Council Bluffs

MABRAY CASES UP TODAY

Grand Jury Likely to Return Some Additional Indictments.

OMAHA COURT GETTING BUSY

Postal Authorities Confident They Will Make Some of the Numerous Cases Stick Against the Gang.

The federal grand jury, which will be convened today with the opening of the term of United States court by Judge McPherson will, it is stated, make further investigation of the alleged swindling operations of J. C. Mabray and his associates, known as the "big store" gang.

The following compose the grand jury for this term:

L. J. Anderson, Audubon; J. W. Byrket, Clarinda; James Boller, Griswold; W. H. Brockelsby, Vail; Joseph Connolly, Des Moines; James Duffy, Vail; Samuel Estes, Glenwood; E. F. Flannery, Creston; W. E. Hills, Logan; George W. Heilliday, Coon Rapids; B. C. Harris, Lewis; J. H. McCurdy, Glenwood; J. E. McGuire, Audubon; G. T. McConnell, Albia; J. H. Ogg, Creston; Fain Overman, Villisca; Charles Quist, Stanton; Fred Reynolds, Exira; Arthur Snyder, Logan; Frank Stewart, Carbon; William Hermann, Logan; B. J. Wood, Logan; John Winkler, Glenwood; J. W. Barcus, Clarinda, and J. T. Ward, Malvern.

Colonel Marcellus L. Temple, United States prosecuting attorney for this district, was the first federal official to reach the city yesterday and he was closeted the greater part of the day at his office in the federal building with Postoffice Inspector J. S. Swenson preparing for the trial of Mabray, which, it has been stated, will be begun Thursday.

A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed by the government in this case and the understanding is that a number of them will go before the grand jury.

"Some interesting developments in the Mabray case may be looked for in the near future," said a government official yesterday.

The federal grand jury, which will be convened in Omaha next Monday, is also to have evidence in the alleged Mabray swindles presented to it, according to the statement of Postoffice Inspector Swenson yesterday. Every "Mike" that went up against Mabray's game has been subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury in Omaha next week and a batch of new indictments, it is said, may be looked for. According to information in the hands of the federal officers the Mabray gang had headquarters in a saloon in Omaha at the same time that it was operating in Council Bluffs and occupied rooms in the Merriam block in this city. It is said that much of the preliminary work in "steering" the victims to this vicinity was done in Omaha.

Postoffice Inspector Swenson was not inclined to give out much information yesterday, but said that he was confident the presentation of the evidence which had been secured in the Mabray case to the federal grand jury in Omaha would "make assurance doubly sure."

United States Marshal Frank B. Clark arrived in the city over the Rock Island at 10:30 last night, bringing with him J. C. Mabray, who has been in the Polk county jail at Des Moines since he was brought to Iowa from Little Rock, Ark. Mabray was taken direct from the depot to the county jail, where he was placed in one of the rooms on the second floor.

Judge Smith McPherson, W. C. McArthur, clerk of the court, and other officials also arrived here on this train.

Thomas Tierney of Streator, Ill., who was fleeced by the Mabray gang out of $10,000 on a fake prize fight in New Orleans in October, 1907, is in Council Bluffs and was in consultation yesterday with United States Prosecuting Attorney Temple and Postoffice Inspector Swenson. Mr. Tierney, it is understood, will be one of the witnesses before the federal grand jury. Although inclined to take his loss philosophically, Mr. Tierney is anxious to assist in bringing the gang to justice and declares that he has spent more than $5,000 in his efforts to do so.

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TEXAS BOOMING FRUIT SHOW

Society is Flooding the State with Circulars.

The National Horticultural fruit show is being widely advertised and boomed in southern Texas and a big exhibit seems assured from that section. Following is a paragraph from one of the many circulars issued by the Texas "boomers," a copy of which reached General Superintendent Freeman L. Reed yesterday:

This National Horticultural congress, the only one of its kind in the world at Council Bluffs, the geographical center of the United States, and nearly the center of the population, and in the heart of the great Valley states from which so many people come to Texas, will afford the gulf coast country an opportunity to advertise its products that should not be overlooked. Men interested directly in growing fruits nurserymen, land owners and land dealers of South Texas are unanimous in the opinion that the direct and indirect value of the finest exhibit that can be made will be beyond estimate to this country at this time.

The Texas exhibit will include: oranges, satsumas and other varieties. Grape fruits, kumquats, lemons, magnolia and others. Figs and preserves, persimmons, peaches, pears, plums, bananas, dates, olives, pomegranates, pecans and other nuts, peanuts, berries, jellies, jams, preserved fruits, grapes and grape products, vegetables of all kinds, sugar cane, rice and everything representative of the Texas gulf coast country.

