CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office, 15 Scott St. Tel. 43.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drugs.

Stockert sells carpets.

BEE WANT ADS PAY.

Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer.

Lewis Cutler, funeral director. 'Phone 57.

Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 239.

FINE FERNS AT HERMAN BROS., 10 PEARL STREET.

C. C. Haynes, funeral director and embalmer, 901 Broadway.

Get your pianos tuned. Work guaranteed. Hespe. Phone 544. 29 Pearl St.

Rugs made from old carpets. Council Bluffs Rug Factory. Tel. 516.

Leffert's windows are always interesting. They are more so than usual this week.

LET THE FRANKLIN PRINT IT. BOTH PHONES 321. 101 SOUTH MAIN.

Carload of rails—base price, $2.75 per keg. C. Hafer Lumber Co., Council Bluffs, Ia.

Excelsior Masonic lodge will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock for work in the third degree.

Genuine hand-made art craft jewelry and metal novelties. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.

A building permit was issued yesterday to Mrs. Emma Metcalfe for a two-story frame hotel on Broadway and Thirty-seventh street, to cost $3,000.

Chief Richmond yesterday issued "official ribbons" to 265 boys who will do duty as special police during the Hallowe'en "festivities." One hundred more lads will be enrolled today.

County Chairman E. E. Smith made arrangements yesterday for a big republican rally at Walnut Monday night. State Senator C. G. Saunders and George H. Scott will be the speakers.

Don't forget that Borwick has the most reasonable priced wall paper house in the city and if you are cleaning house and find that the walls need new papering, let Borwick figure on the job. He always does what's right. 211 South Main street.

Special Apple and Potato Sale—We have just unloaded a full carload of extra fancy New York apples; every apple sound. Special for Saturday: Ben Davis, per barrel, $2.25; New York Greenings, per barrel, $3.50; New York Russets, per barrel, $3.70; York Imperial, per barrel, $4.10; extra fancy New York Baldwins, per barrel, $3.95, etc. Also two carloads fancy potatoes on sale at ten bushels for $3.50; this is the chance of the season to buy your winter's supply. Come up and see the goods and leave your order. Zoller Mercantile Co., 100-102-104-106 Broadway. 'Phones 320.

Numerous complaints of Hallowe'en depredations, including the overturning of outhouses, tearing up of fences, breaking of windows, etc., were made from all parts of the city to the police last night. Up to late hour none of the boy police had brought any offenders to police headquarters.

F. M. Evans of this city, said to be wanted on the charge of collecting a commission from J. F. Bloom & Co. of Omaha on an alleged forged order for a tombstone, was taken into custody yesterday by the local police. Evans refused to cross the river without a requisition and an information charging him with being a fugitive from justice was filed by E. F. Bralley of Omaha. Evans denies any guilt in the transaction. He is being held at the city jail.

Joe Scott, who resides at Manawa, was arrested late Thursday night on complaint of his wife, who charged him with beating her. Scott was not ready for a hearing yesterday and Justice Rief of Manawa continued the case until next Wednesday. In default of bail Scott was committed to the county jail. Mrs. Scott, whose face bore evident marks of the beating she had received, while filing her complaint with Assistant County Attorney Ross, said: "I love the very ground Joe walks on, but I am awful afraid of him."

TALK OF DIVIDING EPISCOPAL SEE

Work Now Too Heavy for Bishop Morrison.

A movement has been started to divide the Episcopal see of Iowa into two dioceses or to have a coadjutor bishop to assist Bishop Morrison in the work of the diocese. The work of the diocese, which comprises the entire state of Iowa, it is conceded, is too great for one man and the untiring zeal with which Bishop Morrison has attended to the duties of his large diocese has undermined his health and he needs an assistant.

The matter will be laid before the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal church at the morning service today by Rev. John C. Sage of Dubuque as representative of the Iowa Episcopate Endowment Fund commission.

Sunday being All Saints' day, there will be special music at both services at St. Paul's church by the full choir under the direction of Prof. Robert Lewis Ayres.

At the morning service "The Pillars of the Earth Are the Lord's," by Tours, will be sung as the introit. The offertory anthem will be "Who Are Those that Are Arrayed in White Robes?" by Stainer. "Cunc's Nunc Dimittis" will be rendered at evensong, which will be at 4 o'clock. "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart," by Whitby, will be sung as the offertory anthem.

Advertising Solicitor Arrested.

