Council Bluffs

SEEK TO QUASH INDICTMENT

Motion Filed at Council Bluffs with Demurrer in Mabray Case.

CLAIM CHARGE IS INDEFINITE

Allegation Made Letters Set Forth Were Not Written by Any of Defendants—Crime Outside District.

With a demurrer to the indictment returned by the federal grand jury in Council Bluffs against J. C. Mabray and other alleged members of the "big store" swindling syndicate there was filed Saturday a motion to quash the indictment. The motion and demurrer were filed by counsel for Mabray, Benjamin Marks of this city, John R. Dobbins and Joseph E. Wright. The two documents, excepting the form of the prayers, are identically alike.

After making the usual perfunctory exceptions to the indictment, the following objections, in brief, are set forth:

The indictment fails to show that the crime of conspiracy attempted to be charged was committed within the jurisdiction of this court.

The indictment affirmatively shows that the crime attempted to be therein charged was not committed within the boundaries of the southern district of Iowa, or within the state of Iowa or within the jurisdiction of this court.

Not Within Statute of Limitations.

The indictment shows that the crime attempted to be charged, if committed at all, was committed at a time not within the period of the statute of limitations.

The indictment attempts to charge the defendants with conspiracy to commit the crime described in section 5480, revised statutes of the United States, but the facts charged show that the pretended conspiracy into which it was claimed these defendants and others entered, was, if anything, a substantive part of the crime which these defendants were charged conspiring to commit.

The facts stated in the indictment do not show a conspiracy to commit the acts denounced as crimes by section 5480, revised statutes of the United States.

The indictment is indefinite, uncertain and contradictory, and does not contain a plain and direct statement of the crime, offenses or acts with which the defendants are charged.

The indictment fails to charge that the opening, or design to open correspondence by the United States mails was an essential part of the alleged conspiracy or scheme of the defendants.

The averment as to the devising of any fraudulent scheme alleged against the defendants, if any there be, was of recital and not by direct statement, and there is no charge whatever, except by inference or implication, that the defendants intended, as a part of the scheme charged, to effect the same by opening correspondence through the postal establishment of the United States, or that a design to open such correspondence by means of the postal establishment was a part of the alleged scheme or design charged against them.

No Violation of Statutes.

The facts stated in the indictment with which these defendants are charged as conspiring to do, would not, if consummated, constitute a violation of section 5480 of the revised statutes of the United States, or constitute the acts by said act made a crime.

It appears from the indictment that the alleged letters referred to were not written by any of the defendants to any of the persons whom, it is claimed, there was intent to defraud, nor by any person whom it is alleged were intended to be defrauded by the defendants, and the indictment shows that said letters could not have been included within any original scheme to defraud, and that the writing or mailing of said letters did not constitute any of the overt acts required to be done in order to enable the government to maintain this prosecution.

No overt acts in pursuance of the alleged conspiracy are alleged in the indictment.

The facts in the said pretended indictment stated do not show that the defendants have committed any crime.

The indictment seeks to charge these defendants with conspiracy to commit a crime, of which a conspiracy would be an essential part, and the facts alleged with reference to a pretended conspiracy by these defendants and others, if true, would not constitute a conspiracy to violate any of the laws of the United States and would not constitute a conspiracy to violate section 5480 of the revised statutes of the United States.

Saloon Hearing Held.

In the district court yesterday afternoon Judge Green had before him the hearing of the six saloon men of Neola, charged with being in contempt of court in that they, it is alleged, sold liquor in violation of the Iowa mulct law after an injunction had been issued against them. The complaint on which the saloon men were haled into court was sworn to by the wife of S. P. Williams, city marshal of Neola. The testimony of a large number of witnesses was taken and at the close of the hearing Judge Green took his decision under advisement until Monday.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 11, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

