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COME AND SEE OUR 1908 WALL PAPER. H. BORWICK, 211 S. MAIN.

Mrs. Frank Owens is in the Mercy hospital where she underwent a serious operation Monday.

L. Beers Rohrer arrived from Iowa City yesterday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Armour.

Annual 20% discount sale on picture mouldings this week at Alexander's, 333 B'way. Don't miss it.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Elmer H. Burns, aged 24 and Blanch Byrd, aged 24, both of Atlantic, Ia.

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Secretary F. D. Empkie has called the annual meeting of the Council Bluffs Rowing association for next Monday night at the Grand hotel instead of for Tuesday night as previously announced.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Christian temperance union this afternoon, Miss Josie Wilson will speak on "Law Enforcement," and Mrs. Hagerty and Mrs. Wills will lead the discussion. Mrs. Ella Sweet will conduct the devotional exercises.

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian church will meet Thursday evening at the church to consider the matter of extending a call to one of the ministers who supplied the pulpit as candidates for the pastorate since the departure of Rev. Grant B. Wilder.

The funeral of Peter Carlson, who died in the city jail a few days ago, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Cutler's undertaking rooms and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Failing to hear from any relatives of the deceased Contractor O'Connor of Glenwood, for whom Carlson had worked for several years, arranged for the funeral through his local representative, P. B. Sullivan.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma Armour will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rohrer, 229 Vine street and burial will be in Fairview cemetery. The services will be conducted by J. Allen Barris and Miss Miles, readers of the First Church of Christ, scientist, of which deceased was a member. The following have been selected as pallbearers, H. W. Binder, Emmet Tinley, Fred Johnson, W. D. Hardin, Thomas E. Cavin and C. A. Laubach.

Mrs. Peter Hartwig, who conducts a restaurant on Bryant street, complained to the police yesterday afternoon that she had given an employe known to her only as Maurice or Morris, but whether it was his Christian or surname she did not know, $20 to purchase some meat with and that the fellow had not returned with the meat or the change. At the Metropolitan hotel where the man roomed, the police learned he was known as Morris, but beyond that could secure no information about him.

John W. Overton has brought suit against the street railway company for $7,240 for the loss of the services of his wife, Anna Overton, who was injured October 7, last, by being thrown from a street car while alighting as the result of stepping on a piece of banana skin which had been dropped on the rear platform of the car by a passenger. The plaintiff alleges that owing to his wife's accident he was compelled to abandon his work and attend to the management of the boarding house which they conducted. Mrs. Overton brought suit some time ago against the street railway company for damages.

BENEFIT FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Elks' Minstrels Play to Standing Room Crowd.

The "Colossal Minstrel Show," given at the New theater last night under the auspices of Council Bluffs lodge of Elks for the benefit of the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital, was well worth the price of admission. If the expenses were not too high the hospital ought to derive a neat sum from the entertainment, for it was well patronized. Every seat in the parquet and balcony was occupied and standing room was at a premium.

Victor E. Bender in the opening olio held the post of distinction and performed the part of interlocutor with such ease that some of his friends are inclined to the opinion that at one time of his career he must have been in the minstrel business. Carl Reiter assisted and it is somewhat superfluous to mention that he was a prominent feature of the entertainment.

Those taking part in the show were:

Manipulators of the Ebony—E. L. Douglas, Perry Badolet, Charles M. Scanlan, Tom Green, Alex. Van Praag.

Wielders of the Sheepskin—Joe Smith, E. L. Duquette, Frank True, J. B. Long, Hal Thompson.

The Chirping Contingency—Dr. Claude Lewis, J. R. Gerke, W. S. Rigdon, C. S. Haverstock, J. P. Mulqueen, C. W. Kolker, Milo O. Smith, Guy Palmer, Harry Westegard, Thomas Metcalf, Dr. T. P. Lacy, Dr. Rickenbach, Zenophin Kynett, George Wickham, Charles Beno, J. D. Evans, Charles Sales, F. C. DeVol, L. H. Culver, Frank C. Riker, Herbert Tinley, George Hamilton, C. F. Brann, W. W. Wilson, P. J. McBride, Robert Wallace, Dr. Don McRea, Mr. Empkie, Dr. R. B. Tubbs, J. F. Wilcox, T. N. Peterson, A. E. Hunter, Charles Paschel, T. A. Balker, V. E. Bender, Will Schnorr, George H. Mayne, J. J. Hess, Dr. Poston, Tom Maloney, G. F. Martin, Alex. Bengston, Elmer Minnick.

