

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM A COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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CHARLES SEARLE ENDS LIFE

Rents Room in the Ogden Hotel and Takes Carbolic Acid. NO REASON YET APPARENT

Deceased Was Brother of Former Auditor Searle of Nebraska and A. L. Searle of Omaha, and His Father Lives at Ogalalla.

Charles F. Searle, bookkeeper for the Guarantee Fund Life association, with offices in the Bradford building, Omaha, and brother of former State Auditor Searle, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the Ogden Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

Searle lived at 113 North Seventh street, with his wife and 13-year-old daughter. Why Searle killed himself his friends and family cannot tell.

Searle appeared at the Ogden hotel about 10 yesterday morning and registered as "C. F. Searle, City." To the clerk on duty he said he wanted a room, as he wished to rest. While his appearance did not indicate it, Searle told the clerk he had been drinking.

Searle ate dinner in the hotel in the middle of the day and went back to his room shortly after 1 o'clock. A few minutes later he sent the porter to the drug store across the street to buy a bottle of vaseline.

About 2 p. m. a chambermaid, in passing down the hall, noticed the smell of carbolic acid and reported the fact at the office. When the door was forced, Searle was found lying on the bed unconscious. He was fully dressed with the exception of his coat. On a chair beside the bed was a tumbler and a six-ounce bottle with half of the contents of carbolic acid gone. The bottle of vaseline was also on the chair.

In order to avoid burning his lips with the acid Searle had carefully covered them with the vaseline. Half of the contents of the bottle of acid he had evidently poured into the tumbler before drinking it. While he appears to have been wholly unconscious when found and remained so until death came about half an hour later, Dr. O'Keefe was called as soon as the man was found but his services were of no avail.

A body was removed to Woodring's undertaking rooms nearby. Searle had lived in Council Bluffs for several years, his business, except for the short time he was in the employ of the Hafer Lumber company, had been out of the city. It was thought that he had made a few friends here, but it was thought that he was a stranger. The dead man was first identified by Clarence Hafer.

Brother in Omaha. Charles F. Searle was 39 years of age and was a brother of E. M. Searle of Ogalalla, Neb., a brother, A. L. Searle, lives at 324 Lafayette avenue, Omaha, and another lives in Lincoln, and still a third was state auditor. It is said several years ago Charles Searle was receiver for the Valley Land company.

Searle left a note written with pencil, directed to the management of the Ogden hotel, which was found in his room. In this note, it is said, Searle directed that his brother, A. L. Searle in Omaha, be notified and that his personal effects be turned over to this brother. "I will and it," it is said, was added as a postscript.

"We are absolutely at a loss to ascribe any motive for my brother taking his life," said A. L. Searle. Mr. Searle was unwilling at first to say anything. Asked if his brother was in financial straits, he said he was not and there was no other trouble that he knew of. He said he was in touch with his brother last Saturday as he had done three or four times a week for some months, and if there had been anything troubling his brother he would have known it.

Searle had only been with the Guarantee Fund Life association as head bookkeeper a little over four months. "We do not know anything whatever about his affairs, nor why he should take his life," said Secretary J. C. Buffington. "He was a good bookkeeper and I esteem him very highly. There is absolutely nothing the matter with his books. His work was satisfactory in every way, and he was in the employ of the company when he committed suicide."

Asked about the insurance policies of the bookkeeper, Mr. Buffington said: "I know nothing as to the insurance he carried. Though he worked for us, he did not carry a policy with this company."

SHORT SESSION OF POSTMASTERS. Arrive in Afternoon and Leave on the Late Trains.

As the members were late in arriving the semi-annual meeting of the fourth class postmasters of southwestern Iowa held yesterday at the federal building was not called to order until 1:30 in the afternoon. As most of the postmasters had to start for home again before the evening the session was of much shorter duration than had been planned.

All social features, including the proposed luncheon, were abandoned and the meeting was devoted to the discussion of matters connected with the service. W. B. Keith, president of the association, who is postmaster at Mondamin, acted as chairman. L. Reynolds of Little Sioux, secretary of the organization, was also present and gave an interesting talk on "The Local Rural Free Delivery Parcel Post." He spoke in favor of a limited parcel post.

