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BAIRD, LONGENECKER & BOLAND, Undertakers. Phone 174. N. Main St. Cut flowers, Herman Bros. florists, 19 Pearl street. Pyrograph outfits and wood. Alexander, 23 Broadway. The city council will meet tonight for the regular monthly session.

The March term of the superior court will be convened today by Judge Snyder. WATCH FOR HUNTER'S MEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEF SALE IT WILL BE A HUMMER. The Commercial club will hold Wednesday evening, at which time a board of fifty directors will be elected. The Australian ballot system will be used.

President W. S. Keeline yesterday announced that he would issue today a call for a meeting of the directors of the National Horticultural congress, at the Commercial club rooms, next Saturday evening. The democrats will hold a mass convention this evening at the county court house to name two candidates for members of the Board of Education. The republicans will hold a meeting for a similar purpose Wednesday evening.

The March reception of the Council Bluffs Woman's club has been postponed, and will be held on March 11, instead of on Friday of this week, at the home of Mrs. Victor Johnson. The members of the art department will act as hostesses.

At St. John's English Lutheran church Lenten services will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The choir will rehearse after the services. The Ladies Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Reichenbach, 219 Fourth street.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday evening for the regular monthly session. The board will be called upon to fill the vacancy in the high school faculty caused by the sudden death of Albert R. Benham, the newly appointed instructor in science. Illness is said to have caused Mr. Benham to die suddenly from his home in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Samuel French, one of the heirs of the French estate, who recently conducted a auction on Broadway, has recently bought out a moving picture theater in this city and one in Missouri Valley, was taken into custody yesterday by Denver police and placed in the county jail. An information charging French with being a disseminator was filed by his wife.

The men of the First Congregational church will meet today noon at the Grand hotel for the regular weekly lunch and conference. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, Mid-week services Wednesday evening at the parsonage at 7:30. Communion services will be observed on Saturday, March 14, instead of March 3. Annual Home Missionary offering to be taken at this time. Ladies Aid society and kindergarten will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. C. S. Lawson, 43 Glen avenue. Committee, Mrs. C. S. Lawson, Mrs. F. F. Everest and Mrs. W. D. Durfee.

EXPERT SERVICES COME HIGH

It Cost County Nearly Two Thousand to Check Up Officials.

Contracting with the National Accounting company of Des Moines to check up the accounts of the outgoing county officers has proven to be a costly experiment for the taxpayers of Pottawattamie county, and the expense, it is said, exceeded by far what the Board of Supervisors anticipated the work would cost.

Under the contract the board agreed to pay for the services of an expert accountant at the rate of \$3.50 a day. The records show that C. J. Richmond, the first checker sent here by the Des Moines company, drew pay at \$5.50 a day for sixty-one days, or a total of \$313.50. C. A. Pierce, who succeeded Mr. Richmond, worked sixty days and drew \$348.50. In addition to the two experts, Frank Van Brunt and Jay Cleaver, two young men of this city, were employed as assistants at \$3 a day each. Van Brunt drew for thirty-nine days and a fraction \$117.25, while Cleaver, who is credited with forty-eight and a half days, drew \$144.15.

This makes the total cost of checking the offices \$1,377.50, but this, however, does not include the expense of checking up the books and accounts of H. V. Batty, the former clerk of the district court. For this work the National Accounting company drew \$584.45, making the total cost of checking the offices \$1,961.95.

Prior to the contract with the Des Moines company the checking was done by local experts. Thomas Bowman and Spencer Smith, who checked all of the offices, received in all but \$536.74.

MUSICALS OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Covalt and Miss Bell Have Charge of March Program.

The March musicale of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will be given this evening in the Hospe recital hall. An excellent program will be rendered under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Covalt and Miss Maude Bell. Miss Della Lund and Miss Bell act as accompanists. This will be the program:

- Wind of the Woods.....Schultz
Miss Sarah Friedman, Miss Rose Friedman
Dance of the Elves.....Jensen
Miss Carrie Whaley
Springtide.....Ecker
Miss Rose Friedman
Sketch of Mrs. E. J. Gordon.....Ethelbert Nevin
Violets.....Mildenberg
Serenade.....Chamblaine
Miss Laura Lewis
Harmony.....Teresa del Riego
Nymphs and Satyrs.....Mrs. A. A. Covalt
Song for Cornet—"In Silence".....Roane
Mr. A. A. Covalt.

