

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Office 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis, drug. Stockert sells carpets. Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Pianos by Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 33. Pictures for gifts. C. E. Alexander, 22 Broadway.

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 under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association in the opera house next Sunday afternoon. E. J. Day, president of the local association, will give a brief history of the association building project and explain what is necessary in order that the building may be completed according to the original plans.

W. L. Roach, the millionaire lumberman of Muscatine, Ia., will be the principal speaker of the afternoon. For some time Mr. Roach has devoted 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. The mass meeting will immediately precede a vigorous campaign to secure a short time extension of the building.

J. A. Goodell of Des Moines, extension work secretary of the state committee of the Young Men's Christian association, is in the city and will remain over for the Sunday meeting.

Best Over Drainage Contract. The members of the Board of County Supervisors were subpoenaed as witnesses yesterday in the drainage ditch injunction suit now before the district court of Harrison county at Logan, and consequently the session of the board had to be adjourned at noon.

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 23, was yesterday continued until Thursday of next week, as the little victim of the alleged assault was unable to be in court.

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. It seems that on the afternoon of December 23 Mrs. Clucas and an elder daughter were away from home securing lumber and that Robbins had been engaged to haul the lumber for them.

Robbins, so it was stated, was asked by Mrs. Clucas to stop at their house after he had unloaded the lumber, and after the fire in the stove needed attention, as the child Annie was at home alone.

According to the statement of John T. Mowery, a neighbor of the Clucas family, Robbins stayed about half an hour at the Clucas house and that shortly after he left little Annie came screaming out of the house with her hair and clothes on fire. She was taken by Mowery to his home and cared for until her mother could be reached.

The child was not until two days later that she told her mother of the alleged assault by Robbins. The little girl also told her mother that before he over her hair and that when she was warm herself at the stove her hair at once caught fire. It is said that the child's hair was all burned off and that she was badly burned about the face, neck and upper portion of the body.

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 divorcing her from Jacob Beam, to whom she was married April 1928, the divorce 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 him 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.

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. These are Lee of Emmett, Marston of Cerro Gordo and Darrah of Lucas county.

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 proposed to flip a coin by Feeley of Blackhawk 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 the caucus, is in the lobby working in the interests of Representative Feeley.

SHEEPMEN FINISH THEIR SESSION

Addresses Listened to and Officers Chosen for Year.

AMES, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Today marked the close of the second annual meeting of the Iowa Sheep Breeders' association. All of the old officers were re-elected as follows: J. L. Plumly of Martelle, Ia., president; E. L. Bitterman of Mason City, Ia., vice president; and E. S. Leonard of Corning, Ia., secretary-treasurer.

The morning session was opened by a talk by Prof. Robbins of Iowa State college on stomach worms in sheep. He advocated the tobacco treatment. In the discussion which followed, a number of the sheep men expressed their opinion that it would be rather expensive business buying chewing tobacco for a flock of 200 sheep. Most of them seemed to prefer turpentine or gasoline.

Following this Mr. Chandler of Chariton, Ia., read a paper on the production of pure bred sheep in Iowa. He said that pedigree should not be raised ahead of individual merit, but that both must go together if the greatest success is to be attained.

The chief event of the afternoon meeting was an address by Mr. A. J. Knoll on "Iowa's Contribution to Eastern Feed Lots." He expressed the opinion that Iowa farmers were making a mistake in sending "warmed up" sheep to Chicago to be fattened by eastern feeders. An expert easterner found a profit in finishing this half-fed stuff, it will certainly pay Iowa farmers to fatten them well before letting them go in the first place.

A paper by Hon. J. A. Delfelder of Waterloo, Wyo., on "Wool Storage and Marketing," was next read by the secretary. Mr. Delfelder urged the Iowa organization to join with the National Sheep Breeders' association in an effort to establish wool storage warehouses at Chicago and Omaha. A year ago the Wyoming Wool Growers' association had the Commercial club of Omaha to build such a storage warehouse. As a result the Wyoming farmers were able to hold their wool until the price had advanced from 3 to 8 cents per pound. This year, according to their profits for that year.