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Important Annoucement

Next Thursday, September 23, will be Diamond Day. On that day, at both the afternoon and evening sessions, we will make a specialty of Diamonds, set and unset. We make this announcement this early in the week to enable our friends and the public to visit our store and look over our immense Diamond stock, by far the largest in Council Bluffs, and select any stone which they desire offered at auction Thursday. We have thousands of dollars invested in loose diamonds which were bought for spot cash direct from the importers. These consist of stones weighing from ½ karat to 3 karats each and are gems of the finest color and quality. Mr. E. H. Leffert will show you these stones, telling you their exact weight and value, so that when they are put up for auction Thursday you will be safe in bidding. These diamonds will be sold at unrestricted public auction just the same as the smallest and most insignificant article in our stock. If you are prejudiced against auctions just stop in at one of our sales and we are sure that we will gain your confidence.

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Bluff City Masonic lodge will meet in regular communication this evening.

Dr. W. W. Magarell, optometrist, moved to 206-208 City National Bank building.

Up-to-date Art Department and Picture Framing. Borwick, 211 South Main street.

The supervisors of Pottawattamie and Harrison counties will meet this morning in joint session as a drainage board.

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Lily camp, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet in regular session this evening. The degree team is requested to be present for drill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers of Willow avenue left last evening for a three weeks' trip to New York, Niagara and other eastern points.

Mrs. Turner, wife of State Senator Daniel Turner of Corning, Ia., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. H. Haworth, 523 Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Thomas Sweeney, who was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Louis Zurmuehlen, has returned to her home in Wheeling, W. Va.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Martin J. Salvito, aged 28, and Sylvia Kiser, aged 40, both of Omaha. They were married by Justice Gardiner.

T. W. Ballew, a banker of Princeton, Mo., who was caught by the Mabray gang to the tune of $30,000, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Grand hotel.

Barber oil heaters, clean and safe, no smoke, no smell, prices $4.50, $5 and $6. P. C. DeVol Hardware company.

MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Battey Case Goes to Atlantic for Trial.

The case of the State of Iowa against H. V. Battey, former clerk of the district court of Pottawattaamie county, on the charge of embezzling funds belonging to the county, was yesterday ordered by Judge Wheeler transferred to the district court of Cass county and it will be tried at Atlantic. The motion of the defense to transfer the case to some other county was submitted before Judge Wheeler early in the summer.

An indictment was returned against Battey on December 29 of last year on the embezzlement charge, following the quashing of former indictments on the grounds that the grand jury panel had been improperly drawn. Battey is charged with failing to turn over to the county fees aggregating something over $700.

Among the indictments returned by the district court grand jury last Saturday was one against Mrs. Daisy M. Birks, who was recently arrested on complaint of her husband, Jerry Birks, who filed a statutory charge against her. Mrs. Birks was taken into custody yesterday and later released on furnishing a bond in the sum of $500.

In addition to the indictments against Henry Sherman and W. C. Ross, on the charge of gambling, made public Saturday, announcement was made yesterday that one on a similar charge was returned against Dick Berlin, who is said to have operated at Cut-off and one against George Hayden, who is said to have conducted a gambling house over the Blue Ribbon saloon. Berlin and Hayden have not yet been taken into custody.

The trial of Charles M. Sanford, who shot and wounded Claude B. Gano, a neighbor, early on the morning of April 15 last, was begun before Judge Woodruff and a jury yesterday morning. When court adjourned for the day early in the afternoon, the state had rested its case. Sanford's defense, it was stated, will be insanity and that the shooting was not intentional.

See Sperling & Triplett, 327 Broadway, for gasoline engines.

Crowd out to See Taft.

A crowd of about 200 people gathered at the Rock Island local depot yesterday afternoon to greet President Taft as he passed through on his way to Omaha. The students of the Western Iowa college were grouped on the platform and greeted the president with their college yell. The crowd would undoubtedly have been much larger but for the fact that the street cars were not running and the Rock Island depot is a considerable distance from the business center of the city.

MEMBERSHIP RALLY FOR Y.M.C.A.

To Be Held at Association Building Next Sunday.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association last evening it was decided to hold a membership rally at the association building next Sunday afternoon. The meeting which will be purely a business one, will begin at 3:30 o'clock and it is planned to have a prominent association speaker from out of town to make the principal address.

The board also decided not to formally open the building until 500 members have been secured. The enrollment at the present time is at about the 400 mark.