Trying for Packing Plant.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Webster City is to have a new \$50,000 packing plant connected with it. It is what is likely the most novel plan of life insurance in existence. J. V. Kearns, a prominent and widely known business man here, is promoting the proposition and has it about closed up.

Mr. Kearns has just refused a bonus of \$1,000 and ten acres of ground, to be placed from the town of Waverly if he will locate his plant there. Shares in the plant are selling at \$5. One thousand are to be sold. Of the \$5 thus secured \$50,000 is to go into the packing plant. The remaining \$5,000 is to go into a life insurance fund. The stockholders are to be assessed \$5 annually to keep up the insurance, each holding a policy for \$1,000. Membership is limited to persons who work for wages. One thousand shares in the plant are to be sold before operations are begun. After the 1,000 mark is reached, however, the membership is to be unlimited.

Upholstering.

George W. Klein, 19 South Main street, Both phones. "Have it done right."

Advertisement for Dr. J. C. Leffert's eye medicine, located at 100 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.

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BUNCO VICTIMS HANG BACK

Attempt to Identify Three Members of Alleged Gang May Fail.

PRELIMINARY HEARING TUESDAY

Postoffice Inspector Swenson Finds Colorado Farmer and Saloon Keeper Who Lost Large Sums in Bluffs.

"I do not know anything more than what I learned from the press dispatches," declared Postoffice Inspector J. S. Swenson yesterday in reply to a question as to how soon he expected J. C. Walker, one of the other members of the bunco gang, now under arrest in Little Rock, would be brought to Council Bluffs.

"This dispatch, I must say," continued Mr. Swenson, "is not entirely clear to me. I can readily understand Maybray being the annual winner of the bunco game before the United States commissioner at Little Rock, but I cannot see why the other three men were not identified by some one of the alleged victims of the gang's operations that they would be discharged at the preliminary hearing, which was set for Tuesday of this week. That is why I have been so anxious to learn more. As far as I have been able to learn, so far they were apparently not connected with any of the deals of which we have evidence."

Several Victims in Denver.

Inspector Swenson arrived here early yesterday morning from Denver, where he went to secure additional evidence against Maybray and his alleged accomplices. The bunco gang is credited with having reaped a rich harvest from a number of wealthy Colorado suckers, and while in Denver, Mr. Swenson obtained evidence showing the modus operandi of the gang, and the memoranda of the tricks turned by the gang, found in Maybray's trunk, are faithful records of the proceeds of the swindlers' operations so far as they go.

While in Denver Mr. Swenson saw and interviewed J. P. Walker, saloonkeeper of that city, who, according to the data found in the memorable trunk, dropped \$5,000 on a fake horse race in this city on July 3 of last year. From Walker Mr. Swenson learned that the winner was besides losing his \$5,000, he also lost a diamond stud valued at \$450. According to Walker's story, Rayn, one of Maybray's accomplices, deliberately unwrapped the stud from the owner's shirt front and pocketed the jewel. Walker, however, did not attempt to, if he did, regain the valuable diamond. Maybray's memoranda relative to the Walker deal makes no mention of the diamond stud. After hearing his story, Mr. Swenson secured an affidavit from Walker.

Walker's story shows that Maybray and his gang had complete confidence in their ability to "shake down" any victim once they started after him. Walker told Mr. Swenson that when he came to the Council Bluffs first, on invitation of one of the gang's steersmen, to make a little piece of gang's money on a horse race, he failed to bring any considerable amount of cash with him. So sure was that gang that it had him, that Walker was told to go home and get his "representation." The "representation" meant money with which Walker was to give evidence that he was a man of means and accustomed to handle large sums of money. Walker obeyed the instructions of Maybray and his associates, went home, drew \$5,000 from the bank, returned to Council Bluffs and, like the other "victims," soon was parted from the money in a fake horse race.