W. S. Amy called on County Attorney Hess yesterday to make complaint against John W. Wooten, a transient advertising solicitor. Amy alleged that Wooten had secured $1.50 from him under false representations. According to Amy's story Wooten represented himself as a solicitor for a local paper which recently issued a big special edition. Amy paid for the space he contracted for with a check, made payable to the paper in question. Wooten, it is said, endorsed the check with his name and with the title, "Manager Special Edition" attached to it, and cashed it at a South Main street saloon. At the office of the newspaper in question it was found that Wooten had made enquiries as to the cost of renting space for advertising matter, but had not contracted for any.

Wooten was found Thursday night in a bad condition from excessive indulgence in liquor and had to be placed in St. Bernard's hospital, where Assistant County Attorney Ross learned yesterday he had developed a good case of delirium tremens. No charge was filed against Wooten pending further investigation by the authorities.

Judge Roasts Saloon Keeper.

"These saloon keepers had better pay this boy's fine. If they do not, an information will be filed against them for selling liquor to a minor. Anybody can see that this boy is under age and anyone who would sell him intoxicating liquor should be made to suffer. I don't intend to let the lad off without a fine, but I think the saloon man should pay it," declared Judge Snyder in police court yesterday morning when Bobbie Hall, a newsboy, who said he was 19 years of age, but looked younger, was brought before him charged with being drunk Thursday night.

Judge Snyder asked Chief Richmond to make an investigation and learn how much at fault the proprietor of the saloon was where young Hall said he got the liquor.

Sole agents Radiant Home base burners, Petersen & Schoening Co.

CORRECTION IN THE BALLOT

Court Order Permits Remedying Oversight of the Party Committees.

BALLOT A CUMBERSOME AFFAIR

Fifty Crosses Necessary in Case the Voter Expresses His Preference for All Officers to Be Voted For.

The names of the three democratic candidates for members of the Board of Supervisors will appear upon the official ballot, with the terms for which they are candidates designated. This will be in accordance with an order issued by Judge Thornell in the district court yesterday morning after an agreement had been reached between the attorneys for the democratic candidates and the attorney for County Auditor Cheyne.

Prior to the time set for the hearing in court John P. Organ and James P. Mulqueen, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the democratic county convention held on June 29, filed with the county auditor a certificate showing that John Maassen of Valley township was nominated for member of the Board of Supervisors for the short term, beginning on January 1, 1909, and that F. H. Klopping of Hazel Dell township and Ariah McLean of York township were nominated for the long term, beginning on January 1, 1909.

Soon after the certificate was filed Judge Thornell issued the order directing the county auditor to place the names of the democratic candidates for members of the Board of Supervisors on the official ballot as designated in the certificate. At the same time Judge Thornell held that costs should not be taxed against the county auditor, as it was through the error of the plaintiffs that the controversy was brought about, they having failed to file any certificate at the time the action was brought.

When the democratic managers discovered that the ballot did not bear the designation of the term for which the democratic nominees for supervisors were candidates they failed to rectify the error by filing the requisite certificate, but merely went to the auditor's office and complained of the mistake. Even after the mandamus action was brought they failed to file the certificate and thus correct the error officially until yesterday morning shortly before the time set for the hearing in court.

As a result of the controversy it developed yesterday that the filing of the nomination of Thomas McCaffery, the republican candidate for sheriff, was defective and the democrats in an amended petition yesterday asked that his name be stricken from the ballot. McCaffery's nomination certificate was signed by Elmer E. Smith, chairman of the republican county central committee, whereas it should have been signed by Fred Williams of Neola and Dr. A. A. Robertson of Crescent, chairman and secretary, respectively of the republican county convention. Judge Thornell declined to order McCaffery's name stricken from the ballot, however, and the defect was remedied during the day by the filing of the proper certificate.

Marking Ballot a Task.

This is the first presidential election in Iowa since the circle at the head of each party ticket on the ballot has been eliminated. With the circle on the ballot all that was necessary to vote a straight party ticket was to make a cross within the circle. Now a voter will have to make a cross in the little square space opposite the name of each candidate on his party's ticket.

The elimination of the circle means that the republican who next Tuesday wants to vote a straight ticket from top to bottom will have to make exactly fifty crosses; this being the number of names in the republican column. There are thirteen presidential electors, twelve candidates on the state ticket, one each on the congressional and judicial tickets, three on the legislative ticket, twelve on the county ticket and eight on the township ticket.