Physical Director F. E. Pierson, who is also temporarily acting as general secretary of the association until a successor to Harry Curtiss is secured expects to open up the physical department by October 1, when regular classes will be formed. The equipment for the gymnasium has been ordered and advices from the factory are to the fact that it ought to be here in about a week.

All of the furniture and equipment for the second and dormitory floors have been ordered and Mr. Pierson stated last evening that they ought to be here in about two weeks. At the meeting of the board last night it was decided to afford fraternal organizations and societies the opportunity to furnish one of the dormitory rooms, if they saw fit. That such a move will prove popular was demonstrated from the start by the expressed wish of the Woman's Christian Temperance union to have the privilege of furnishing one of these rooms. There are twenty-eight dormitory rooms to be furnished.

The board has under consideration the selection of a general secretary and it was stated last night that a successor to Mr. Curtiss would probably be appointed within the next few weeks. Lohr Case, a graduate of the Council Bluffs High school and son of Rev. F. A. Case, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, was appointed last night assistant secretary to aid Mr. Pierson in this part of the work.

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Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee September 20 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Interstate Realty company to G. J. Harding, lot 1, block 16, Evans 2d Bridge addition to Council Bluffs, w. d.	$ 150
Mary L. Everett, widow to B. A. F. Grote, lot 20, block 4, Wright's add to Council Bluffs, s. w. d.	50
Louise Stoddard, widow, to Walter M. Gibson, w½ ne¼ sw¼ 33-75-43, w. d.	3,500
Walter M. Gibson and wife to William T. Hewitt, lot 24, block 5, Sacketta's add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	1,600
J. W. Squire and wife to B. A. F. Grote, lot 20, block 4, Wright's add to Council Bluffs, q. c. d.	1
A. C. Asquith and wife to B. A. F. Grote, lot 20, block 4, Wright's add to Council Bluffs, q. c. d.	7
Sheriff to Clara J. Bejma, n 82 feet of lots 23 and 24, McGee's sub of block 21, Hughes & Doniphan's add to Council Bluffs, sher d.	350
Frank L. Thayer, single, to Nap Bon Thayer, w½ sw¼ 10-74-44, lots 3 and 4, frac. sec. 4-74-44, q. c. d.	1
Minnie Larsen, widow, to H. C. Mattesson, 2½ acres, in se¼ nw ¼ 36-76-44, w. d.	875
Theodore H. Dingman and wife to Henry B. Jennings, part se¼ se¼ sec. 8 and pt. sw¼ sw ¼ 10-75-43, w. d.	4,300
John B. Dingman, widower, to Henry B. Jennings, part se¼ se¼ 8-75-43, w. d.	3,200
Ann E. Coffin et al. to Warren L. Dean, und. four-fifths, n½ sw¼ and nw¼ se¼ 27-75-38, w. d.	768
William C. Cotton, guardian, to Warren L. Dean, und. one-fifth of same, guardian's deed	192
Interstate Realty Co. to Morris Malley, lot 13, block 19, Evans 2d Bridge add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	150
Edward W. Hart, receiver C. B. Water Works Co. to Dorre S. Howard, lot 8, block 5, Ferry add to Council Bluffs, q. c. d.	1
Adam Kramer and wife to G. J. Harding, lot 3, block 16, Stutsman's 2d add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	240
Lloyd R. Griffith and wife to Carl Nord and wife, lot 6, block 3, Evans Bridge add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	1,675
Solomon H. Foster, widower, to R. V. Innes, lots 43 and 44, block 4, Wright's add to Council Bluffs, q. c. d.	1
Benjamin Fehr Real Estate Co. to F. J. Day, lot 4, block 15, Ferry add to Council Bluffs, w. d.	1,900
Total, nineteen transfers	$18,960

Republicans Out Against Kendall

Vote Against Tariff Bill Given as the Reason for Taking Such Action.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—An announcement written on Elliott hotel stationery was handed a local newspaper today to the effect that a meeting of Sixth district republicans, held here today, had decided that the renomination of Congressman Nate Kendall should be opposed because of his vote against the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Des Moines today is filled with republicans of all shades of belief and national politics is being vigorously discussed. The standpatters gathered at the Kirkwood and are generally pleased with the Taft Winona speech. Senator Dolliver and others were loud in their praise of the manner in which Des Moines handled the Taft reception.

Governor B. F. Carroll today announced the appointment of ex-Senator J. B. Closson of Green Mountain to fill the vacancy on the voting machine commission, caused by the death of Isaac Brandt.

Formal announcement has been made in the Keosauqua Republican of the candidacy of A. L. Neminger of that city for the republican nomination for state superintendent. Neminger is county superintendent of Van Buren county.