David W. Leonard, single, to Joseph H. Leonard, sw¼ sw¼, ne¼ sw¼ and n½ nw¼, 13-74-38, q. c. d. $10,000
Joseph H. Leonard, single, to David W. Leonard, sw¼ se¼, ne¼ sw¼ and s½ sw¼ se¼, 13-74-38, q. c. d. 10,000
Charles E. Ruckle and wife to Arthur E. Simonsen, se¼ sw¼, 18-77-40, w. d. 5,000
Treasurer to William Arnd, lot 2, block 16, Bayliss & Palmer's add. to Council Bluffs, tax d. 3
Same to J. P. Greenshields, lot 4, block 1 Perry's 2d add. to Council Bluffs, tax d. 1

Total, five transfers $25,004

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following

Name and Residence.	Age.
George M. Turner, Omaha	21
Lydia M. Hasik, Omaha	18
William Halle, Cincinnati, O.	22
Ora Wroth, Omaha	23
E. P. Tingley, Omaha	47
Daisy Ware, South Omaha	20

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Council Bluffs

Milk Ordinance Up to the Court

Judge Snyder Must Decide on Merits of the Fight for Pure Article.

The question of the validity of the pure milk ordinance requiring dairymen and dealers of milk to take out a license is now up to Judge Snyder of the superior court to determine. The case against J. W. Taylor, one of the dairymen charged with selling milk without a license was submitted Saturday to Judge Snyder. This is a test case and Taylor is backed by the Dairymen's association. At the conclusion of the arguments Judge Snyder took his decision under advisement and will hand down his ruling Monday morning.

The case was submitted on an agreed statement of facts. Attorney J. J. Stewart counsel for the Dairymen's association admitted all the facts set forth in the information filed by City Solicitor Kimball with the exception that the defendant was unlawfully selling milk.

Attorney Stewart in his argument admitted that the municipality had the right under the police laws to take measures to insure the health of its citizens, but he contended that under the Iowa laws a license could not be imposed by a municipality except where the law specifically stated that a city could compel certain trades and professions to take out a license. The statute, he said, did not include milk dealers or dairymen as occupations that a city could license and therefore the requirement under the ordinance of a license was illegal.

"If a license can be imposed on dairymen when they are not specifically named by the statutes as people whom the city can compel to take out a license, what is there to prevent the city from compelling newspaper reporters, grocerymen or anyone from taking out a license?" Attorney Stewart asked. Mr. Stewart said if the court ruled against him he would appeal the case.

LODGES HOLD THEIR ELECTION

Officers Selected at Annual Meetings of the Year.

The following lodges and organizations held their annual election of officers during the last week:

St. Albans Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias—Chancellor commander, O. M. Jensen; vice chancellor, Dr. G. Ricard; prelate, J. G. Hollenbeck; master of work, W. A. Brockie; keeper of records and seal, Edwin J. Abbott; master of finance, C. A. Tibbits; master of exchequer, A. C. Law; master-at-arms, B. A. Beaumont; inner guard, Peter Nelson; outer guard, E. C. Hammack; trustee for three-year term, Ray Cook.

Concordia Lodge, No. 52, Knights of Pythias—Chancellor commander, W. H. Barghausen; vice chancellor, Henry Haarman; prelate, S. J. Bradford; master of work, F. E. Marlowe; keeper of records and seal, H. O. Thomas; master of finance, Brandt Crocker; master of exchequer, Dr. J. M. McRoberts; master-at-arms, H. V. Ross; inner guard, F. B. Hatch; outer guard, M. R. Bates; trustee, Clem F. Kimball.

Council Camp, Woodmen of the World—Consul commander, Charles H. Grim; adviser, W. C. Smith; escort, L. R. Ogden; banker, A. C. Lane; clerk, Dell G. Morgan; secretary, C. M. Maynard; watchman, Fred Haenen; sentry, J. F. Eakin; musician Frank Kiger.

Evergreen Camp, Royal Neighbors of America—Oracle, Mrs. Alice McAdams; vice oracle, Mrs. Emma Fricke; chancellor, Mrs. Anna Ward; recorder, Mrs. Mary Schicketanz; receiver, Mrs. Mary Kelley; marshal, Mrs. Emma Thomas; inner sentinel, Mrs. Sarah Simpson; outer sentinel, Miss Cornilia Merrell; managers, Mrs. Mary Butler, Miss Margaret Thornton.