In the democratic column there are only forty-nine names, as the party failed to nominate a candidate for judge of the district bench.

For a large percentage of the voters it is expected the marking of the ballot next Tuesday will be a tedious job. It is feared that in some of the larger precincts in the city all of the voters may not get a chance to vote owing to the size of the ballot and the time needed to mark it. It is likely that in the larger precincts the election officials will find it necessary to strictly enforce the law regulating the time a voter may remain in the booth to mark his ticket. The law on this matter is contained in section 1117 of the code of Iowa, and is as follows:

No voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting booth already occupied by another nor remain within said enclosed space more than ten minutes, nor to occupy a voting booth more than five minutes, in case all of said voting booths are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy the same, nor to again enter the enclosed space after having voted; nor shall more than two voters in excess of the whole number of voting booths provided be allowed at any one time in such enclosed space except by the authority of the election officers to keep order and enforce the law.

The officials concede that a division of the First precinct of the Sixth ward should be made and steps towards this end will likely be taken after the general election

The counting of the ballots will be a tedious process and it is believed to be doubtful if any definite returns will be obtainable from many of the precincts much before Wednesday evening, even if by then.

Democrats Have Nerve.

"Democrats surely have their nerve," said Elmer E. Smith, chairman of the republican county central committee, last evening, in referring to a statement in the party organ that the suggestion to eliminate liquor and money at the polls next Tuesday from the leaders of that party. "The fact is I made the suggestion and Mr. Lenoker, chairman of the democratic county central committee, at once acquiesced in it. The same paper also makes the assertion that this same suggestion was made by the democrats a few years ago. This is an untruth. Two years ago I made a similar suggestion to A. W. Casady, then chairman of the democratic county central committee, and he turned it down hard and cold. After next Tuesday the democrats will not be claiming everything, unless I miss my guess."

Police Captures Fugitive.

William Gifford, wanted in Des Moines, where he is alleged to have forged several checks and shot at an officer, was arrested in this city yesterday morning by Detectives Callaghan and Richardson, at 1008 Avenue F.

On June 6 the police department received a circular offering a "liberal reward" for the arrest of Gifford. Yesterday the officers learned that Gifford had been in Council Bluffs since Sunday last and was stopping at a house on Avenue F. When they went there they found Gifford was absent and lay in wait for him. When he returned to the house Gifford caught sight of the officers and attempted to make his escape. He headed for a high board fence at the rear of the premises, but one of the detectives seized him by the foot before he got clear over.

Gifford was taken back to Des Moines last night by an officer from that city and the two detectives who effected his capture are speculating as to how much the "liberal reward" will amount to.

Court Term Closed.

The supreme court today rendered the following decisions at the conclusion of the October session:

McCaskey Register company, appellant, against W. D. Hall; Dallas county; affirmed.

Henry J. Collins against Gleason Coal company, appellant; Webster county; petition for rehearing overruled.

Estate of J. R. Lamb against W. W. Morrow, treasurer of state, appellant; Jasper county; affirmed.

C. H. Bospey against Lucretia Stewart, appellant; Clinton county; affirmed.

Andrine Hannestad, appointed against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway; Plymouth county, affirmed.

National Surety company against Warren Walker et al., appellants; O'Brien county, affirmed.

Thomas Quinn, appellant, against Monona county; Monona county. Affirmed.

Pars Kirkpatrick against Aetna Life Insurance company, appellant; Poweshiek county; affirmed.

Francis J. McCullogh against Minnie R. Houar, appellant; Scott county; affirmed.

Elizabeth Wood et al., appellants, against Brotherhood of American Yeomen; Polk county; reversed.

Ellen McAleer against Ed McNamara, appellant; Jones county, reversed.

Thief Takes Suit Case.

The apartment of D. S. Evans at 104 West Broadway were ransacked by a thief last evening between the hours of 5 and 8 o'clock, during the absence of the family. The thief secured entrance by unlocking the hall door with a skeleton key. Every room was thoroughly ransacked, drawers and trunks being opened and the contents scattered on the floors. Mr. Evans was unable to state last night whether the thief had secured any money, but a leather suit case belonging to Myron Trapp, an old soldier who rooms with the Evans family, was found to be missing. The suit case contained clothing and a number of army papers of no value except to the owner.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Louis Simon, Council Bluffs	27
Agnes Gilinsky, Council Bluffs	27
John Baskerville, Crescent, Ia.	30
Nell Hough, Crescent, Ia.	25
Harry M. Shepard, Omaha	21
Nina O. Rosengren, Omaha	18

Iowa News Notes.