Charles A. Reynolds of Harlan discussed "New Department Orders and Improvements in the Service," and David Scott of Griswold talked on a number of matters of interest to the postmasters of fourth class offices.

A. S. Hazelton, postmaster of Council Bluffs, by invitation addressed the meeting on the subject of postal savings banks. Mr. Hazelton spoke in favor of the proposition. From the investigation made by him the opinion that he had arrived at is that people generally were in favor of the establishment of the postal savings banks, but that the smaller banking institutions, fearing it would mean a loss of business to them, were opposed to the proposition.

Mrs. Mary Green Dead. Mrs. Mary A. Green, widow of the late Thomas Green, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 219 Graham avenue, aged 86 years. She leaves one son, Thomas Green, and two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Jackson and Miss Martha Green, all of this city.

Mrs. Green was a native of Selby, York-shire, England, and with her husband came to Council Bluffs in 1870.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence on Graham avenue and interment will be in the family burial lot in Fairview cemetery. Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints Episcopal church, Omaha, will conduct the services.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS ACTIVE. Trying to Secure Next Year's Short Course in Agriculture.

A committee from the Commercial club, headed by President Charles A. Beno, will go to Avoca tomorrow, where every effort possible will be made to bring the western Iowa short course, under the auspices of the State Agricultural college at Ames, now being held there, to Council Bluffs next winter.

The club has pledged \$2,000 as a guarantee for the expense of the short course, if brought here.

E. H. Doolittle, chairman of the executive committee of the Commercial club, yesterday telegraphed to Representative Brandes at Des Moines, asking him to be at Avoca Thursday, and the committee also asked to have F. H. Kopping, who is a member of the executive board of the western Iowa short course, present.

FEELY NAMES COMMITTEES

All Former Candidates for Speaker Except Lee Are Well Placed.

FLOOD OF BILLS LET LOOSE

Few Days' Adjournment Suggested in Order to Allow Committees to Visit the Various State Institutions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Jan. 20 (Special).—The most important thing of the day in the legislature was the announcement of house committees by Speaker Feely. There was much surprise and regret that he had nominated his strongest opponent and the leader of the floor by placing him on the committee to handle the prohibitory amendment and women suffrage. This is Lee of Emmet, the only one of the candidates for speaker not treated well.

Important chairmanships in the house are: Ways and Means, White; Judiciary, Sullivan; Labor, Marston; Banks, Grier; Pardon, Holmes; Municipal corporations, Harding.

House Committees. Ways and Means—White, Darrah, Wilson, Hackler, Hansen and Weldon of Linn; Judiciary—Sullivan, Moore, Grier, White, Harding, Fox, Drury, Felt, Brandes, Elliott, Dowell, Alford, Blackmore, Casady, Ward, Pillsbury, Davidson, Jacobs, Cooper, Thompson, Kluy, Derrough and Miller; Labor—Marston, Grier, White, Williams, Schrodler, Vaskins, Miller of Dubuque, McDonald, Huffaker, Fullam, Boettger.

Judiciary—Sullivan, Lee, Hackler, Harding, Pillsbury, Moore, Grier, White, Williams, Schrodler, Vaskins, Miller of Dubuque, McDonald, Huffaker, Fullam, Boettger.

Real Estate Transfer. These transfers were reported to the Register January 19 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs.

F. J. Schorr and wife of E. H. Stow, lot 8, in block 6, in Sackett's addition to Council Bluffs, w. d. 40. 10. Benjamin Felt, Real Estate company, 7. To Paul F. Schultz, lots 9 and 10, in block 8, in Benson's second addition to Council Bluffs, w. d. 40. 10. Harvey Hurd and wife Sarah E. Hurd, lot 4 in block 4, in Benson's addition to Council Bluffs, w. d. 40. 10.

Total three transfers, \$4,405.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. Name and Residence. Age. Name and Residence. Age. Name and Residence. Age.

Notable Deaths. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 20 (Special).—Arthur H. Deertz, manager of the Clear Lake Ice company, and Miss Lulu Howland, both of Mason City, died at Charles City yesterday, where they were very well known in Mason City and Clear Lake. Mrs. Deertz is the daughter of George M. Howland, a former clerk of courts of Cerro Gordo county, and the head of the Farmers Co-operative Brick and Tile company of Mason City.