At noon the "minstrels," attired in plug hats, frock coats and carrying canes and preceded by a brass band, paraded the town, just the same as if they were the real thing. They attracted considerable attention along the line of march and they probably feel satisfied that the parade helped more or less to swell the box office receipts.

Matters in District Court.

Vic Dale, who was jointly indicted with J. M. Williams and Goldie Kirk on the charge of stealing a bracelet and ring from a Council Bluffs jewelry store, entered a plea of guilty in district court yesterday and was sentenced by Judge Thornell to an indeterminate term in the Anamosa penitentiary. In passing sentence the court advised young Dale of what his conduct should be at the reformatory to assure him early release by the Board of Parole. Dale, Williams and the young woman were arrested in Omaha, where the stolen jewelry was recovered. Williams pleads not guilty and claims that he was in Lincoln at the time the jewelry was stolen.

Deputy Sheriff Groneweg received word yesterday morning from the office of Governor Cummins that the requisition papers for Leon Lozier, under arrest in Denver, Colo., had been granted, notwithstanding the objections filed by Lozier's attorneys. The papers have been sent to Sheriff Canning, who is in Denver, and he probably will arrive here with Lozier tonight or Thursday morning.

MINISTERS TO TAKE A HAND

Propose to Make All Candidates Go on Record With Written Pledges.

FIGHT AGAINST ALL WHO REFUSE

Members of Association, However, Are Not Unanimous on the Proposal to Enter the Political Field.

The Ministerial association of Council Bluffs, it is announced, intends to take an active part in the city campaign. Between this and next Monday, at which time the association will hold its regular weekly session, candidates for municipal offices may expect to be called upon by committees from the church pastors. The candidates, according to the plan of the ministers, will find themselves called upon to tell the pastors exactly where they stand as to law enforcement.

Should any candidate, it is stated, decline to accede to the demand of the committee which calls upon him and pledge himself to do all in his power to enforce the laws governing the saloons, gambling houses and other resorts, he is to be repudiated and blacklisted by the Ministerial association. Further than this, it is said, that the Ministerial association will use all the influence at its command to bring about the defeat of any candidate who refuses to give such a pledge.

In the case of the several candidates for mayor, it is the intention of the Ministeral association, as announced, to require such candidates to give their pledge in writing, so that should any one of the mayoralty candidates try to "gig back" at any time he can be confronted and brought to time without the document.

The committees appointed to "interview" the candidates are to report at the meeting of the association next Monday morning. The ministers, however, have not as yet decided whether the reports of the committees will be made public or not.

As to the association making public any of its work or proceedings, Rev. J. M. Williams, pastor of Broadway Methodist church, one of the most active members of the organization, said yesterday: "The press committee has the right to give out what it pleases to whom it pleases. At present, Rev. Charles Mayne, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, the president of the association, is the press committee."

Rev. O. O. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational church, in reply to a question as to the policy of the association making public its proceedings through the press, said: "Well, we have been rather disorganized as an association for some weeks, but we have an election of officers in another week and other business will be attended to. I think the press will be taken care of in the future in an impartial manner."

It is no secret that not all the members of the Ministerial association are in favor of the association taking an active part as an organization in politics. At the same time they feel that any individual member is at liberty to do as he deems best.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Member Killpack Questions Legality of Appropriation.

At the monthly session of the Board of Education last night, Member Killpack questioned the legality of the action of the board in allowing Superintendent Clifford his traveling expenses to and from Washington, D. C., where he will attend the annual meeting of the National Teachers' association, which will be held the last week of this month.

When the motion to allow Mr. Clifford two weeks leave to attend this meeting and visit schools in the east, Mr. Killpack asked if that included the payment of the superintendent's expenses, as if it did it was illegal, he said. The motion to grant the leave of absence was put first and received the entire vote of the board, but when the matter of allowing Mr. Clifford his traveling expenses was brought up, Mr. Killpack voted against it.

President Tinley expressed his opinion that the action of the board was legal.