Latter Day Saints' Conference.

LOGAN, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Between 2,000 and 3,000 were in attendance at the Latter Day Saints conference now in session at Little Sioux yesterday. The attendance will constantly increase until Sunday evening, September 26, when the attendance will doubtless reach 5,000 according to the past history of similar meeting of the church. Elders . W. Wight, Charles Butterworth, E. L. Kelly, Heman C. Smith and F. M. Smith are in attendance.

Robbers Frightened Away.

LEMARS, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Burglars were surprised attempting to rob the postoffice at 3 o'clock this morning. The police and robbers exchanged shots, but the latter made their escape in the darkness. An attempt was made yesterday to blow up the safe in the bank of Oyens, six miles east of here. The robbers burst the combination lock with dynamite but failed to get inside the safe, being frightened away.

Iowa Municipal Convention.

FT. DODGE, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Municipal officers and accounting clerks of Iowa municipalities have begun to gather in the city for the annual convention, beginning Tuesday and adjourning Thursday afternoon. Several hundred are expected and an interesting program is prepared. Various municipal questions will be discussed and a paper on terminal taxation of railroads, by G. C. Sanders of Council Bluffs, is one most anticipated.

Father Lenehan Near Death.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Father B. C. Lenehan, created monsignor three years ago for ability and accomplishments in the Roman church, lies near death at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. His malady is diabetes, and Bishop Garrigan of Sioux City and priests from the entire state are gathering, fearing the end.

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Army Maneuvers and Tournament at Des Moines

Third Battalion, Sixteenth Infantry, Wins First Prize for Wall Scaling.

DES MOINES, Sept. 20.—With a review of the 5,200 soldiers from all over the west by President Taft here this morning, the greatest army maneuvers and tournament in the history of the country began. Fully 25,000 people witnessed the evolutions at Camp Corse all day today till darkness interrupted the operations. The monster steel grandstand recently erected at the state fair grounds was packed and the hills surrounding the amptitheater were black with humanity from all over Iowa and adjacent states to witness the pageant.

Brigadier General Charles E. Morton, commanding the Department of the Missouri, stationed at Fort Omaha, is in command of the operations.

Cavalry, infantry and artillery took part in the tournament from practically every fort in the middle west. Many valuable prizes are hung up for the best tactics, feats of horsemanship and evolutions.

At 2 p. m. the Thirteenth infantry, which headed the review of all the troops, with Colonel R. H. Loughborough riding at its head, followed by the regimental band, entered the vast arena. As all troops passed the colonel they saluted him before commencing their evolutions, which consisted of hair-raising riding exhibitions in which daring horsemen rode astride of two and three horses. The Sixteenth infantry, Signal corps, Fortieth artillery, Fiftieth artillery, Second cavalry with a platoon of machine guns, Fourth cavalry, Fifteenth cavalry and Seventh cavalry were those which took part in the day's program.

The third battalion, Sixteenth infantry, captured first prize for wall scaling. A record of 27 seconds was made.

Private Craft of the Seventh cavalry won the Roman standing race in 30½ seconds.

John Wilson, 8-year-old son of C. W. Wilson of Winter, was severely injured by a piece of the bridge which was torn up during the maneuvers conducted by the Third battalion of engineers.

Captain King's gray horse troops of the Second cavalry carried off the prize for horsemanship.

Boosting Committee Named.

IOWA CITY, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Unique in being the only one of its kind in the middle west, the "boosting" committee of the University of Iowa has been appointed for this year. The greater university committee will be made up as follows: Faculty members, Prof. S. Calvin, Prof. F. C. Ensign, Dr. R. H. Volland; alumni members, M. L. Ferson, E. C. Robbins; student members, Marjorie MacVicar of Des Moines, Louise Adams of Burlington, J. J. McConnell of Cedar Rapids, C. H. Crowe of Clarion, J. Reed Lane of Davenport, G. C. Priester, Fred Moore of Harlan, Raymond Gross of Dubuque, Frederick Garner, R. D. Tiffeny and Myra West.

Burial of Prof. Gordon.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Prof. H. E. Gordon, the University of Iowa professor, who died Saturday from typhoid fever. The body was buried in Oakland cemetery beside his daughter, Helen, who died several years ago. Rev. J. T. Jones of the Congregational church had charge of the services.

Prof. Gordon was the organizer of the Quintangular Debating league formed of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Rho fraternity, which today has chapters in many of the leading educational institutions.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT DEAD

William Brown, Who Was Riding with H. L. Buckley, Dies of His Injuries.