John Huss Castle, Royal Highlanders—Illustrious protector, Frank Elgan; chief counselor, Mrs. Stella Skipton; worthy evangel, Mrs. Fannie Collins; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Laura J. Meneray; warden, H. B. Thomas; sentry, Charles Hinkle; member board of managers, Dabney Hamilton.

Woman's Relief Corps—President, Mrs. Esther Spencer; senior vice president, Mrs. Mary Warren; junior vice president, Mrs. Martha Roper; treasurer, Mrs. Eva Overmeyer; chaplain, Mary Abbott; conductor, Mrs. Belle Marks; guard, Emma Miles; delegate, Mrs. Augusta Cook; alternate, Favorite Weatherby

Council Bluffs Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen—President, J. T. Lanning; vice president, A. W. Lamb; secretary, C. E. Norris; treasurer, A. W. Dennis.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen—Past president, Cora Piel; president, Mattie Lanning; vice president, Minnie Quackenboss; secretary, Mary Montgomery; treasurer, Emma Bennis; conductor, Maude Hunt; chaplain, Catherine Burnes; warden, Myrtle Snyder; inner guard, Isabella Snyder; musician, Carrie Johnson.

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ODD FELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY

Grand Warden of Iowa Attends Fortieth Year Celebration.

Hawkeye lodge No. 184, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its organization Friday night with an entertainment and banquet at which 150 members of the order were present. The banquet was served by the wives and daughters of the members of the lodge. Stymest Stevenson, grand warden of Iowa, officiated as toastmaster. Between the talks the Elks quartet entertained with a number of selections. Addresses were made as follows:

"The Inception of Hawkeye Lodge No. 184," Brother J. F. Spare, secretary Hawkeye lodge No. 184.

"Hawkeye Lodge as I Know It," Brother R. N. Wykoff, Hawkeye lodge 184.

"Council Bluffs Lodge No. 49, Father of Odd Fellowship in Council Bluffs," Brother C. A. Chapman, Council Bluffs lodge No. 49.

"Is the World Benefited by Odd Fellowship?" Brother C. G. Saunders, Park City lodge No. 606.

"Patriarchal Branch of the Order," Patriarch H. O. Maxwell, Twin Brothers encampment No. 42.

"Odd Fellowship in General," Brother D. B. Gunn of Red Oak, grand master of Iowa.

Remarks, Brother N. Jasper Jones, of Shelby, past grand master of Iowa.

The members of Council camp, Woodmen of the World, and Palm grove, Woodmen Circle, held a reception and banquet Friday evening in honor of John W. Geiger, state manager for the order for Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, who recently moved his headquarters and residence from Cedar Rapids to Council Bluffs. Mayor Maloney extended Mr. Geiger a welcome on behalf of the city, and toasts were responded to by Captain C. H. Graham, Dr. P. J. Montgomery, W. J. Lauterwasser, Mrs. W. B. Rue, Mrs. Frank Hitchcock and others. Dancing brought the festivities of the evening to a close.

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Coal Man Fails in Winter.

R. B. Wallace was yesterday appointed by Judge Snyder of the superior court receiver for the coal business of Edwin Steepy. Mr. Wallace's bond was fixed at $3,000. The assets are said to be about $1,500 with liabilities of something over $1,000. The application for the appointment of a receiver was made by R. B. Wallace as executor of the estate of the late W. W. Wallace to which Steepy is indebted for rent. Mr. Steepy has been seriously ill for some time and his stepson, H. B. Thomas, has had the management of the business and will continue to do so under the receivership.

Special values, solitaire diamond rings, choice selected stones, $25 to $50, at Leffert's, 560 Broadway. New location.

Iowa

LAW VIOLATED, SAYS UNION

Electrical Workers Make Inspection of State Trolley Lines.