Mr. Killpack's vote was the only one against the allowing of the traveling expenses, but before allowing the matter to drop, he intimated that possibly he would test the legality of the action of the board in the courts, as he said, "I would ask the secretary how soon he expects to issue the warant to Mr. Clifford. I may see fit to test the legality of this action in court." Secretary Ross assured Mr. Killpack that the warrant would not be issued until the voucher had been approved by the board.

A committee of citizens from the western part of the city, headed by Councilman Hendrix, who acted as spokesman, appeared before the board with a request that the new school for that section of the city, for which at the last school election $15,000 was voted, be built as soon as possible, and that it be located between Thirteenth and Eighteenth streets, either on Avenue F or Avenue G. The board assured the committee that the school would be built and ready for occupancy by the new school year, which opens in September, but that the exact location had not been decided upon. The board also assured the committee that it would give its request as to location full consideration.

In connection with the same matter a communication from Former Mayor M. F. Rohrer was read. At the time a school was asked for in this section of the city Mr. Rohrer offered to donate a site provided the school was named the M. F. Rohrer school. In his letter to the board Mr. Rohrer said he was still willing to abide by his promise and offered five lots between Avenues B and C and Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. He suggested, however, that the school be named "The John Beach Beers School," after the father of Mrs. Rohrer, who was a pioneer resident and the first wholesale grocer of Council Bluffs. Mr. Rohrer's offer was referred to the committee having the matter of the site in charge.

The contract for razing the old high school building was awarded to Nels Jensen on his bid of $719. Other bidders were: J. B. Street, $5,500; T. H. Schmidt, $3,136; Hollenbeck brothers company, $1,785; Price Gibson, $2,000; H. H. Finch, $1,288; Lile Pennell, $1,058. Under the contract all brick must be cleaned and piled up on the grounds, all nails removed from lumber as far as possible and the lumber assorted and neatly stacked. The building is to be torn down to the foundations.

A petition signed by 100 residents of that neighborhood asked that a two-room addition be built to the North Eighth street school. The petition was referred to the committee of the whole.

The resignations of Miss Hattie Ross of the Washington avenue teaching force and Miss Mary Hunter of the Avenue B school were received and accepted. New teachers elected were: Miss Elizabth White, Council Bluffs, salary $40; Miss Grace Griffith, Council Bluffs, salary $45; Miss Lida Voorhees, Council Bluffs, salary $50, Miss Edith Rist, Glenwood, salary $50.

Superintendent Clifford's statistical report for the six weeks of school ending January 24 follows:

Entire enrollment, boys, 2,750; girls, 2,861; total, 5611. Monthy enrollment, boys, 2,594; girls, 2,705; total, 5,299. Average daily attendance, 4,824.75. Per cent of attendance, 95.79! Number cases of tardiness, 367. Number neither absent nor tardy, 2,578.

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Cass County for Allison.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Politics has begun to liven up in this place. County candidates are now circulating their petitions for nominations under the new primary law, but as yet there has been no opposition developed to John W. Scott for representative. The only contest now apparent is for the office of clerk of the courts, where Lawrence Forsythe, present deputy clerk and George E. Pennell, an expert accountant in the employ of the state, are active candidates. There is rumor of a warm fight for county attorney and recorder and county superintendent, but none have yet publicly announced themselves for the position, though there are several for each place quietly working among their friends. There will probably be no opposition to Auditor Herbert and Sheriff Duval, as they are serving their first terms. The primary election promises to create much enthusiasm and bring out a large vote. The sentiment of the county on the question of United States senator seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of Allison.

Rivalry for Interurban Lines.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—There seems to be a spirited rivalry over stock subscriptions to interurbans in northwest Iowa and the two proposed lines are being heartily welcomed by both country and town with substantial stock subscriptions. The Sioux City-Spirit Lake line has been welcomed to Hospers and Hartley the last week, the former town subscribing $8,000 in stock and the latter $5,000. The Ft. Dodge-Spirit Lake line is equally as fortunate and at Emmetsburg and other points on the line, liberal subscriptions of stock and right-of-way donations have been made the proposed line.

Retrenchment of Railroads.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The "retrenchment and reform" policy of the railroads in Iowa is not confined wholly to the reduction in train service, the abolition of station agents, etc. On the Milwaukee road in northern Iowa the section hands are made to feel the "saving" policy of the big corporation and the wages of these workmen have been reduced to $1.12 per day, a basis of living a little above the bare necessities of life at the prevailing high prices for food and wearing apparel.

