

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drug. Stockert sells carpets. Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director.

MASS MEETING FOR Y. M. C. A.

W. L. Roach, Prominent Business Man of Muscatine, to Speak.

FRED BUTLER TO SING SOLOS

Intent is to Lay the Foundation for a Crusade for Money to Complete Building as Originally Planned.

I. W. Carpenter of Omaha has notified Secretary Curtis that he will be unable to make an address at the mass meeting...

W. L. Roach, the millionaire lumberman of Muscatine, Ia., will be the principal speaker at the devoted for some time Mr. Roach has afternoon a large per cent of his Sundays to doing Christian work in support of the Young Men's Christian association.

A pleasing feature of the program promised to be the singing of Fred Butler, the noted New York basso. Mr. Butler will render three solos: "The Holy City," by Adams; "Is He Yours," by Harkness; and "My Own United States," by Edwards.

While this mass meeting is not for the purpose of raising money, it is expected to arouse interest among the people of the city in the completion of the building in accordance with the original plans, which call for a third story, to be used for dormitory purposes.

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Before going to Logan the supervisors spent the morning checking over the bids for the blank books and blanks for the use of the county officers. The board expects to resume its session this morning.

ROBBINS' HEARING IS POSTPONED County Attorney States Case is an Aggravated One.

The preliminary hearing before Justice Gardner of Isaac Robbins, charged with criminal assault on Annie Clucas, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clucas, at her home, 1565 West Broadway, on December 28, was yesterday continued until Thursday of next week.

The child was badly burned the afternoon of the alleged assault through her hair and clothing catching fire from a stove and she was said yesterday to be in a critical condition.

County Attorney Hess said yesterday that the evidence in his possession indicated that the case was a most aggravated one.

When the father of the child called on County Attorney Hess and reported what the child had told, Mr. Hess requested Dr. V. L. Treynor to see the child. Dr. Treynor reported that on examining the child he found unmistakable evidence of an attempt to assault her.

In default of bail, which was placed at \$1,000, Robbins is in the county jail. He is said to be a married man and about 40 years of age. He denies the child's story.

Matters in District Court. In the district court yesterday Mrs. Thelma Beam was granted by Judge Thornell a decree of divorce from Jacob Beam, to whom she was married April 1928, on the ground she was granted on charges of drunkenness and cruel and inhuman treatment.

Beam is to have a hearing in police court this morning on an assault and battery charge preferred against her by Mrs. Beam. He was arrested by the police Wednesday night and his case was continued in police court yesterday until this morning.

He is alleged to have been under the influence of liquor when he attacked his wife. Mrs. Alice Birbilus was granted a divorce from Thomas Birbilus, to whom she was married April 28, 1928, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Mrs. Miller filed suit for divorce from Fred W. Miller, to whom she was married December 30, 1928. She charges her husband with deserting her on March 8, 1928.

Valuable Pelts Lost. The hide house of J. R. Lindsey & Co. at the corner of Ninth avenue and Main street, was entered by thieves Tuesday and Wednesday nights and pelts to the value of over \$200 stolen. Wednesday morning Mr. Lindsey missed several bundles of furs.

FIGURING ON SPEAKERSHIP

Two Propose to Flip Coin to See Which Shall Pull Out.

BREAK OVER FACTIONAL LINES

Some Progressives Threaten to Bolt in Case Caucus is Lined Up as a Strictly Progressive Affair.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Predictions were made in the legislative lobby this afternoon that three of the candidates for speaker are practically out on account, though none have announced their withdrawal.

Representative Harding of Woodbury county claims he has a good chance of winning the speakership, though he does not claim to have even all the standpat votes. The two men who appear to have the lead of the race at this time are Representative Guy Feeley of Blackhawk county and Representative White of Story county.

It is expected that the standpats will vote for Feeley and White of Story county, who control sixteen and fifteen votes, respectively. The winner would thus get the thirty-one votes. Party are necessary to a caucus and either would likely get nine votes from the field.

Indications now are that the republicans will go into caucus Saturday with no candidate having a majority of the votes. It was intimated by a "standpatter" on the outside of the legislative organization this morning that the strength of these representatives might be thrown to Paul Stillman if Harding does not develop winning strength. An effort, however, is being made by all candidates to keep away from factional lines.

For instance, Senator Courtwright of Waterloo, and ardent supporter of Harding, is in the lobby working in the interests of Representative Feeley.

