other states he at once purchased the August Seaman land near town for $175 per acre. Real estate deals are becoming numerous in Cass county now and the average price of farm land is right close to $100 per acre.

TIPTON—Having been brakeman for forty years on the Tipton branch of the Chicago & Northwestern, George Orton of this place died as the result of running a tiny splinter in his finger. Blood poison resulted from the injury. Orton was about 58 years of age. He began to work when a mere boy and for forty years has been making three trips a day over the nine miles lying between Tipton and the main line of the road. During all this time he has never had a vacation, with the exception of three or four days.

MARSHALLTOWN—News reached this city today of the suicide by drowning in Long Island sound of Rev. A. J. Wheeler, formerly of this city and Concord, N. H., who while a resident here spent many months in jail after fleecing Mrs. Caroline Strain, an aged LeGrand woman, out of $1,000 and smaller sums from other LeGrand people. Rev. Mr. Wheeler ended his life by leaping from the steamer Hartford on Long Island sound at a point near Essex, Conn. He declared "the devil of debt" was hounding him in a letter he left.

CRESTON—Deputy United States Marshall Wesley Bryant, who accompanied the federal prisoners from this place to Leavenworth, says the contrast between the men was very marked, Lane, the passer of counterfeit money, taking the matter very coolly, and upon arriving there almost the first thing that attracted the deputy's attention was the familiarity Lane displayed with the institution. This was soon accounted for when it was learned he had "done time" there on former occasions. Charles Munson, who was sentenced for six years for postoffice robbery, was not quite so hardened and the deputy states that he wept and sobbed nearly all the journey to that place. Munson is the man who discovered the suicide, J. C. Caine, in the Polk county jail, as Munson was a cell mate at that time in the jail there.

TAFT SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA

Secretary Addresses the Ohio Society in the City of Brotherly Love.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Secretary Taft of the War department was the chief guest of the Ohio Society of Philadelphia at its banquet held here tonight. Secretary Taft was met at West Philadelphia station on the Pennsylvania railroad by Charles D. Barney, retiring president of the Ohio society, and William S. Taylor, the newly elected president.

A feature of the affair was the decorations, every design having conspicuous in its make-up the "Buckeye." At each plate, instead of the usual guest card, was a hatpin with a buckeye for a head, on which was painted the Ohio coat of arms. Attached to the pin was a small flag of the state, on the reverse side of which was the name of the guest. When Secretary Taft arose to speak, he was greeted with a song in which he was referred to as the "only one."

In reply to this he said: "It seems to be a mighty poor society occasion of this sort when you do not nominate someone for the presidency, so when we are through, I'd like to take a little paper and sign it 'value received.'"

He described Ohio as the typical American state, referred to the place its sons have held in the history of the country and then talked on the relations of this country with China and Japan. The Japanese, he said, do not desire war with us, nor do we with them.

The question of the open door in China, he declared, was the important one to us. The United States, the secretary said, was second only to England in its commercial relations with China, figures falling to show the true conditions, because American goods entering China were compelled to pass through Hong Kong, a port controlled by England.

The sending of the American fleet to the Pacific, the speaker insisted, had no warlike significance. But the effect, as viewed from the oriental standpoint, was most wholesome, since the orientals reason through their eyes, and the material evidence of the government warships in the Pacific settled the talk of war in the Philippines.

CANAL WORK BEING RUSHED

Colonel Goethals Informs House Committee He is Satisfied with Progress Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—With a view to eliciting at first hand all possible information regarding the organization of the Panama canal construction and the rate of progress being made the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today had before it Colonel Goethals, United States Army, chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission and chief engineer of construction.

Colonel Goethals was questioned at length concerning the Gatun dam, but said that a definite method of construction had not been adopted. After a recent visit to the Wachusett dam, he said, the commission would not attempt to duplicate that dam. The work of building the canal, Colonel Goethals said, was progressing more satisfactorily than he had expected. The rainy season had interfered with the transportation and with other works. The tracks sink and get out of level, causing derailments of trains, but these difficulties, he anticipated, would be reduced. During all heavy showers work is suspended.

Colonel Goethals said he thought the excavation of Culebra cut would be completed in the next four or five years. Steam shovels and trains are diminished as the cut gets deeper and he believed the maximum installation in this regard had been reached.

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