New Bridge at Clinton.

CLINTON, Ia., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—This morning the Chicago & Northwestern commenced iron work on the new three-track bridge over the Mississippi. Iron for one span, the 200-foot channel span between Willow Island and the Illinois shore, has arrived, it requiring three trains to transport the iron for a single span of the new bridge, so heavy and substantial is the material which will be used in the new structure. The Clinton bridge will be the heaviest on the Mississippi river.

Printing Office Burned.

LEMARS, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire broke out in the office of the Lemars Printing company this afternoon, causing a loss of $25,000. The Lemars Printing company's loss is $15,000, with $8,000 insurance. J. C. Gillespie, owner of the Sentinel, places his loss at $4,000, with $2,000 insurance. The loss on building is $5,000. Both firms will secure other buildings and re-engage in business immediately.

Iowa News Notes.

CRESTON—S. Swenbank, a Crawford, Neb., man, who has been here for some time visiting, leaves for his home tonight, taking with him eleven imported horses purchased here.

OTTUMWA—Josie Woods, aged 24 years, was found in the snow two miles from home with her hands and feet badly frozen. She is in a dangerous condition and may not live.

CRESTON—A report comes from Ottumwa that the rumor is current there, that the Burlington road is planning to still farther reduce its operating expenses by reducing the rank of its high salaried employes in the near future.

CRESTON—A sale of mules held here last Saturday was said to be the finest lot of animals ever brough into the sale ring at this place. The herd numbered twenty-four head and all were sold, fancy prices prevailing—all the way from $225 to $300 per head. Prominent stockmen were in attendance from all over the country. The animals were brought here from Bedford.

CRESTON—County Superintendent F. M. Abbott went to Des Moines today, where he is on a committee with five other prominent state educators of the State Reading Circle board, to devise plans for a systematic course of reading for the teachers of the state by recommending the books to be read the coming year. A business manager is also to be appointed to this committee.

CRESTON—At a meeting of the city council last night, that body pledged its support to the promoters of the district fair and voted to extend to the association the exclusive control of the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city during the dates of the fair that the association might be able to furnish proper entertainment and to control all hack and vehicle service and that the association receive all licenses and revenues from all services during the fair. About a week ago the Business Men's club discussed this same subject and also voted its moral and financial support to the fair backers. For the last six yearse the fair has been a money-loser and these steps are taken to assure its promoters of a better support than it has heretofore received.

FORT DODGE—The fourth annual meeting of the Farmers' Grain Dealers' association of Iowa will be held in this city February 13 and 14, and is expected to eclipse any former meeting of the association. Many prominent speakers have been secured, among them Hon. P. J. McCumber, United States senator from North Dakota; Hon. George H. Maxwell of Washington, D. C., Hon. S. H. Greeley of Chicago and Hon. Charles Adkins of Rement, Ill. Attorney General Byers, Hon. J. H. Allen of Pocahontas, Hon. Paul E. Stillman of Jefferson, Hon. C. H. Hackler of Fort Dodge and Hon. M. F. Healy of Fort Dodge will also address the association during the convention. Sessions of the convention will be held in the armory and headquarters will be at the Duncombe hotel.

ATLANTIC—Sunday marked the opening of the state campaign here for a resubmission of the prohibitory amendment to the people of Iowa. There was two mass meetings held in the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches, that were largely attended and addressed by Rev. W. C. Barber of the Anti-Saloon league of the state and M. T. Butterfield, another prominent worker in the same cause. Both men gave forcible and convincing talks in favor of the resubmission and a history of the saloon fight in the state. They are engaged this week in making speeches in the other towns in this county and from here the fight will be carried to all the other counties in the state. Much enthusiasm was provoked by the talks and the temperance people expect to make a great fight here this season

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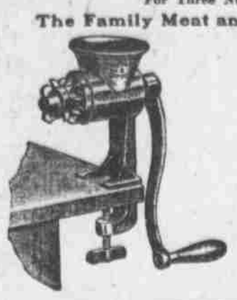

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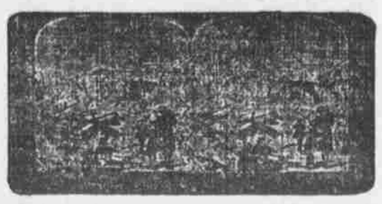

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WAR ON THE BOOTLEGGERS

Miners and Mine Managers Propose to Keep Them Out of Mining Towns.