Walker Goes to Little Rock.

Walker, at the solicitation of Inspector Swenson, left Saturday for Little Rock to see if he could identify either of the three men arrested with Maybray as being connected with the gang which buncoed him.

While in Denver Inspector Swenson had an interview also with George S. Bedford, a wealthy farmer of Greeley, Colo., who dropped \$12,250 on a fake horse race in this city on October 1. Bedford was induced to come to Council Bluffs on September 15 of last year, but the horse race was not pulled off until October 1. In the interval between Bedford's arrival in Council Bluffs and the time that the "victim" was taken to Greeley, Bedford came here ostensibly on a land deal, but, according to the memoranda found in Maybray's trunk, he was "switched" from the land proposition to the horse race deal.

Memoranda on Bedford.

The memoranda relating to the Bedford deal is very similar to that in the case of Banker Ballew of Princeton, Mo., who was induced to part with \$30,000. The following is a copy of the memoranda relating to the Bedford case, which is now in possession of Inspector Swenson:

September 28—Mike and J. H. Edwards (7) arrived in Denver from Little Rock, Mo. J. H. Edwards (farmer) interviewed on land proposition by George Adams (A), cousin of Mike Bedford, who had been here for \$12,250 through First National bank here.

September 28—Mike went down in Nebraska to visit sister or niece or some relative.

September 29—Mike returned from visit. He had a large sum of money. Showed him horse in afternoon.

October 1—Met in room 506, Grand hotel; matched race between Red Leo, owned and rode by Charles Barrett (102), and Andy L. owned and rode by Tom Rodgers (10). W. Hemingway, H. J. Gordon (10), E. Crawford (D), George Adams (A) present; holder.

Afternoon—Bedford drew money from bank on Adams' suggestion, went to horse race. Mike bet Gordon \$20 at track. Gore, Run off. Parties went to Park Hotel, Omaha, to await Adams. Tom Rodgers' note to L. H. Edwards, telling 108 and 109, to go to Kearney, Neb., and await there. Edwards to stay and help Barrett, holder.

October 2—Wire from Kansas City to 108, Kearney, Neb., care Midway hotel, Care, George. Took everything from him. All is lost (signed) EDWARDS.

Auto and Horses Attached.

Mr. Swenson said he had no knowledge of the contents of the express package shipped by some women alleged to be connected with the men under arrest from Little Rock to Denver, where it was attached on behalf of one of the buncoed victims, who is said to have contributed \$27,000 to the treasury of the gang of swindlers. The package is suspected of containing \$50,000 to \$60,000 and Mr. Swenson said yesterday that he hoped this would prove to be the case. "The package will be held and not opened until some order in the matter is made by the court," said Inspector Swenson. "These men who were arrested at Little Rock, I believe, had a considerable sum of money with them somewhere and it would not surprise me if this package contained it. If such prove to be the case it will be a good thing for Cavanaugh and others who lost their bank rolls through the artifice of this gang. We secured Maybray's red au-

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tomobile and the four race horses at Little Rock and they have been attached. We also found about \$1,000 in currency on Maybray and about the same amount on Warner. In the event of Warner not being identified as implicated in any of the swindles, he will presumably be released and his money returned to him.

Flash Roll is Found.

Inspector Swenson told of finding in a grip belonging to Maybray \$200 in \$1 bills. He expressed the opinion that this was a "flash roll" used by Maybray when the occasion demanded the display of considerable money.

While in Council Bluffs yesterday Inspector Swenson held a conference with County Attorney Hess in the office of Postmaster Hazleton and later held one with Mr. Hazleton during the afternoon.

Mr. Hazleton received a telegram from Samuel Sutor, who came here Friday to see Lake, Minn., who was buncoed out of \$5,000, stating that Sutor had started for Little Rock in order to be present at the preliminary hearing of Maybray and the other three men under arrest on Tuesday.