IOWA NEWS NOTES. MARSHALLTOWN—Articles of incorporation of the Elks Improvement company, which will build the new \$200,000 Elks temple, the capitalizing of which was filed today, and the organizing of the building in this city during the summer.

TAHOR—Miss Rosa A. Margus, for the last two years teacher of violin and piano in the conservatory of Taber college, has resigned to accept the directorship of the music department in the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville.

IOWA CITY—Stricken down by a fever in Cuba at the time of the Spanish war, Charles Smith, a young Iowa city volunteer, sustained an affliction of the kidneys which yesterday resulted in his being sent to the hospital for insane at Independence.

CRESTON—Miss Dorothea Hight of this city has gone to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she joins the Neil stock company for a tour through Canada. Her father, Mrs. Frank Powell, who last year toured Europe with Ellen Terry's company, both Miss and Mrs. Powell are with the Neil stock company this year.

CRESTON—The Methodist people at Prescott are planning to erect a new church the coming year, and the pastor, Rev. H. H. Shawman, has just received from William Jennings Bryan secretary of an invitation to give an address at Prescott in September. Plans are being made to be used in the building of the new church.

IOWA CITY—Bishop James Davis of Davenport, at the earnest solicitation of a committee from the Catholic students of the University of Iowa, has accepted the general movement to have a course on Catholicism established in the university. A committee composed of L. Donovan of Iowa City, J. T. Keefe, a junior law student from Sioux City, and James Lenihan of Dubuque, obtained the diocesan sanction Saturday.

CRESTON—The ice harvest began at this place last week and the railroad company has been furnished with a large portion of its contract and nearly 100 cars have been consigned to local depots. The ice is the best quality ever harvested in this vicinity, clear as crystal, and from ten to twelve inches in thickness. The harvest and fifty men have been employed in cutting for the last week and it is thought the harvest will be the best in the history of the place.

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FATALITY IN ST. LOUIS

Edward M. Gerber, a Pork Packer, is Accidentally Shot by Mrs. O. W. Lauberg.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—Edward M. Gerber, a pork packer, died in the City hospital tonight two hours after he had been shot by Mrs. O. W. Lauberg. The shooting happened at a rooming house and was accidental, according to Mrs. Lauberg, in this case was supported by Gerber in a statement before he died. Mrs. Lauberg is held by the police.

Miss Ethel Stewart, who was in the room at the time of the shooting, said that Mrs. Lauberg had snatched Gerber's pistol playfully, not knowing it was loaded.

As soon as the two houses opened this morning a flood of bills came in from members. Among the important ones were: Saunders—To limit the number of committee clerks in the next legislature. Van Law—To authorize cities to investigate rates of public service corporations. McManus—To increase the size of the supreme court.

Cosson—To authorize the governor to remove inefficient officials in certain cases. Peterson—New employment bill to conform to the national law. Hawker—To require payment of interest on county funds on deposit in banks. Dockler—To authorize smaller cities to create the commission form of government. Harding—To create a commission to investigate taxing methods. Richter—To require payment of county officers and deputies. Meredith—To create office of counsel for

Whoooping Cough, Group Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Diphtheria. Green's is a Boon to Asthmatics.

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F. C. HAMER SELLS School Bonds

REASONS WHY THEY ARE BETTER THAN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT:—

The law gives to school districts the power, within certain limits, to borrow money to build new school houses. It "promises to pay," or bonds are paid by taxing every dollar of property, real and personal, in the district.

The nature of a school district, the purpose for which it is created, argue most forcibly for the absolute security its bonds afford investors.

Nebraska school districts include five to twelve sections of land. The debt is limited to ten per cent of the assessed valuation and as assessments here are based upon one-fifth of real values, it follows that the debt of no district can exceed two per cent of the value of the property in it. In fact it is in most cases much less than two per cent.

Such securities are found in the assets of most life insurance companies, are bought by trustees of estates, and by well regulated savings banks. If so desirable for trust funds, why not equally desirable for any man with little money who wants to keep it safely and yet get a fair return, and at the same time hold his own security.