CAUSE OF TROUBLE ON PAYDAYS

Campaign for Mayor and Commissioners in Des Moines is Waxing Warm—Candidates Are Being Put On the Rack.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Led by William Buxton of Buxton, Ia., coal miners of Iowa are conducting a campaign against bootleggers, who infest the coal mine camps of the state. The shooting of C. H. Morris, one of the largest coal mine operators of the state, by J. C. Cain, who had been prosecuted as a bootlegger, is probably responsible for the systematic campaign now being conducted. With two pay days a month there are regularly a large number of miners who lose several days each pay day, and aside from this the sale of liquor breeds lawlessness, which the operators desire to stamp out.

Major Reed Here.

Major A. A. Reed of Nebraska, state high school inspector for that state, is in Des Moines today. The book committee of the State Teachers' association is today in session selecting the books for the reading circle for 1908 and Major Reed, who is the author of a book, appeared with the representative of his publisher before the committee to represent the claims of his book.

Candidates On the Rack.

Political activity in Des Moines is centered upon the election of a mayor and commissioner under the new commission plan of government. The campaign is taking on a new phase. Citizens in various parts of the city arrange for public meetings and invite in several candidates to speak and then put the candidates on the rack and ask them questions. There are a few candidates who are recognized as being strong, but thus far it is every man's race. The public service corporation question is one of the strong features of the campaign and in addition the politicians who have been in control in Des Moines for some years are making a strenuous effort to capture the commissionerships and retain control.

Violation of Constitution.

Judge Jease A. Miller directed a verdict for the street car company of this city in the district court in a suit in which Mrs. Lulu Kern had on a previous trial received a verdict of $10,000 damages. Now the attorneys for the plaintiff have filed a motion to have the suit reinstated on the ground that the court violated the constitution and exceeded his powers in not submitting the case to the jury.

Disappointed in Search.

Mrs. William Quinn of Greenville, Miss., who has been searching for years for her brother, thought she had discovered him in the person of John Burke of this city. She alleged that he was hit over the head and knocked from a boat into the Mississippi river, and though he swam ashore, forgot all his past, including his name, which is Dooley. Today she saw the man at his home north of this city, but the identification marks did not tally and she has left disappointed but not entirely satisfied.

Opens Headquarters.

Governor Cummins has leased quarters in the new Fleming block, where he will shortly open headquarters for his campaign for senator.

Lake Bed Hearing.

Before the governor and other members of the executive council today there was a hearing on the draining of one of the numerous lake beds of Palo Alto county. Farmers living adjoining the lake desire it drained since it would make excellent farming land. Others claim that the lake is a valuable asset to the beauty of the scenery of northern Iowa and desire it preserved. The policy of the executive council has been to preserve lake beds wherever they were in fact lakes and not merely swamps.

Eighth District Convention Called.

CRESTON, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Chairman William F. Stipe of the republican congressional committee of the Eighth district has issued a call for a delegate convention of republicans to be held in this city March 5 at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of selecting two delegates and two alternates to represent this district in the national convention at Chicago, June 16, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. The basis of representation in this district will be one delegate for each 200 votes or fraction thereof, not less than 100, cast for Governor Cummins in 1906. On that basis Union will be entitled to eleven delegates, Ringgold nine, Lucas nine, Decatur nine, Appanoose ten, Adams seven, Clark seven, Fremont eight, Page ten, Taylor nine, Wayne nine. Total ninty-eight. Necessary to choice fifty.

BANKERS' GUARANTY COMPANY

Kansas Attorney General Gives Opinion Such Organization May Be Formed.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 5.—The few remaining members of the legislature will meet this afternoon and declare a final adjournment of the special session. A conference was held today at the attorney general's office between Attorney General Jackson and Senators Fitzpatrick and Waggener. The attorney general gave an opinion that under existing laws a bankers' guaranty and trust company may be organized. Senator Waggener said that such a company composed of many of the state's strongest bankers was now being organized with $1,000,000 capital.

