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HEARING ON SALOON CASES

Court Has that Involving the Grand Hotel Bar Under Consideration.

TWO WITNESSES ARE ARRESTED

Incident Causes Sharp Rebuke by Judge—On Being Released from Custody Two Men Promptly Leave Town.

The hearing in the contempt proceedings against the owners of four saloons, brought by Attorney M. S. Odie, attorney for the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, in the name of Robert Beasley, an "relator," under ancient injunction suits instituted by J. J. Shea and S. R. Wadsworth, was begun before Judge Wheeler in the district court yesterday.

Two Witnesses Arrested.

The hearing in the case against the Grand hotel had barely got under way when a sensation was created by the arrest of the two witnesses, R. E. Meeker and H. P. Hollingshead, whom the evidence showed had been imported by Rev. Charles Mayne, pastor of Trinity Methodist church and member of the Council Bluffs Ministerial association, to secure evidence against a number of saloons in this city.

While Mr. Weaver, an aged farmer, was driving into town yesterday afternoon from his place in Lewis township his team was frightened by a passing automobile. The team ran away, overturning the wagon and spilling out the produce Weaver was bringing into market.

Urging Use of Road Drag.

At the meeting yesterday of the Good Roads association, composed of a committee from the Commercial club and the townships of Lewis, Kane, Rockford and Crescent townships, the use of the road drag was advocated. It was decided to ascertain how many farmers in the five townships would be willing to use the road drag if provided with the necessary equipment.

MINOR MENTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian association at the home of Mrs. Victor Jennings, 31 North First street, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Par of Witnesses.

The examination of the witness, Meeker, which was conducted by Attorney G. S. Wright, appearing for the Grand Hotel company and E. W. Hart, the receiver, brought out the fact that he and Hollingshead had been employed and paid for their services in securing evidence against the saloons by Rev. Charles Mayne. The witness testified that he was paid \$3 a day

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FATHER LITTLE TOO LATE

Appears at Court House Ten Minutes After Daughter Secures License.

LABOR MEN ENTER POLITICS

Sheriff of Calhoun County Takes Boyhood Chum to Penitentiary on Charge of Robbing the Home of Sheriff.

(From a Staff Correspondent) DEER MOINES, April 5.—(Special)—Henry Deen, moine, of Piggler, Ia., reached Deer Moines yesterday morning close on the heels of his eloping daughter, Bertha, and her youthful lover, J. M. Saunders of Delaware. He reached the office of the county clerk this morning only ten minutes too late to prevent the issuance of the license.

The father claims his daughter is under age. He says she is 17. The age of both of them as recorded on the marriage license book and sworn to by the witness who accompanied them is 15. Martin claims that it is only a "tuffy love affair" and that his daughter has not known Saunders but about seven weeks. Saunders is said to be a coal miner. Martin left for his home declaring that he would not pursue them further.

J. P. Sherman of Joliet, Ia., was arrested and brought to Des Moines today on a charge of fraudulently securing goods to the amount of nearly \$400 from the Racine-Battley company of this city. Sherman bought the goods last December, according to the company, and represented himself to be a well-to-do implement dealer. He gave a check for \$38.49, which was returned marked "No funds on deposit."

At a meeting of labor union men at Trades Assembly hall in this city last night it was decided to take an active part in the politics of the county, the Seventh district and the state. A campaign committee was organized for the purpose. The success of the union men in getting two union men on the new commission in the recent city election in Des Moines is one of the prime factors in the determination to enter the wider political field.

Sheriff Jeff Dawson of Calhoun county passed through Des Moines on his way to the Fort Madison penitentiary with James Gordon Still, who stands convicted of having robbed the sheriff's house. In their boyhood days the two men were chums. Still was left at the city jail last night for safe keeping, and today the journey to Fort Madison was resumed.

Tom Conroy was convicted in district court here of manslaughter and will be sentenced to the penitentiary under the indeterminate sentence law. Conroy is charged with the killing of Mike Harney in the city jail here. The two men with others were locked up in the burn cell. Harney was talking and Conroy insisted on sleeping. Because Harney talked too much Conroy thrashed him and from the injuries he inflicted Harney died.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest on the death of a harem of Countess Van Meter returned a verdict today of "Death was caused by a shock resulting from a blow struck by Randall Green." Green is a negro and is held in jail pending action by the grand jury. The two men were in the East Side restaurant when they got into a fight and Rittenour died as a result.

S. W. Jones of Oskaloosa has filed his nomination papers for representative from Mahaska county; W. H. McCracken, for senator from the Davis-Appanoose district; William Anderson, for representative from Hamilton county; John R. Stewart, for representative from Grundy county; O. G. Greenwood, for representative from Mills county; W. W. Goodykoontz, for representative from Boone county. All are republican candidates.

Storage Experiments with Apples. AMES, Ia., April 5.—(Special)—Throughout the summer and fall Iowa usually has an overplus of apples and in many sections of the state there is a corresponding shortage of winter fruit. As a means of disposing of this surplus at better prices and also for the purpose of storing winter fruit the horticultural section of the United States Department of Agriculture, has inaugurated an experiment in the storage of Iowa apples. The fruit is being held at Mason City, where it is examined at stated intervals. The final inspection of last year's crop was made on April 19 by Prof. S. A. Beach of Ames and Mr. Tenny of Washington, D. C. Arrangements have been made to open the fruit for the inspection of the fruit growers and dealers and a number who are interested are planning to be present at that time.