Postoffice Inspector C. D. Fanger of St. Louis, who came here Friday to assist Mr. Swenson in this case, has gone to Decatur, Ill., to look up an alleged victim of the gang who, it is said, was buncoed out of his money since Maybray and his associates transferred their operations to Little Rock.

As yet none of the gang's "victims" have so far been able to identify J. S. Johnson, F. M. Clarke and I. J. Warner as any of the men connected with the frame-up which resulted in their being parted from their bank rolls. I was not identified by these three men as not being connected with a friend that he was offered a regular employment as a foot racer at a salary of \$50 a month by a representative of the syndicate of swindlers, but that he declined to consider the offer.

Officers Recent Insultations.

"I see that an Omaha paper says that seven recent indictments were returned by a grand jury in 1907 in connection with a fake wrestling match and that the warrants were given me to serve while I was sheriff," said Ed Canning, whose term as sheriff expired at the first of this year. "This is not true. Two indictments were returned and the warrants were handed me, it being understood they were to be served when the party making the complaint located the persons accused. As I heard nothing more about it I supposed the matter had been settled in some way and that the victim had succeeded in recovering his money. The warrants, I presume, are still in the safe in the sheriff's office."

Major Richmond, chief of police, resents the insinuations that have been made against his department since the disclosure of the existence and operations of the bunco gang in Council Bluffs. "Why did not Inspector Swenson call upon me in reference to this matter," said Chief Richmond yesterday. "He never consulted me or called upon me for any assistance. I learned today, however, that some weeks ago Mr. Swenson, who was in company with this Mr. Sutor, the Minnesota state man who is said to have dropped \$5,000, spoke to a member of my force—Patrolman Larry, and inquired if the officer was acquainted with Maybray. I want to leave this man Maybray, who was badly injured, but it is thought that he may recover. The girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lynn, former residents of Cambridge, who moved to Greeley, Colo., a few weeks ago. The girl became infatuated with a school boy lover, and the youthful couple were determined to wed. The parents tried in vain to dissuade them, and even went to such ends that they sent the girl to Denver to go to school. Becoming dependent the child leaped from the viaduct, terribly injuring herself."

Good Prices for Horses.

CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—All previous records for high prices were broken Friday in this city at the combination horse and mule sale. Buyers were here from New York, Chicago and other large eastern cities, as well as from western and southern towns. One hundred and fifty horses and fifty mules were sold and brought the top notch prices. One team of 4-year-old mares brought the remarkable price of \$600. The highest price paid for a gelding was \$260, and this was from A. P. Bickeman of Albany, N. Y. Other sales ranged from \$200 to \$250, but few going lower than those figures. Louis Cohen of this place paid the \$500 for the team bringing that price.

Iowa News Notes.

NEVADA—Married on a Friday, on the 15th day of June, 1908, George V. Chapman of near this place, now resides in the city, and is seeking divorce from his wife Louise Chapman. He alleges desertion.

OSCEOLA—Dr. Frank W. Sells of this city, who was sentenced to serve a term of twenty years in the penitentiary for assaulting Miss Stella, a woman of Clearfield, Ia., has filed an appeal for a writ of habeas corpus and is at liberty pending action of the supreme court.

CRESTON—W. G. Bryant of this city, brother of Deputy United States Marshal Bedford, was stricken with paralysis Saturday while transacting business in town. Bedford was brought home last night by Bedford parties in an unconscious condition. His condition is considered critical.

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POPE PIUS LITTLE BETTER

Physicians of His Holiness Say that He Will Be All Right in a Few Days.

ROME, March 1.—The indisposition of the pope continues, but it did not prevent him from arising this morning and working for several hours in his library. The attending physicians maintain that the suspension of audience was brought about chiefly because of hoarseness, and they expect that his holiness will be entirely recovered in a few days.