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BRYAN BEFORE CIVIC FORUM

Nebraskan Addresses Famous Organization on "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

DEFINES NEW KIND OF LARCENY

Private Monopoly, Gambling in Grain and Stocks and Watering of Stocks Are Denounced.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Taking the eighth commandment as his text, William J. Bryan pointed out to the Civic Forum last night the possibilities of larceny in violation of the law and what he said was of still greater importance—larceny through the operation of the law.

Carnegie hall, as usual at gatherings of the Civic Forum, was filled by an audience representative of business and the professions and in which was reflected the various shades of public opinion. Edward M. Shepard introduced Mr. Bryan who was received with spirited handclapping, the applause being frequently renewed during the course of his address. Mr. Bryan said:

To steal or to commit larceny may be defined as the wrongful taking of another's property. Law writers have divided larceny into two classes—petit larceny and grand larceny—the former term being used when the property stolen is of little value and the latter when the value is greater. There is tendency in modern times to divide grand larceny into twoo classes, so that now we are inclined to think of larceny as petit larceny, grand larceny and glorious larceny. By glorious larceny I do not refer to the policy which nations have indulged in of taking the property of other nations by force—an act that is sometimes described as not only innocent, but even patriotic; I refer to that tendency quite discernible at the present day, to regard stealing upon a large scale as less reprehensible than stealing upon a small scale.

Is it stretching the definition of larceny to make it cover the wrongful taking of a man's property through unjust legislation?

I am aware that it is not possible to advise any system of taxation which will be perfectly fair and absolutely equitable, but I am afraid that we have not always made justice and fairness the first consideration.

The subject of private monopoly furnishes another illustration of larceny and here it is not petit larceny nor even grand larceny; it arises to the proportions of a glorious larceny not only because of the amount taken, but because of the respectability of those who receive the stolen goods. I insist that the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal," applies as much to the monopolist as to the highwayman, and we shall not make any material progress in the protection of the people from private monopolies until we are prepared to obliterate the line that society has drawn between the ordinary thief and the larger criminal who holds up society and plunders the public through the instrumentality of private monopoly.

And will I be entering upon forbidden ground if I question the moral character of those financial transactions which have resulted in the issuing of watered stock and fictitious capitalization? I hope I shall not be thought guilty of impropriety in suggesting that the commandments which are binding upon the rest of the world ought not to be suspended in the region of Wall street. If we were able to make an exact calculation of the amount of money taken from an unsuspecting public each year by the issue of stocks and bonds known to be worth less than the amount for which they are sold, we would probably find that the total amount stolen in this way is larger than the amount stolen by all of the criminals who have been sent to the penitentiary during the year for petit larceny or grand larceny.

Gambling is one of the worst of vices, and gambling in stocks and in farm products is the most destructive form in which the vice appears. Measured by the number of suicides caused by the New York Stock exchange, Monte Carlo is an innocent pleasure resort by comparison. Measured by the amount of money changing hands, the contrast is still greater in favor of Monte Carlo, and measured by the influence upon those who do not gamble, the evils of Monte Carlo are insignificant when compared with the evils of New York commercial gambling houses. The New York Stock exchange has graduated more embezzlers than Fagin's school did thieves. The natural laws of supply and demand ought to regulate prices, but these laws are entirely suspended when a few men can by their bets add millions of dollars to the market value of one product or take millions of dollars from the value of another product. It has been asserted without denial that 99 per cent of the New York purchases and sales of stock and of produce are merely bets upon the market value, with no intention on the part of the vendor to deliver or on the part of the purchaser to receive. This is not business; it is not commerce; it is not speculation—it is common, vulgar gambling, and when the ordinary chances that the gambler takes are added the extraordinary chances due to the secret manipulation of the market by those who are on the inside, the stock market becomes worse than an honestly conducted gambling resort.

The commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal," will not have the weight that it ought to have among men until it is so construed as to bring the feeling of guilt and of shame to those who draw from the common store more than they add in service. If we can but create a sentiment which will make men ashamed, not only of wrong doing, but of idleness as well, and fill them with an earnest desire to make generous returns to society for all the blessings that society confers, it will be easier to prevent those varieties which are so difficult to define and which the officers of the law find it hard to detect and punish.

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