READING, Pa., Sept. 19.—William Brown of Philadelphia, one of the occupants of the automobile which was wrecked near here yesterday while bearing a message from President Taft to the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition died at the Reading hospital this morning, making the second death as the result of the accident. Brown was a friend of H. H. Buckley who died immediately after the accident.

DIED.

HARTMAN, August: Sunday at Gretna, Neb., aged 64 years. Leaves wife and two sons, William and Gustave, who reside in Omaha.

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BUSINESS MEN MAKE STATEMENT

Tell Over Their Signatures What Occurred at Recent Conference.

What Mr. Wattles Said for Company—Mr. Pratt's Statement for Strikers.

The undersigned having been present at the meeting of the executive committee of the Business Men's association on September 17, take this means of giving to the public an accurate statement of what occurred before the executive committee relative to the impending street railway strike.

Mr. Wattles, representing the street railway company, and Mr. Pratt, representing the union, appeared before the committee. Mr. Pratt informed the committee that what he was demanding of the street railway company was a document in the form of a contract, to be signed by the officials of the street railway company on the one side and certain officers of the union on the other. He produced a proposed draft of such contract which he said had never been presented to Mr. Wattles or to the street railway company. This was the same form of contract which was subsequently published in the papers of Sunday morning, September 19. Mr. Pratt stated that an increase in wages was asked, but that, if the figures named in the proposed contract were not fair, he was disposed to negotiate further on that subject. He also stated that they wanted a contract covering the question of schedules of runs and hours of work.

Mr. Wattles then informed the committee that when the union was organized here about seven years ago those who joined it were at first suspended from their employment, but were afterwards reinstated upon the express promise that the union would not, at any time, demand of the company any contract with the union as such, or other contract or agreement making a distinction between union and nonunion men; that at the same time the company promised its nonunion employes that it would not, at an time, make any contract with the union, the effect of which would be to discriminate in its manner of treating with its union employes and its treatment of its nonunion men. Mr. Wattles said that the question whether the company should keep its word with its nonunion employes was not a matter that he could submit to arbitration. He further stated that within the last six years the company had made three voluntary advances in wages, and is now paying to its conductors and motormen the highest wages paid in any city of the class of Omaha, where conditions are at all similar, and that it had paid, during the periods of depression, as high wages as any other city under similar conditions, notwithstanding that for many years the stockholders received no dividend whatever. He said that the present conditions of business and income would not permit an increase of wages at the present time and enable the company to make necessary replacements, preserve its credit and keep the service up to the required standard; but that it is the purpose and policy of the company to make further advancements in wages whenever conditions of business will warrant the same. He then offered to give to every employe, whether union or nonunion man, a written statement over his signature as president of the company, containing the following specific promises and pledges:

"1. Whenever the conditions of business will warrant an increase of pay, such increase will be made.

"2. That in their treatment of employes there shall be no discrimination whatever between union and nonunion men.

"3. That every specific complaint respecting treatment, schedule of runs, hours of work, or other matters relating to the working conditions, which shall be brought to the attention of the company shall receive consideration, and the cause of complaint shall be removed, if possible with due regard to the efficiency of the service."

Mr. Pratt then said that, while he and Mr. Wattles were not far apart on matters of substance, what he wanted was a contract rather than a statement from the company. His proposed contract was then examined in detail, and he stated that if it were entered into it would be signed by certain officers of the union. He was asked to point out any promise or agreement contained in the proposed contract to be performed by any one except the Street Railway company, and he admitted that there was no such promise in the proposed agreement.

The controversy thus narrowed down, for immediate purposes, to whether, all of the promises and agreements being on one side, the document to be signed should be in the form of a written declaration by the company to all of its employes or in the form of a contract with the union, thereby ignoring the non-union workman. As the making of such a contract would be a breach of faith on the part of the Street Railway company toward its nonunion employes, and as the demand for it was a breach of the promise of the union made at the time the union employes were reinstated in their employment it was unanimously resolved by the executive committee of the Business Men's association that the association approve the attitude of the Street Railway company, and would give that company its support in the event that a strike should be precipitated. This action of the committee was afterwards unanimously endorsed by a general meeting of the association on Sunday afternoon.

Upon the conclusion of the executive committee being made known, Mr. Pratt left the meeting saying that he would read to the men then assembled at the Labor Temple, without comment, the letter which Mr. Wattles had on the day previous addressed to a certain prominent union labor man of this city, which contained, in substance, the same assurance which Mr. Wattles had made to the executive committee.

Signed this 20th day of September, 1909.

SAMUEL REES,
President Business Men's Association.

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