NEW RULES FOR COLLEGE GIRLS

Co-eds at Drake Resentful Because of Regulations Prescribing Number of Callers They May Have.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—An organization of the brotherhood of electrical workers has entered the state of Iowa with a view to enforcing better observance of state regulations regarding the placing of electrical wires. The Board of Railroad Commissioners last evening received a communication from R. E. Perrin, special agent of the brotherhood, indicating that he has been on a tour of the state inspecting trolley lines. He complains to the board that the latter's regulations in regard to the height of trolley wires in Des Moines are not enforced. On the Fort Dodge interurban line he made measurements at thirty places and found the wires were from seventeen to nineteen feet above the rails and the state regulations require twenty-four feet. Mr. Perrin will visit other cities of the state and will insist on behalf of the electrical workers that the law be lived up to. This is the first time there has been any inspection of the interurbans.

Viaduct Settlement Possible.

Mayor Mathis states that an effort will be made to effect a settlement of all differences with property owners over the amount of damages for the proposed Seventh street viaduct. The city makes objection to some of the awards made to property owners, claiming they are too high. But it is now believed that a settlement can be effected and thus it will be possible for Des Moines to get started with its first viaduct over railroad tracks.

College Girls Resentful.

Rigid rules for the young women who attend Drake university is causing a ruction at that college. The new matron has issued orders which include the following to all boarding house keepers and renters of roms:

See that the girls do not have company more than two evenings a week.

That the callers do not stay later than 10:30.

That the girls inform their landladies every time they go out in the evening where they are going and with whom.

Reappointed Soldier Home Head.

Colonel C. C. Horton has been reappointed by the State Board of Control to be commandant of the state soldiers' home at Marshalltown. He has been in charge nearly thirteen years, and the home has grown into one of the largest institutions of the state.

Railroad Commerce Cases.

The following cases were filed in the office of the Board of Railroad Commissioners during the week:

Chicago Great Western Railroad Company against Cora A. Edwards and Mrs. Alice Edwards, Belmond; application for right to condemn land for depot purposes.

E. G. Wylie, Des Moines, against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company; complaint regarding loss in transit.

R. O. Gamble, Lohi, against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company; complaint regarding drainage on public highway.

M. Striegel et al. against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company; complaint concerning condition of stock yards at Harris Knob and West Chester.

E. M. Bourne, Wiota, against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company; complaint regarding routing of car of emigrant movables.

H. K. Groubech, Jewell, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint concerning station service at that place.

Lewis Morell, Colo, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint regarding lack of facilities at stock yards.

L. C. Deets et al., Des Moines, against Chicago Great Western Railroad Company; complaint regarding station service at Afton Junction.

Chittenden & Eastman Company, Burlington; application for reduced rating on children's collapsible go-carts.

Cases Closed During Week.

The following cases were closed during the same week:

New State Telephone Company, Sioux City, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint concerning failure of company to install telephone in their station at Moorhead. Company installed telephone as requested.

Cumberland Commercial Club, Cumberland, against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company; complaint regarding train service on the Cumberland branch. Upon the matter being taken up with the company by the railroad commission a new train schedule was installed, which was satisfactory to the complainants.

W. C. Rollins, Denison, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint concerning drainage. Company agreed to remedy conditions complained of.

New State Telephone Company, Sioux City, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint concerning failure of railway company to maintain a telephone in its station at Danbury. Railway company filed contract with complainant for maintenanace of a telephone in the depot at that place.

New State Telephone Company, Sioux City, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint concerning maintenance of telephone in depot at Mapleton. Company agreed to maintain same as required by law.

John Roach, Manson, against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company; complaint concerning condition of private crossings. Railroad company agreed to maintains one crossing in good condition, which is all the statute requires.

M. A. Hughitt, Gypsum, against Chicago Great Western Railway Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company; complaint regarding station service at that place. Illinois Central, which controlled station, agreed to remedy conditions complained of.

Leon Commercial Club, Leon, against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company; complaint regarding station service at that place. Case closed upon request of complainants.

Citizens of Shannon City against Chicago Great Western Railway Company; complaint regarding station service. Railroad company agreed to remedy conditions complained of at once.