Some progressive candidates this morning received letters from Representative Moore of Linn county saying that in case there was a factional caucus to decide upon a nominee for the speakership that the standpatters would bolt the caucus and vote on the floor of the house for a democratic speaker. However, his contention was not taken seriously by some of those receiving the letters, for they claim to have assurance of standpat votes in the caucus and on the floor.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether the caucus should be held Saturday morning at 10 or in the afternoon at 2. No petition has yet been circulated and probably will not be before tomorrow afternoon, as members are slow in arriving.

MURDERERS MAY RECOVER

MARSHALLTOWN, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. J. Powell, the Rockwell City, Ia., woman, who killed two of her children, who, a third and herself, is still here, with a prospect of pardon. The oldest boy will probably also get well. The funeral of the two younger children was held today. The murderess is now most repentant for having killed her children, but she still wishes death for herself.

WOMAN CLERK AN EMBEZZLER

Books Saved from Fire Show Guilt of Packing House Cashier.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 8.—Miss Nellie O'Donnell, aged 39 years, a former cashier and bookkeeper for the Wyoming Storage & Provision company, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzling \$4,000 while in the employ of the company.

According to the police, Miss O'Donnell has made a complete confession. The embezzlement was discovered in July, 1928. A short time afterwards fire destroyed the branch office of the company at which Miss O'Donnell was employed. Most of the company's books were burned. However, Miss O'Donnell's cash book was saved and placed in the hands of an expert accountant, employed to investigate the firm's affairs, discovered the shortage. Miss O'Donnell asserts that she does not know why she took the money.

Frank O'Dowd, also a former bookkeeper for the company, was arrested shortly after Miss O'Donnell. The police assert that O'Dowd signed a statement admitting having received \$500 from Miss O'Donnell. O'Dowd resigned his position shortly after the fire and went into the cigar business. Miss O'Donnell also claims that she had become his clerk. In her confession, Miss O'Donnell says O'Dowd did not know that she had embezzled the money.

Miss O'Donnell entered the employ of the company ten years ago and had been promoted from office girl to cashier.

OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES

First Week Since November When Receipts Are Less Than Last Year.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram)—Price Current says: Total western packing was less than for the corresponding week last year for the first time since November, which condition appears likely to be repeated with frequency henceforth. The total western packing was 69,000, compared with 49,000 the preceding week and 70,000 last year. For November the total was 625,000, against 438,000 year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Packing Output. Includes Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ottumwa, Des Moines, Sioux City, St. Paul, Cleveland.

NEW SQUADRON FOR NAVY

Secretary Newberry Has Plan for Additional Ships Which Would Cost \$75,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The authorization of an entire squadron of four monster battleships was urged upon the house committee on naval affairs when Secretary Newberry appeared before the committee yesterday. Besides the battleships, he said that the navy should be provided with four new scout cruisers, ten destroyers, four submarines, three colliers, one repair ship, one ammunition ship and two mine laying ships.

Secretary Newberry told the committee that the new battleships should be of the heavy single caliber, all big gun type, and added that it was desirable that a squadron of eight of these ships be completed as soon as possible.

About \$75,000,000 would be required to carry out the secretary's program for increasing the navy as he outlined it to the house committee on naval affairs today.

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IN DEADLOCK OVER DENEEN

Illinois Legislature Clashes Over Canvassing of Vote and Inauguration is Postponed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 8.—With the two houses of the Illinois assembly in deadlock over canvassing the vote cast for state officers, there will be no inaugural of the governor and other state officers here Monday.

The house and senate organizations clashed today when the senate, dominated by Governor Deneen, refused to participate in a joint session to canvass the vote until being fully assured relative to the plans of the Shurtleff forces, in the event the democratic attempt to contest the gubernatorial election.

The deadlock may continue indefinitely. There is no opportunity for a change in the situation sooner than next Tuesday, as neither of the houses will be in session until then.

Senator Gardner served notice on the house of the senate's determination to stay out of the joint session, and carried back the word that the Shurtleff organization would not pledge its action in the gubernatorial matter in advance.

The action of the senate means that all the state officers elected must be inaugurated at the same time. As there are but two changes in the personnel of the state officers, the ones who are elected will not be seriously inconvenienced by the delay, since under the constitution each holds his office until his successor is qualified.