The last number of the program was a speech by H. L. Pike of Whiting, Ia., on "The Needs of the Association." There were, he stated, "more members, a greater interest in sheep raising, a more general, more means of disseminating practical information on sheep and a more liberal showing of sheep at the fairs."

Quick Goes to La Vollette

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Herbert Quick, author of "Aladdin & Co." "Double Trouble," "The Broken Lance" and other stories, and a prominent magazine contributor, has accepted the position of assistant editor of "The Aladdin," the new magazine, and will move from Sioux City to Madison. He formerly was mayor of Sioux City.

Iowa News Notes.

SIDNEY—George W. Moore, the retiring county recorder, and his father, D. A. Moore of Bartlett, have purchased the Freestone county, of which the younger Moore will be editor.

TABOR—Isaac Ventis, an early resident, died at his home here yesterday of paralysis. He was 75 years old and is survived by two sons and five daughters. The funeral was held at the Methodist church.

SIDNEY—W. T. Davidson, editor of the Hamburg Republican, who, according to the official count, was elected a majority of representative by A. V. Penn by a majority of five votes, has secured the county seat. He alleges that many votes which should have been counted for him were thrown out by the judges.

WATERLOO—Flagman William J. Nix was struck by a switch engine on the Nix Central train at Waterloo, Iowa, yesterday. He was instantly killed. His body was horribly mangled and death soon set in. He was 35 years of age. He was on an account of the dense smoke and steam the approaching engine was not seen by the victim. The body was taken to Manchester for burial.

CRESTON—The new Board of Supervisors has decided to place \$20,000 of the county funds in county banks, where they will draw 2 per cent interest, which will be added to the county funds. It is said that the policy of the county treasurer to allow the banks of this place to handle the funds without charging interest, but because of the agitation of the matter during the fall campaign it has been decided to make a change in the policy.

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 Commercial club of Omaha, 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.

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. Locations include Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ottumwa, Des Moines, Sioux City, St. Paul, and Cleveland. Packing outputs range from 150,000 to 1,000,000.

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 in the house committee on naval affairs today.

Elite Cloak Co. 1517 FARNAM ST.

SATURDAY CLOAK BARGAINS

A Final Clearance at Positively the Greatest Bargain Giving Values Ever Attempted



These are not the usual sale cloaks, misfits, odds and ends bought at a discount for a sale, but they are our regular stock of high-class cloaks, finely tailored, well lined garments, that will give the wearer satisfaction for years. We cannot afford to carry over garments from one season to another, hence we offer the following extraordinary values for Saturday.

- Regular \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$17.50 values, on sale Saturday at \$5.00
Regular \$19.50, \$22.50 and \$25.00 values, on sale Saturday at \$9.75
Regular \$27.50, \$29.50 and \$35.00 values, on sale Saturday at \$14.75

Greater Values Than Ever

for Saturday shoppers in our great January Clearance Sale of fine Suits, Opera Cloaks, Furs, Waists, Kimonos and Silk Petticoats.

TAFT CONFERS WITH KNOX

President-elect and Future Secretary of State Discuss Cabinet Timber.

FURTHER CONFERENCE TODAY

Partial Report for Publication May Be Made This Evening—Railroad Employes Endorse Herrick.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—President-elect Taft yesterday conferred with Philander C. Knox, his secretary of state, on the subject of cabinet appointments. Mr. Taft had announced that the judgment of Senator Knox would have great weight with him in making up his cabinet. With this in mind it may be stated that the preliminary and formative periods of this important work have merged into that of making definite decisions. Besides, he added, the final decision on matters talked over with Mr. Taft and these decisions may not have been made. It is understood that Mr. Knox is being asked to give his judgment regarding men whom Mr. Taft has tentatively selected.

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. Locations include Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ottumwa, Des Moines, Sioux City, St. Paul, and Cleveland. Packing outputs range from 150,000 to 1,000,000.

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 in the house committee on naval affairs today.

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.

No business will be transacted in the house until the deadlock is broken and the speaker named. It is expected that the two houses will meet in a joint session on Tuesday, at which time the inauguration will be held.

Gov. 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 legislature 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."

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 amendments to the present congress. It is proposed to prepare a tentative draft as soon as a careful study of the problems well 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 companies 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—12