C. R. Bartine, Zearing, against Iowa Central Railroad Company; complaint concerning overcharge on shipment of household goods. Investigation disclosed that no overcharge had been made.

Herman Frerichs, Remsen, against Illinois Central Railroad Company; complaint concerning failure to furnish grain doors, and also as to interstate rate on grain. Complaint of excessive freight rate was founded on misapprehension, and grain doors were promised by company immediately.

A. E. Price, Van Wert, against Chicago, Burlington & Juincy Railway Company; complaint concerning excessive rate on emigrant movables. Incorrect rate quoted by agent, for which mistake the company is not liable.

J. E. Trotter, Des Moines, against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company; complaint concerning delay in transit of shipment of coal to Jamaica. Cause of delay remedied and satisfactory explanation made by company.

National Petroleum Association, Cleveland, against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company an dthe Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company; complaint regarding the refusal of these companies to accept shipments of oil. Matter was taken up with the companies and satisfactory adjustment made.

Randall Lumber Company, Ellsworth, against Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; complaint with reference to delay in transit on carload of lumber. Shipment located by company and forwarded at once.

Board decided complaint of Charles H. Bradley et al. against American Express Company et al., ordering respondent companies to extend their free delivery limits in the city of Dubuque.

The board ordered hearings as follows:

December 14, inspection trip on Newton & Northwestern.

December 15, condemnation proceedings in Marion county.

December 16, condemnation proceedings in Montgomery county.

December 17, condemnation proceedings in Jefferson county.

New Rule as to Requisitions.

Governor Hadley of Missouri has made a new rule which will cause trouble for Iowa peace officers desiring to bring back from Missouri persons said to be fugitives from Iowa. He will require additional proof of guilt in the form of an affidavit from the county attorney and an affidavit from some third party, even where the accused person is under indictment. This will cause much delay in getting persons back from Missouri.

Shifting Fair Superintendents.

The State Board of Agriculture assigned the new members to departments. Charles Escher, jr., takes charge of the sheep and poultry department and E. M. Wentworth will look after public safety. Harold Pike of Monona county was shifted from sheep to cattle and therefore takes the place long held by Governor Packard.

Silver Cup Remains.

The silver cup which was won for Iowa at the National Horticultural congress for best display of apples remains in the office of the secretary of the State Horticultural society, it was given the society by the winners.

Armory Board Called.

Adjutant General Guy Logan has called the armory board to meet here on the 16th. This board consists of Colonels E. E. Lucas, L. J. Rowell, F. S. Holstein, M. A. Tinley and T. J. Mahoney. Reports from all companies in regard to the armories will be received, and an effort will be made to bring all the guard armories of the state up to a certain standard. Hereafter no company will be organized without evidence that an armory will be built.

Argue in Behalf of Murderer.

Charles E. Lyon, assistant attorney general, and John Mulvaney started to Washington today to make an argument on Monday before the United States supreme court involving the liberty of Charles Thomas, a young man serving a life sentence for the killing of Mabel Scofield in Des Moines ten years ago. It is claimed that the laws and procedure in Iowa are in contravention of the federal constitution, and if the case is won some changes will be needed in Iowa laws.

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A MURDER doesn't mean much to you who live in the cities. Over your coffee you open the morning paper and exclaim as your eyes catch the biggest and blackest headline:

"My! Somebody's killed Brown!"

"Is that so?"

"Yep—stone dead on his doorstep."

"T-t-t-t! Too bad. The police ought to do something. One's life isn't safe a minute any more—" But just then Mary comes in from the kitchen to tell you that the ash man didn't stop and the ash can is running over, and you forget Brown, stone dead, on his doorstep.

But it isn't like that in Our Town. Somebody killed "Doc" Ash last night and it wasn't at all like that.