LOGAN—George W. Clark, republican candidate for lieutenant governor of Iowa, will address the people of Logan Saturday evening, October 31.

ATLANTIC—Congressman Walter I. Smith delivered the address at the republican rally held last night. The meeting was held in the opera house and was well attended. Congressman Smith delivered one of his characteristic speeches.

LOGAN—Yesterday at Magnolia occurred the funeral and interment of William Hainey, who died at his home east of Modale Tuesday of an accidental gun shot wound in the thigh. Mr. Hainey's son was trying to remove a shell from the gun when the accident occurred.

ATLANTIC—At the parsonage of the Christian church of this city last evening occurred the marriage of Miss Lucinda Keith and John Rotherham, Rev. Elston officiating. The groom has lived here most of his life and is well known, while the bride comes from Cumberland.

CHARLES CITY—Dr. Birney of Nora Springs was lighting a gasoline lamp when it exploded. His little girl was standing near and was completely enveloped in flames. He quickly threw a wrapper about her and extinguished the fire. The doctor was badly burned about the arms.

CRESTON—A new lumber firm, incorporated with a capital of $15,000, is planning to open a yard at Greenfield soon. The new firm is composed of Theodore Coffey, E. G. Irwin, James Valentine and George Van Camp. Mr. Valentine and Mr. Van Camp will have the management of the yard.

CRESTON—The wedding of Miss Theresa Kern of Burlington and John Braunberger, formerly of this city, but now with the Adams Express company at Ottumwa, was celebrated at St. John's Catholic church in Burlington Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Gregory officiating. Their home will be at Ottumwa.

CRESTON—About 100 delegates, representing the Relief corps of the Sixth district of Iowa, will meet here in annual convention Wednesday, November 4, and will be entertained by the local Union Relief corps at Ben Hur hall. The convention will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and the evening program will be in the nature of a campfire.

MARSHALLTOWN—The annual meeting of the Marshalltown district of the Methodist church will be held in Montour December 1 and 2. A committee composed of District Superintendent W. F. Pitner and Rev. M. N. Smith of this city, Rev. H. O. Pratt of Toledo and Rev. W. H. Hayward of Montour meets in this city today to arrange the program.

ATLANTIC—Word was received in this city yesterday by Dr. A. D. McCall that Center Payton was dead and that the body would be taken to Centerville for burial. The word came from Corse Payton of New York. The brothers were at one time Atlantic residents, later leaving and making names for themselves in the theatrical world. Center Payton was a brother-in-law of Dr. McCall's, having married Mrs. McCall's sister.

MARSHALLTOWN—The results of twenty-five years' work of the American Sunday School union in Iowa were made public today in the report of A. L. Fales, state missionary, of Newton. The report shows 3,213 Sunday schools organized, 100,000 teachers and pupils brought in 523,724 families visited, 25,000 Bibles and testaments distributed, 10,000 religious books and periodicals distributed, 17,757 hopeful conversions and 326 churches resulting from the work.

MARSHALLTOWN—A gang of thieves operating in Muscatine county last night stole property the value of which is unknown, and destroyed property of a value of $2,500. The Rock Island passenger station and the Wyoming club house were broken into and the depot at Fairport was burned to the ground. Three tramps seen about the latter station are suspected. Sheriff Benham this afternoon arrested a man who gave the name of Homer Springer. He confessed to the Wyoming club house robbery, but refused to implicate his "pals."

IOWA CITY—Juniors in the college of law "cut" classes the other day and in the course of their pranks had a photograph taken with President George E. MacLean as an innocent abettor of the violation of discipline. Mr. MacLean in passing the group was invited to join in the picture and the photographer snapped the shutter before the head of the institution learned that the class was violating university rules. Students are rapidly buying the pictures.

MARSHALLTOWN—Charles F. Smith, the well-known real estate dealer and auctioneer of this city, who attempted to kill himself Monday in Cedar Rapids by slashing his throat with a penknife while insane, escaped from the Cedar Rapids hospital in which he was confined early yesterday morning. It was not until after a long chase and hard struggle that officers ran Smith down and returned him to the hospital. He was adjudged insane and taken to the Independence hospital.

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BOTH 'PHONES 217. JNO. P. TINLEY, Mgr.