MEMORIAL FOR UNCLE REMUS

Home of Late Joel Chandler Harris to Be Purchased by an Association.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 1.—"Snap bean farm and the sign of the wen's nest." It was the late Joel Chandler Harris styled his home, is to be purchased by the friends of "Uncle Remus," and presented to the public as a memorial to the distinguished

Iowa

BILL HITS DRUG VENDERS

Proposed Iowa Law Might Prevent Sale of Paregoric.

MILITIA AFTER MORE MONEY

Measure Asks Appropriation Be Increased from \$100,000 to \$153,000—River Navigation Bill May Be Changed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, March 1.—(Special.)—The draftsmen of the state are much alarmed over a bill which has just passed the senate and may possibly pass the house. This is a bill which is intended to aid in the reformation of those who have become addicted to drug or liquor habits and who have taken a "cure" for the same either at private institutions or at the state hospital. The bill was recommended by the board of control and it forbids all sales of liquor or narcotics to persons who have taken the "cure" unless upon a prescription of a physician.

"But as the bill has passed the senate," said a prominent Des Moines druggist, "it will simply compel every druggist in the state to take off his shelves all the paregoric and other curing agents. This is a large amount of both morphine and chloroform, and everyone knows that paregoric is a narcotic. It will not alone be trouble over liquor sales to strangers who it afterwards develops, have at the same time in some state ordinary sales of many substances to persons who use them rightly."

It is said that the druggists have taken counsel of an able lawyer and have been advised that the bill in its present form will have an effect not at all intended by those who voted for it.

Big Money for Militia.

Appropriations committees are puzzled to know what to do with the bill introduced on behalf of the present state administration to increase the annual allowance of the state militia from \$100,000 a year to \$153,000 a year. Two years ago a raise was secured from \$50,000 a year to the present amount. Now it is declared that the guard should have more than 50 per cent more. There are four regiments and the extra allowance is for increased maintenance and organization of auxiliaries and also that the number of members in each company may be increased to a larger number to conform to national regulations.

Survey of the Rivers.

The plan for the survey of the rivers of the state with a view to disclosing their value for water power or for navigation will be materially changed. A bill was introduced by Mr. Moore of Wapella, patterned somewhat after the laws in New York and Wisconsin and calling for the modest sum of \$30,000 for the work. Now it is found that the federal government contemplated something along the same line, and action on the Moore bill has been deferred until it is known just what plans are to be carried out by the federal commission. Then a bill will be passed for some kind of a commission to co-operate in Iowa with the federal commission in survey of the Des Moines, the Iowa and the Cedar rivers. It is possible that in case it is found impracticable to make an appropriation for this work a commission will be organized of men who will undertake the work without compensation, the surveyors and investigators, of course, being paid. So earnest are a number of men in this matter that they will undertake to organize a commission without pay to direct the work.

State Fair Offerings.

Secretary Simpson is going over the accounts of the state fair, and the discovery the other day that as a matter of fact the state has not been advertising the total of premium offerings as large as the offerings really are. He had an exact computation made and finds that this year the premiums in cash foot up over \$7,000. From year to year there have been additions made to the list and it had been some time since a computation was made, and it is a hard task to figure it all up. The state has been advertising less than it has really been offering. Included in the cash offerings is about \$5,000 of money from outside sources, such as \$300 from the Shorthorn association, \$750 from the Angus association, \$700 from the Herefords, \$200 from the Polled-Durhams, \$150 from the Belgians, etc. Last year the state fair paid in actual cash \$33,000 in premiums.

The matter of the right of different persons employed about the legislature to secure stamps from the public supply has been turned over to the office of attorney general for a legal opinion in the matter. State officers want to know who's who in such matters and to have it determined once for all how money or state property can be secured for use. Opinion is divided and it appears that the statutes are not as clear as they should be in regard to some things.

Wage Exemption Matter.

Laboring men are preparing savagely to attack the latest of the wage exemption bills before the legislature. This bill provides in brief that in regard to the earnings of a resident debtor "10 per cent of such earnings shall be subject to execution upon judgment obtained for personal and family necessities" and this is to be for a period of ninety days. In other words, as the laboring men say, the attachment is on a ninety-day basis, so that in reality it is 30 per cent of the monthly wage of a debtor that is subject to attachment. This presents the matter in a form a little different from that which has caused other legislatures so much worry.