It was cold—twenty-four below somebody said—so cold that you had to warm your horse's bit so it wouldn't take the skin off his tongue—this in the afternoon, too—and at night it was worse. You could tell by the way people's shoes squeaked on the snow when they came home from the Presbyterian concert. You wondered if the hydrant was going to freeze and all the pipes burst, and if it wouldn't be cheaper to pay a plumber a salary than to hire him by the "job," since he was there every day thawing pipes anyhow. But, before you decide, you are asleep, and, pretty soon, in your sleep you hear a shot—muffled—ominous—somehow you feel—you know—the conviction creeps through your drowsy brain that it hit something.

It wasn't at all like the clear ringing shots of exuberant "drunks" riding out of town. It was dull, deadened, like shooting into a bale of hay. Is it imagination, you wonder. Maybe. It isn't a gun fight, you tell yourself, or there would be more shots and voices.

You listen—wide awake now. It is still—oh how still the town is. Then you hear a sound like the strangling groan of a dying animal. Then a shriek. God! what a shriek! It must have reached the sky. Another, and another, like a man screaming with his mouth wide open—his brain incapable of forming words. Will they never stop! The long, tremulous agony of them nauseates you a little and you find yourself shutting your hands tight.

You pull the shade from the roller trying to raise it. Outside the shadows lie dark along the fence across the street. The sky looks cold, as though it were studded with glittering points of ice. There is no sign of life. Nothing. It is as though all the world were dead save the single human being shrieking under the stars.

He is moving, you know, for the cries grow farther away. They are fainter now, dying; but before they are gone you catch the words, "Help, neighbors!" The weak, appealing wail, the pathos of it, you will remember always.

It is still again, and you wait for the sound of hurrying feet, of excited voices. But the stillness continues, all is as before, and after awhile you tell yourself that it was probably a fool drunk letting his fool gun go off in his fool pocket, and taking himself to the hospital, having shot himself in the heel or blown off his fingers. There are no sounds, so you decide that this must be so, and go to sleep.

In the morning a sharp rap upon your back door startles you. It is a neighbor woman, pale, her grey eyes wide with horror.

"'Doc' Ash was murdered last night," she says, and her voice breaks.

"'Doc' Ash was murdered last night," you repeat stupidly.

"At midnight."

"At midnight," you echo, and the horror in her eyes is reflected in your own.

It was "Doc" Ash, then, shrieking under the stars. It was "Doc" Ash crying "help, neighbors."—"Doc" Ash that sold you a magazine last evening. You feel again that curious nausea.

And the neighbor-woman with her teeth chattering through nervousness, tells you how it was and you see it—described in her direct, unpretenious way—as though you had been there.

The little tar-paper shack—there it is through the window—across that vacant lot. As she talks you can see the rusty shotgun wired to the stove in the corner, the muzzle pointing toward the door. You can see the new pack-rope fastened to the trigger and around the stovepipe and bedstead and to the door, fastened in a series of ingenius knots and smooth running slip-nooses, tied by a hand that "sabs" the diamond hitch and the various knots peculiar to the mountains and range. And this bear-trap—the kind hunters sometimes place at bear-bait—was all in working order, waiting for "Doc" Ash's hand upon the door-knob.

In your mind's eye you can see him walking toward his tar-paper shack at midnight, big, young, affable always, happy in his growing prosperity. You can hear the squeaking of his shoes upon the path across the vacant lot. You can hear him fumbling at the lock, the turning of the door-knob, the pushing open of the door to admit his big body. Also you can see the new pack-rope growing taut upon the trigger, the slip nooses running perfectly, the knots holding well.

He is in the doorway, facing the muzzle, wondering perhaps where he left the lamp. He pushes the door a little wider and then, simultaneous with the muffled roar of a shotgun fired indoors, "Doc" Ash is writhing in the snow outside, a hideous hole in his abdomen, the arteries and intestines riddled with shot.

Somehow, someway, he gets his feet and staggering, falling, crawling, rising to fall again, he makes his way toward the hospital, a trail of steaming drops behind him freezing to red globules in the snow.

And so, shrieking in his blind agony, he makes his way along the street until with a last despairing "help, neighbors!" he fails to rise no more.