The two state officers elected who are kept out of their places are Lieutenant Governor John G. Oglesby and Andrew J. Russell.

No business will be transacted in the house until the deadlock is broken and the vote canvassed. If present plans prevail, Speaker Shurtleff has been informed that this is in accordance with the constitution. In the opinion of persons who have studied the constitution on this point the senate is not similarly governed and may proceed with its work.

Governor Deneen's friends are at sea completely regarding their next move. They rely upon the senate organization to prevent the governor from being ousted in a recount in favor of Adlai E. Stevenson.

Friends of Governor Deneen declared a plot to oust him by unfair methods has been discovered and frustrated, and that the senators who declined to enter a joint session took the only safe way of preventing a move on the part of the democratic legislators to rush a petition for a contest on the gubernatorial issue to the senate and at least secure the fixing of a date for the contest and securing the appointment of a hostile committee to hear the contest. They declare the governor does not fear the outcome of a real recount.

The democratic members of the house were steadfast tonight in their refusal to indicate their attitude about a contest for governor.

"We will wait for a year, if necessary," said one of the democratic leaders, "and then not give any assurance of what we will do or attempt to do."

Etherville Midwinter Fair. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The farmers' institute and midwinter fair will be held in the new armory at Etherville, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 25, 27 and 28. An excellent program is being prepared, with such men as Judge Quanton and W. P. Morris as speakers. A corn judging contest will be held. Dairying and cattle raising will be largely discussed.

The midwinter fair promises to be the best ever held in the city. Fifty-eight premiums are being offered, representing some expensive pieces of farm machinery. Ninety dollars is offered in premiums to the women's department.

A street parade, followed by a township sports contest, will be given the first day, Wednesday forenoon. A moving picture show will be given. Free coffee will be served every day.

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THREE FIRES IN NEW YORK

Buildings in Wholesale District Damaged to Extent of \$1,250,000.

BILL TO AMEND SHERMAN ACT Committee Appointed by National Civic Federation Begins Its Work—Harriman Hearing Goes Over For Day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Three downtown fires tonight destroyed property worth \$1,250,000. One fire was on Howard street in a building occupied by the Thomas J. Lipton Tea company, F. C. Hazard & Co. and the Crandall & Godley grocery firms. Explosions among the stock caused the fire to spread so that the building was soon a mass of flames.

A big building on the Bowery, occupied by a number of manufacturing firms, also was burned, as was also one at 124 Crosby street. It required nearly three hours' work to subdue the three fires. No lives were lost, but there were a number of accidents which involved injury to firemen or citizens. No one was fatally hurt.

Bill to Amend Sherman Act. The announcement that it has appointed a committee to prepare a draft of a bill to be presented to congress for the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust act was made tonight by the National Civic Federation. No information was given regarding the charges to be made, but they will probably be in line with those suggested by Seth Low and approved by President Roosevelt and others during the last session of congress. The committee consists of Seth Low, chairman, Frederick P. Fish of Boston, Frederick N. Judson, of St. Louis and Reuben D. Stillman and Henry W. Taft of New York.

No attempt, it is said, will be made to submit any bill to the present congress. It is proposed to prepare a tentative draft as soon as a careful study of the problems will permit. This then will be submitted for examination and suggestions to various representative bodies in all parts of the country and with the aid of the comments thus received the final draft of the bill to be submitted will be prepared.

Harriman Case Goes Over. Control for the government and for the Harriman railroad was consulted today to determine what portion of evidence taken before the Interstate Commerce commission should be admitted in the government's suit to dissolve the merger of those roads. The taking of further evidence in this case was therefore postponed until tomorrow. Subpoenas have been issued for Jacob H. Schiff and Otto H. Kuhn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. fiscal agents of the Harriman road, whom are defendants in the suit and they may be called to testify. It is expected the government's case will be closed in a few days.

Empire Theater Sold. The Empire theater, now under lease to Charles Frohman, was sold under the hammer today, together with three other buildings on Broadway, for \$450,000, to Al Hayman of the theatrical firm of Al Hayman & Co. Mr. Frohman's lease has three more years to run.

Swift and Company Expand. Stockholders Vote to Increase Capital Stock from Fifty to Sixty Millions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The stockholders of Swift and Company, at their annual meeting today, decided to increase the capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. The \$10,000,000 had been paid out in wages.

Active Salesmen—Be