To the Douglas County Anti-Saloon League

GENTLEMEN:

I am obliged to you for sending me your latest election bulletin asking my support for the election of Harry A. Stone, the secretary of your organization, and note your claim that the election of Mr. Stone would mean a victory for personal liberty. Did it not occur to you when wording your letter that such a claim is preposterous? Every intelligent voter knows that the election of Mr. Stone would mean a victory for the very opposite of personal liberty, and would be an endorsement of the strict enforcement of the blue laws now unfortunately contained in our statutes, and which every intelligent voter wants repealed.

It may be you will say that I have no standing before the community in such an issue on account of the business I am engaged in. To ease your mind on that score, I wish to say that the interest I take in the Personal Rights League is a strictly personal one. The company I represent does a legitimate distilling business; its product does not suffer through prohibition for the simple reason that experience has proven absolutely that the consumption of distilled beverages shows no falling off in prohibition territory. This company therefore is strictly out of politics and does not contribute one dollar for any political purpose whatsoever but disburses here annually near 100,000 dollars for wages in Omaha. If manufacturing is stopped in Nebraska, goods will be produced somewhere else; the demand will remain and so will the supply—saloon or no saloon. Probably nine-tenths of its product is sold outside of Nebraska, and more than half used for industrial, or other than beverage purposes.

The interest I take is personal, because I resent the idea of having my neighbor dictate to me when, where and what I shall eat or drink. I denounce as a direct and known misrepresentation of facts your statement that the Personal Rights League claims to have five thousand dollars to defeat Mr. Stone; you knew when you penned your circular that it was untrue. The purpose of your letter is to make it appear that the Personal Rights League and the liquor interests are one and the same; you knew also that that is not true. You know that the Personal Rights League in this state has some sixty thousand or more members, of which perhaps several thousand may in some way be concerned directly or indirectly in the liquor business. You know also that the other fifty odd thousand are good moral citizens who resent interference with their personal liberty, the same as I do, and are therefore banded together to oppose your methods of solving the problem of true temperance. Many of the members of our league are foreign born, but they were lured to these hospitable shores by the words of Benjamin Franklin: "Where liberty dwells, there is my country," and I assure you they know that liberty in their vocabulary does not mean unbridled license, any more than it does in yours.

You say "The saloon is always in politics"; I answer, you were in politics first; you have caused the organization of the Personal Rights League, and you have driven them into politics.

There are, it is true, thousands of good Nebraska citizens interested directly or indirectly in this business; their very existance, the support of their families, the bread and education of their children depends upon their earnings in a business that is as legitimate as any other when properly conducted. You would deprive them of their support and at the same time deny them the right to defend themselves by opposing you at the polls.

The well-to-do would suffer little or no inconvenience from the restrictive measures you advocate; they can have their private side-boards and enjoy at the hotels or high class restaurants what the less fortunate seek at the saloon. What right have you Mr. Somers, or Mr. Loveland, to say to me when I wish to dine with friends or family down town, that I shall not have the opportunity of enjoying a glass of wine with my meal? And I denounce as insincere and hypocritical any assertion that that involves even the slightest degree of immorality.

You mendacious and grossly exaggerated query "Shall we remain forever bound and gagged by the legalized liquor interests," is a sad commentary on your opinion of our form of government, because you suggest thereby that our form of government is so deficient and impotent that it cannot regulate the sale of beverages so as to deprive it of its abuses without exterminating the business entirely.

The county option idea is in opposition to all justice and equity, because it gives to the rural districts the right to dictate to distant communities in the same county how they shall conduct the affairs of such town or village—which you know is wrong in principle and would not be tolerated in any other connection. It is really a perversion of "local" option.

A vote for Mr. Stone, who is no doubt a very worthy gentleman, is equivalent to an endorsement of intolerance of the worst kind, and I cannot therefore vote, or ask my friends to vote, for him. Furthermore, the abolishment of the saloon would merely shift the sale of intoxicants to other channels, involving much greater evils than the saloon. Temperance has absolutely nothing to gain by such a charge, which would also deprive our public schools of $250,000 annual income, the effect of which upon teachers' salaries and the general efficiency of the schools can only be surmised.

Very respectfully yours,

A. L. MEYER.

Space Paid for by Personal Rights League.

GUARD OFFICER IN TROUBLE

Adjutant General Thrift Expects Accused Man to Settle Up.