"Help, neighbors!" is a cry which brings a quick response in our town. This appeal of one human being to his kind finds a ready answer. Every difference is forgotten when necessity calls.

"Neff, from Iowa," ran barefooted through the snow to lift his head. "Old man" Pulley was there as soon, and "Shorty" Allen, who never missed a fire or fight in all his life.

They carried him quickly, gently, to the hospital, but no human skill could catch and tie the shattered arteries. The doctors knew it is the end; the pitying white-faced neighbors know it is the end; and "Doc" Ash knows it is the end.

So, with a malediction upon his lips for his unknown enemy, and a last word for the girl he loves, "Doc" Ash slips away to the other side.

And while the town mourns, we wonder, these of us given to wondering, what the sensations of the man may be, the man who knows so well how to set bear-traps and tie the knots and nooses of the range? Was he waiting somewhere last night, bitter, vindictive, gloating for the sound which would tell him that his bear-trap had worked without a hitch? Or was he riding his smoking horse through gulches and draws to be far away? And when he heard the news, when he learned that "Doc" Ash had staggered screaming through the snow with his intestines riddled, was revenge as sweet as he had anticipated? We wonder.

And that's how a murder is in our town.

CODY, Wyo.

Minister Leaves Creditors Short

Rev. Mr. Long, Newcomer at Plainfield, Borrows Much Money and Disappears.

PLAINFIELD, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—"Wanted by the Methodist Episcopal church, Plainfield, Ia., a thoroughly dyed-in-the-wool, and good preacher. Must have no past, and his backtrail must be clear of doubtful transactions. Above all else he must pay his bills. None other need apply."

The above expresses the sentiment of the congregation of the Plainfield Methodist church, which is at present pastorless, having recently experienced, while they slept, the departure of Rev. Mr. Long, who his creditors say, took much with him when he left that had not been paid for.

The appointee assigned to the Plainfield charge at the recent conference, for some unknown reason, did not come to take charge. A few weeks later a Rev. W. M. Long, carrying apparently satisfactory credentials, but short of ready money, and presentable clerical garb, applied to District Superintendent Bissel for a pastorate. The Rev. Mr. Long said he came from Missouri, where his credentials were dated.

After consulting the trustees of the Plainfield church, Dr. Bissell, so it is alleged, loaned the Rev. Mr. Long $25 that he might improve his personal appearance before presenting himself to the Plainfield people.

This he did in due season, bringing with him his family, and all the Longs were duly installed in the parsonage. Rev. Mr. Long entered upon his work with spiritual zeal and enthusiasm, and so won the people of his congregation that an increase in salary was allowed without delay.

A few days ago Rev. Mr. Bissell heard disquieting reports from southern Iowa, which concerned one Rev. Mr. Long. Following up the investigation it was learned that the Rev. Mr. Long of southern Iowa, had miked a number of people. Armed with information which it was believed was authentic, Rev. Mr. Bissell sent Rev. Frank Cole to Plainfield. He confronted and accused Rev. Mr. Long of being the Long of southern Iowa. The latter at first denied, attempted to establish an alibi, then confessed. He promised to make good his outstanding obligations and resign.

The following day the entire Long family disappeared, taking with them such furnishings of the parsonage as were portable. Their destination has not yet been ascertained, and it is rumored that officers are in search for the head of the family. If he is found he will be returned to Bremer county to answer charges for fraudulent transactions.

Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe.

Iowa

BANKERS HIRE DETECTIVES

Iowa Crooks Too Smooth for Regular Officials.

ROBBERIES BECOMING GENERAL

Belief Des Moines is Being Made Headquarters, with No One to Prevent—Granite Trust Inquiry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Owing to the frequency of bank robberies in central Iowa this season and the inability of the officials to get even a clue to the persons responsible therefor, bankers are said to be organizing to employ private detectives to take up the cases. The bank robbery at Carlisle followed two other similar jobs. There is evidence that the robbers make headquarters in Des Moines and that in each instance they have come direct to the city after a bank robbery, but local officials have accomplished nothing.