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Cannon Defends

Rules of House

Speaker Says They Are the Result of Century of Legislative Experience.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Incensed by an attack alleged to have been made upon himself and upon the House of Representatives by Edward E. Higgins, president of the Success Magazine, Speaker Cannon tonight made public a letter he had written, in which he vigorously defends the house rules.

"The rules may not be ideal," writes the speaker, "but they have stood the test among those who know them in spite of half a century of denunciation such as Mr. Higgins puts forth. The foundation principles of the rules were laid down more than a century ago under the leadership of Jefferson and Madison. They have been perfected from year to year to meet the needs of a growing representation of a growing nation."

"I receive letters from men who denounce the legislature, the executive, the judiciary, the law, the church and the rules of the house of representatives. One publicist makes it a point to denounce the narrowing influence of religion on our civilization and demands legislation that will destroy this influence; another denounces the fundamental law of the land and would destroy the constitution and the statutes; a clever stock broker sends out bulletins attacking the executive and another advertises his attack on business. Mr. Higgins employs the same methods to attack the speaker and the rules of the house."

"He attacks the present speaker as representing 'the interests'—whatever that may mean, I confess I do not know, but I have noticed the use of the expression by those who, while ready to attack men in public life, still have a regard for the liberal laws and seek to discredit without assuming the responsibility for simple and direct accusations which they might have to prove or suffer the consequences. Mr. Higgins has this same respect for the law, while he apparently makes free to insinuate unworthiness against lawmakers."

MORE ADVICE FOR SERVIANS

Little Nation Convinced by Russia to Renounce Its Territorial Claims.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—The Russian government has sent a telegram to the Servian government counselling Servia to renounce all territorial claims and await the decision of the powers.

According to the official version this advice was given in response to a note to the new Servian cabinet assuring Russia of Servia's sincere desire for peace and firm resolve to abstain from any provocative or aggressive acts.

The Russian minister at Belgrade has been instructed, in communicating to the Servian government, to assure Servia that its demands for territorial compensation would find neither sympathy nor support among the powers and might entail war with Austria-Hungary.

FRIEND OF W. J. BRYAN DEAD

Theodore B. Noss, Head of Pennsylvania Normal School, Dies Suddenly in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Theodore H. Noss, superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Normal school at California, Pa., died of acute pneumonia at a hotel here today. Mr. Noss was here attending the annual meeting of the National Educational association. The body will be taken to California, Pa., for interment.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 1.—William J. Bryan, who lectured at Bethany, W. Va., today, arrived here tonight. He has cancelled his date to lecture at California, Pa., tomorrow night on account of the death of Dr. Noss.

"I was greatly distressed," said Mr. Bryan, "at the death of Dr. Noss' death. I shall attend the funeral."

DECORATIONS FOR GERMANS

Honors Conferred Upon Kaiser's Diplomats by France Produce Good Impression.

BERLIN, March 1.—M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Germany, yesterday conferred upon Herr von Schoen, the German foreign minister, the grand cross of the Legion of Honor as an indication of France's satisfaction over the Franco-German agreement on Morocco. This event and the simultaneous decoration of Prince von Radotin, the German ambassador at Paris, has made an agreeable impression in Berlin political circles. It is interpreted as meaning that the relations between France and Germany are on a better footing than for many years, with a bright prospect of continuing good.

BLIZZARD RAGING IN FRANCE

Snowfall Leads for Forty-Eight Hours and Many Deaths Are Reported.

PARIS, March 1.—Snow has been falling in Paris almost constantly for the last forty-eight hours, and a blizzard of unprecedented proportions prevails throughout the whole of France. Many deaths are reported as a result of the blizzard. Heavy snow has fallen in the Department of Alpes-Maritimes, and the conditions at Cannes are exceedingly wintry. Other southern resorts also are suffering from the worst cold snap in years. There are no signs at present of improved weather conditions.

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