By issuing school bonds in the small denominations of \$50 and \$100 each, I have bought the best securities our state affords within the reach of the small investor. By giving preference in my purchases to securities which I have already handled, a market is afforded to which an investor can turn any time and sell his holdings or any part of them.

I have school bonds of Pilger, Geneva, Adams and Milford, all in \$100 denominations.

I can also rent you a safety deposit box in the burglar and fire-proof vaults of the American Safe Deposit and Trust Co. to keep your money, bonds and valuables safe. \$1 rents a box.

Write or call and see me at the American Safe Deposit Vaults, 216 S. 17th street, Bee building.

F. C. HAMER

NO ANTI-JAPANESE LAWS. Governor of California Says Proposed Legislation Will Not Be Enacted.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST MEASURE. Japan Has Stopped Emigration in Good Faith and Wishes of Federal Government Should Have Weight.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 20.—According to a statement made tonight by Governor Gillett there will be no legislation against the Japanese at this session of the legislature. The governor authorized the following:

"After conferring with the leading members of both branches of the legislature tonight, I am convinced that no legislation directed against the Japanese will be enacted. I am satisfied that the people of California and particularly the members of our legislature appreciate the efforts being made by the federal government and the representatives of Japan to stop immigration to this country of Japanese laborers, skilled and unskilled.

"There can be no doubt that the Japanese government is acting absolutely in good faith in its endeavor to prevent its people emigrating to our country, and in my judgment it would be a serious mistake while they are so doing to enact any laws directed against the Japanese people.

"This question is one in which the federal government is particularly interested and its wishes should be carefully considered and will be, I am sure, by the people of this state."

Arguments Against Measure. A general understanding was reached tonight by the leaders in the assembly regarding the action to be taken tomorrow on the Drew bill, preventing aliens holding lands, and the Johnson bill, denying them the right to be directors in corporations. They have been made a special order of business and a fierce fight is predicted by their friends.

Their opponents will hold, as do Governor Gillett, Lieutenant Governor Porter and

Attorneys for New York Financier Say He is Solvent and Not Dodging Courts.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 20.—P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Funding company, who, fortified by carefully attested bail bonds gave himself up on Monday to the Pittsburgh police, did not go to New York today as expected. With his attorneys, Moses Baire of Shire & Jellinek, who have been retained as counsel, Kieran came to Buffalo and is now in the city or vicinity. "He is within call," Mr. Jellinek explained tonight, "and will not attempt to get away, keep under cover or dodge appearance in any court."

Kieran says he is perfectly solvent and will fight. Shire & Jellinek have filed an answer to the involuntary bankruptcy proceedings started against him in the federal court of New York. They have demanded a jury trial on the question of solvency. Jellinek also said Kieran would take part in the proceedings now pending, both in the state and federal courts, wherein the Fidelity Funding company is defendant. Kieran's standing in these proceedings will be those of a creditor, stockholder and officer of the Fidelity Funding company.

Kieran, his attorneys say, is certain he has done nothing for which he can be criminally prosecuted; is sure he is solvent and that his creditors and those of the Fidelity Funding company will in the end lose nothing.

VERDICT IN SEELEY CASE

Coroner's Jury Finds that Settler Man Murdered His Wife and Daughter.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—A coroner's jury today found that William Seeley, who was found dead Sunday with his wife and daughter, killed his wife and daughter by hitting them over the head with a blunt instrument and subsequently submerging their heads in water.

Burglar is Nabbed. CLARKES, Neb., Jan. 20 (Special).—Frank Johnson, the man who robbed the Knight store at Clark last night, has been captured and is now safely in the Merrick county jail. About 11 o'clock, Marshall John Wolf of Clark, who sleeps in W. J. Shaw's general store, heard someone trying to break in, and fired four shots, scaring the intruder away. He at once started in pursuit, chasing the man down toward the Union Pacific tracks. Here the fugitive secured a handcar and started west. The officers at Central City were notified and nabbed the man just as he was walking into town, after he had ditched the handcar east of the B. & M. crossing. Later it was discovered the Knight store at Clark had been entered and some razors and a revolver taken. These articles were found in the possession of the man captured at Central City, who gave his name as Frank Johnson and who confessed to the robbery of the Knight store and his attempt to enter the Stanley store. He said he was alone in the undertaking and is being held awaiting trial.

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