Court at Iowa Falls. IOWA FALLS, Ia., April 5.—(Special)—The next term of the Franklin county district court, which will convene April 13, promises the decision of two cases that are of considerable interest. In the first suit the liability of a police officer and his bondsmen is to be determined. The action is brought by Thelma H. Freeman, who seeks to recover \$1,000 damages for alleged assault and battery committed when Freeman was being placed under arrest for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by Deputy Sheriff Jernegan. Strong legal talent has been retained by both sides and promises a strong fight. In the other case the question of employer's liability is concerned. J. D. Pomroy sues W. D. Beed for \$500 damages claimed because Pomroy received injuries while at work in Beed's mill, resulting in the amputation of Pomroy's arm.

Byron Boody Fatally Struck. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 5.—(Special Telegram)—Byron Boody, aged 20 years, an Iowa Central brakeman, was fatally struck late last night in what has every appearance of being a drunken row. The knife entered his heart, and he died while being taken to a hospital. Frank Benson and Harry Harrington, engineer and brakeman on the Iowa Central, and William Benson, a Great Western fireman of Des Moines, who were with Boody, are being held.

Iowa News Notes. CRESTON—Governor Cummins spoke at Afton this afternoon in the college chapel to a crowded house. SIDNEY—Mrs. M. L. Carl, one of Sidney's oldest residents, died at her home. She is survived by a husband and six children in Omaha. MARSHALLTOWN—A. H. McCartney of Niswara Falls, N. Y., a brakeman en-



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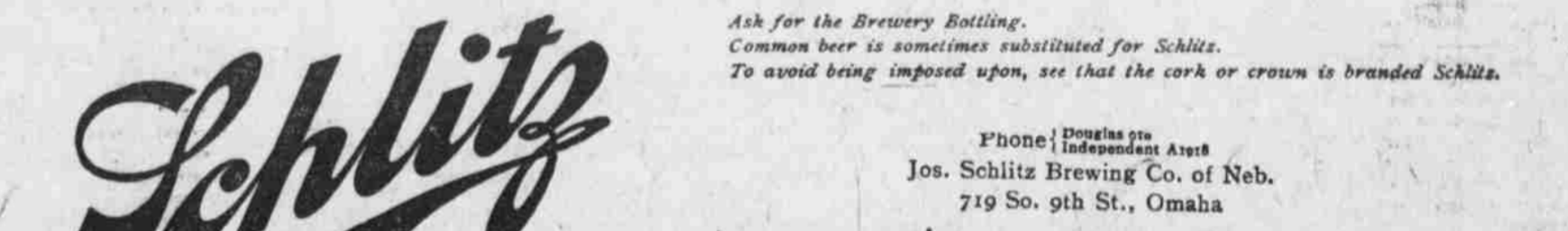
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MANY SPEECHES BY TAFT

Secretary of War Has Busy Day in Windy City. RECEPTION BY PRESS CLUB

In the Evening He Talks to The Commercial Club on Trade Opportunities in Orient.

CHICAGO, April 5.—W. H. Taft, secretary of war, spent his second day in Chicago with another round of luncheons and speeches, rounding up with the banquet of the Commercial club of Chicago at the Congress hotel last night. In all his talks the secretary avoided political issues, although in his addresses he touched lightly upon a few questions of public import.

About 300 members of the Commercial club attended the evening session, at which Mr. Taft was given a hearty reception. Secretary Taft was given a luncheon today by the Chicago Press club in the banquet hall of the Auditorium hotel. There were 70 members and guests present. Secretary Taft was introduced by President Richard Little and made a short speech, in which there was no reference to politics.

He spoke of the newspaper correspondents at Washington, and of his own experience as a reporter, saying that a reporter would learn much by spending two years in the Philippines—that he would see there things which would increase his ability to exaggerate and to cultivate his imagination. The reception accorded Secretary Taft was very cordial.

Later Secretary Taft visited a luncheon given by the Irish Fellowship club at the Great Northern hotel and afterwards took luncheon with the officers and a few personal friends at the Hamilton club. After this function he shook hands with the members of the Hamilton club and their friends and later held a public reception.

Trade Opportunities in Orient. The bulk of Mr. Taft's speech to the Commercial club was devoted to conditions in the orient, especially as they affected

American interests in China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. He led up to this by discussing briefly the progress of construction on the Panama canal, telling the members of the club that if they should repeat their tour of inspection to the canal some they would find that tremendous strides had been made in the big task there. He called the attention of his auditors to the influence that the canal will have on the Asiatic trade of the United States, traced the growth of the exports of this country to the far east, and then said: "Four hundred and sixty millions of people on the other side of the Pacific will soon be within comparatively easy reach of both coasts of the United States. The question is whether we are going to take advantage of the conditions favoring us in competition for all this trade."

"Our sales to the Philippines have increased from comparative nothing to upwards of \$5,000,000, or about one-fifth of the total imports of those islands. This is by no means what it should be, but it is due to the very backward and blind policy in respect to the Philippine tariff, which I sincerely hope may be changed in the near future."

The secretary then turned to China, referring briefly to "the energy and anxiety that Japan and Germany are showing with reference to the Chinese trade."

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