POLITICAL TRUCE IS BROKEN

Lacey Managers Come Out in the Des Moines Papers with an Attack on Governor Cummins.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Thrift of the National Guard returned today from Cedar Rapids, where he was called to look into the affairs of the militia company there. A report had it that Captain Thomas Berkibile had absconded, leaving a shortage. Mrs. Berkibile had sent for Thrift and she explained the situation. Captain Berkibile had gone to St. Louis on business and while he had not settled with the company he was prepared to do so. General Thrift received a telegram from Berkibile saying he would be home Sunday or Monday prepared to make an accounting, and this was accepted as definite. Berkibile has resigned as captain. He was judge advocate of the guard and conducted the prosecution for the state of the captain of the Davenport company who violated the law by permitting a prize fight under the auspices of a club at Davenport. As soon as the adjutant general reached Cedar Rapids it was found that if any shortage existed the friends of Captain Berkibile stood ready to make it up on instant notice.

Desertion Law is Defective.

Lawyers of this city are preparing an amendment to the wife desertion law in Iowa which Representative Sullivan will urge upon the next legislature. This will provide that before an indictment for wife desertion can be found the defendant must be called before the grand jury. It has been found that in a number of cases indictments have been found for this crime when as a matter of fact the men have a good defense which they have been able to establish in court on trial. On the other hand, this proposal will be opposed by the humanitarians on the ground that in many cases it will be impossible to find the deserter and hence the most flagrant cases will go unpunished. The law is a severe one and has caused a great deal of dispute in the courts of the state. Only a few convictions have been had and members of the county boards declare that it has not had the effect of lessening desertion.

Question of Residence.

An interesting divorce case involving prominent persons is nearing a close here. Fred Choate, an attorney of Los Angeles, said to be related in some way to the former United States ambassador to Great Britain, was sued by his wife for divorce. She came here to visit a sister from New Jersey and started the suit. The defendant came on from Los Angeles to contest the case, but finding that he had lost the love of his wife, announced he would not contest the matter. But the court raised the question as to whether or not it has jurisdiction and upon this will depend the final case.

Political Truce Broken.

A sensational turn was given the political campaign today, when the managers for the Lacey campaign inserted page advertisements in two of the local papers boldly attacking Governor Cummins and revamping the old accusations against him which have served in a half-dozen campaigns. There was an understanding that the campaign was to be free from personalities and thus far no hint has been made of any attack upon Lacey or question of his republicanism. The time is so short, however, that it is said no campaign of retaliation will be inaugurated.

WILSON MAY QUIT CABINET

Rumor Secretary is to Become Head of Colorado Agricultural College.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—A rumor has gained currency in the state that Secretary James Wilson, while here, hinted that he expected to retire from the cabinet at the end of the Roosevelt term and that he may accept the presidency of the Agricultural college in Colorado. It is known that a claim is being made that Iowa will have a new man in the cabinet of Secretary Taft, indeed it is asserted positively that a promise is out to that effect, but this will not happen unless Secretary Wilson retires. Wilson spoke this evening at Tama, and on Monday evening he will close the campaign in his home at Traer. He has for many years closed the campaign each year at his home.

The offer of the position in Colorado was made by the trustees of the institution, who have not as yet received Secretary Wilson's formal word, but think he will accept.

Railroad Men on Anxious Seat.

CRESTON, Ia., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Much concern is felt in local railroad circles as to the changes that may be expected with the advent of a new superintendent. It is recalled that when O. E. Stewart was appointed to the Creston division some years ago a general shaking up of under officials whose headquarters were here followed, and it is expected something of the same kind is in store for some of the employes now. No reasons are made public for the superseding of C. T. Leonard by A. W. Newton as superintendent, but it is understood the difficulty was over matters of policy in the conduct of the company's business and not a question of Mr. Leonard's ability as a competent railroad man that was in question. There is probably no man in the company service who possesses the knowledge of this division as does Mr. Leonard, he having risen from the lowest position to the place of superintendent by his demonstration of ability and fitness for heavier responsibilities.

Farmer Attempts Suicide.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Oct. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Will Kriel, a farmer north of this city, attempted suicide last night with a 22-caliber revolver. He shot the ball into his forehead, but it did not enter the skull and he will recover. He had been drinking.

It is an easy matter to secure business through The Bee Want Ad columns.

WILL CONVICT NIGHT RIDERS

Man Who Placed Rope Around Rankin's Neck is Known.