Granite Man is Mute.

Ralph Webster, secretary of a local company engaged in handling marble and granite, was ordered by the district court placed in custody of the sheriff until he will answer questions put to him by the grand jury. The grand jury is investigating an alleged trust among the dealers and Webster refuses to make any statement on the ground that it would incriminate him. After he had been admonished by the court he still refused and was ordered committed for contempt.

Prof. W. J. Spillman, in charge of the farm lands department of the agricultural department at Washington, today gave emphatic warning to Iowa people regarding their farm methods at a conference with the corn show. He declared, "Iowa farmers do not realize the crisis at hand in farm management.

"Iowa farmers err in the matter of crop rotation.

"Iowa farmers should now raise more clover than corn.

"Iowa farmers should raise corn to feed cattle, hogs and sheep, and not to sell.

"Iowa farmers are not intensive enough."

Collector in Trouble.

L. M. Connett, local freight collector for the Burlington railroad, has been arrested accused of embezzlement of about $1,000. It was found that he had been trying to support a wife and family on $55 a month and it was an impossibility.

James Herne's Home Burned.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Dec. 12.—The home of the late James A. Herne, actor and playwright, was destroyed by fire early today. Mrs. Catherine C. Herne, the actor's widow, and her son, "Jack" Herne, with the servants got out without injury, but saved few of their effects. Loss, $50,000.

SUDDEN DEATH OF PIONEER

George H. West, Sr., of Emmet County Found Dead by Side of Road.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—George H. West, sr., a pioneer resident of Emmet county, was found dead by the roadside yesterday. West hitched a team to a sled and started to Estherville. When about a half mile from home, in order to avoid the rough road, he turned to the side where about a foot of water had frozen over. This not being strong enough to bear up the horses, they broke through and became entangled in the harness. Mr. West unhitched one horse and it went back home, but the other he never unhitched, as he was found with one foot broken through the ice, where he had fallen backward. It is thought that either heart failure or the bursting of a blood vessel cased his death, as the doctor found no scratch or bruise on his body. Mr. West was 73 years of age at the time of his death and has lived in Emmet county forty-three years, having homesteaded his farm, which is three and one-half miles east of the city, and he has lived on the same place all these years. Seven boys, Robert J., George H. jr.; William J., Francis L., Joseph S., Charles E. and Thomas E. and five girls, Lillian, Hazel, Anna, Mrs. Marie Leo and Mrs. Irwin and his wife survive.

Keep Chamberlain's Liniment on hand. It is an antiseptic liniment and causes wounds to heal in less time than by any other treatment.

TEAL CASE IS DISMISSED

Woman Charged with Subornation in Gould Divorce Suit Freed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. — The indictment against Mrs. Ben Teal, wife of the stage manager for subornation of perjury in connection with the suit of Mrs. Frank J. Gould, against her husband for divorce, was formally dismissed in the courts here today.

The court of appeals recently reversed the conviction of Mrs. Teal and expressed the dictum that she should never have been indicted. The court of appeals ruled that Mrs. Teal could not have been guilty of the crime with which she was charged, for the reason that the evidence which she was alleged to have sought to secure was immaterial and was not admitted at the divorce trial.

Mrs. Teal had already spent ten months of her year's sentence in Blackwell's Island prison.

A Burning Shame

is not to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve to cure burns, sores, piles, cuts, wounds and ulcers. 25c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Washington Apples Free

A bushel box of the beautiful Washington apples will be given away each day, except Sunday, during the Corn Exposition at the Great Northern Railway's Washington and Montana Exhibition Cars, located at 13th and Jones streets, Omaha.

Register in the Great Northern Railway Exhibit in the Corn Exposition, or at the cars and receive a number entitling you to a chance in the drawing, which takes place at the cars each day at 4 P. M., covering registration for the preceding 24 hours. Cars open 9 A. M. to 7 P. M.

These cars contain the finest and most interesting display of "The Big Red Apples" and other fruits, grains and grasses ever collected from the states of Montana and Washington.

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