GOVERNOR TALKS OF THE CASE

Three Complete Confessions Have Been Secured Covering All Details of Crime and Identity of Murderers.

CAMP NEMO, REELFOOT LAKE, Tenn., Oct. 31.—"We know who fired the shots and who put the rope around Rankin's neck," said Governor Patterson in a statement this afternoon just before his departure for Union City, where a special grand jury is investigating the night rider depredations in this section which culminated recently in the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin.

The governor in his statement said:

"The proof which has thus far developed is positive as to the guilt of some of the men under arrest and implicates many others. This will all be presented to the court at the proper time and a long step has been taken to discover and suppress lawlessness in this region. We know who fired the shot and who put the rope around Rankin's neck. The number of men actually at the killing was probably not more than ten, while some stood guard and others held the horses. The whole number engaged in the undertaking did not exceed thirty-five. The inquiry will be further prosecuted and the state will have ample evidence to convict."

Three Confessions Complete.

It is learned that Frank Ferriner's confession was full and complete; that he says he was with the men who took Rankin and Taylor to the bank of the slough; that he told the name of the men who pulled the rope, lifting the mob's victim into the air, and the name of the man who fired the first shot into Rankin's body.

The confessions of Hogg and Morris are also said to be complete. Hogg, it is declared, was one of the four men who guarded the horses, while Morris stood guard around the house when the leaders went in after Rankin and Taylor. The confessions of Ferriner, Hogg and Morris substantiate, it is said, that of Ted Burton. These three will be used as state's witnesses. They were started this afternoon for Obion, whence they will be taken to Memphis for safe keeping. It is understood that Garrett Johnson, alleged captain of night riders, and others will be taken to Nashville. Three more prisoners were brought in today.

Farmers' Union Indignant.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 30.—Night riders and their depredations will be taken up at the meeting of the National Farmers' meeting at New Orleans November 11 and 12. "The price of cotton must go up," said President C. S. Barrett of the union, in a statement given the Associated Press tonight, "but the union repudiates the insinuation that it in any manner countenances the deeds of night riders, who may seek to shield themselves under our name.

"The National Farmers union utterly condemns such scoundrelism as the so-called 'night riding,'" says Mr. Barrett. "The union has an economic fight to wage, but it must be done in the open and within the law."

FARMAN'S PRACTICAL FLIGHT

Frenchman's Aeroplane Goes Twenty Miles Cross Country in Twenty Minutes.

MOURMELON, France, Oct. 31.—Henri Farman today for the first time, gave a practical demonstration of the possibilities of his aeroplane by flying direct from this place to Rheims, a distance of twenty miles, without mishap.

He ascended at 4 o'clock this afternoon and after encircling the field, turned his machine in the direction of Rheims. Soaring over the tops of the trees the aeroplane rapidly disappeared from view. An hour later a telegram was received from Farman announcing his safe arrival at Rheims. He said that he would stop there for the night and intended to return tomorrow by aeroplane. The time of flight was twenty minutes and the height reached was between 120 and 150 feet. The course was literally as the crow flies over the trees, fields and streams.

LEMANS, Oct. 30.—While Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, was making a flight this morning the motor of the machine exploded. Mr. Wright landed without injury and the aeroplane was not otherwise damaged.

The accident was less serious than it was at first believed to be, being due to a crosshead that had worn out and given way. Repairs were effected in a short time and Mr. Wright continued his demonstrations.

MISSOURI RIVER JOBBERS' CASE

W. D. McHugh of Omaha Presents Side of Railroad to Federal Circuit Court.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Arguments in the Missouri river jobbers rate case were begun here today before United States Circuit Judges Grosscup, Baker and Seaman. The cause of the petition of the railroads is the order of the Interstate Commerce commission, which becomes effective November 10 unless set aside, granted several months ago, following a petition of Missouri river jobbers for a reduction of rates in existence from the Atlantic seaboard to the Missouri river. The order of the commission is held by the railroads to be unreasonable and in effect forcing upon the roads a discriminatory rate that is in violation of the interstate commerce law.

W. D. McHugh of Omaha, of counsel for the railroads, argued at length, saying the proposed rates gave to one class what was not open to the general public.

"Railroads are subject to government control," said Mr. McHugh, "but that does not mean absolute ownership—at least not yet. The commission has gone beyond regulation and taken upon itself the real power of ownership."

Luther D. Walter appeared as counsel for the Interstate Commerce commission. Further arguments are to be heard tomorrow.

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