

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of the Omaha Bee is at 15 South Street, Room 212.

Deaths. Mrs. M. J. Smith, 718 S. W. 21st St., died at her home, 10:30 a. m., Feb. 11.

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WOMAN DIES IN CONVULSIONS

Doubt Whether Mrs. Alex Wishart Took Poison to End Life.

MAY HAVE BEEN IN HYSTERIA

Wife of Union Pacific Night Watchman Expires Suddenly Following Heated Quarrel with Her Husband.

Mrs. Minnie Wishart, aged 39 years, a wife of Alex Wishart, employed as a night watchman at the Union Pacific transfer yards in Council Bluffs, died in convulsions shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday night at her home, 1537 East Broadway.

Dr. A. P. Hanchett, who was called to attend Mrs. Wishart, was unable yesterday to say that she had taken poison with suicidal intent or whether her death was due to hysteria spasms.

"When I called on Wednesday night I asked her if she had taken poison or anything to kill herself, and when she said she had not I took her word for it. She appeared to be a woman suffering from hysteria spasms. Convulsions from strychnine and from hysteria are almost exactly alike. Even had I known that she had taken strychnine, I could not have saved her when I arrived; the poison, if any was taken, had already been assimilated and nothing could have saved her."

Cornor Treynor stated last evening that he would not hold an inquest. "Circumstances surrounding the case were such that it was likely the woman had taken poison with suicidal intent. To ascertain whether Mrs. Wishart took strychnine, an autopsy would be necessary, and we would have to send the viscera away for examination. I fail to see what good could be accomplished by putting the county to this expense," Dr. Treynor said.

Couple Lived Unhappily. Friends say that Mrs. Wishart and her husband had not lived happily for the last year and had frequent quarrels. This was admitted by Mr. Wishart yesterday. Owing to these quarrels Mrs. Wishart on more than one occasion left her husband and went to the home of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who lives in Atlantic. After being away for a short while the husband always induced her to return home again. About a year ago she commenced suit for divorce, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment, but they patched up their troubles and she withdrew the petition.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Wishart and her husband were down town shopping and on returning home are said to have had a bitter quarrel. Shortly after her husband left for his work at the transfer depot about 6 o'clock Mrs. Wishart telephoned to Mrs. G. C. Jensen, a neighbor residing at 1537 East Broadway, and asked her to come over to the house. Mrs. Jensen instead sent her little daughter. About 8 o'clock the little girl came home and told her mother that Mrs. Wishart was sick. When Mrs. Jensen reached the Wishart home Mrs. Wishart was having a convulsion, but as she had frequently had very severe nervous spells, Mrs. Jensen did not attach any serious importance to it. As Mrs. Wishart continued to get worse Mrs. Jensen called Dr. Hanchett and notified him. Dr. Hanchett gave Mrs. Wishart some medicine to quiet her, but she died shortly after he left the house.

Woman Expected to Die. What made Mrs. Jensen suspect that Mrs. Wishart had taken poison was that Mrs. Wishart said before the doctor and her husband reached the house: "I'll be at peace. Everything will be all right now. I know I am going to die. I want to die. I don't know whether Mrs. Wishart killed herself or not," said Mrs. Jensen yesterday afternoon when seen at the hospital. "I thought she was having a nervous spell, but she got worse and died in convulsions. The doctor gave her something to ease her and she seemed to get better for a while, but after he left she got worse again. Just before she died she called her husband over to the bed and asked him to forgive her for what she had done and said she had already done. She had taken something and that we would find a bottle. I think she was delirious when she said this. We have searched every nook and corner of the house, but we have not been able to find any bottle or anything else that contained poison."

The husband said he did not know whether his wife had taken poison or not. She told him, he said, she had taken something. "We had quarreled before I went to work last evening, but it was nothing worse than usual. My wife was a very stately woman and frequently had severe nervous spells. We had been married several years and used to get along all right. The last year, however, we have not gotten along very well and we had frequent quarrels."

Mrs. Wishart leaves besides her husband a young son. The body will be taken this morning to the home of her parents in Atlantic where the funeral will be held.

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Democrats

May Try to Get Convention

City Now Has Place for Big Meeting and Feels Entitled to State Gathering.

Prominent local democrats are seriously considering making an effort to secure the state convention of the party for Council Bluffs this summer. The matter probably will be brought before the Commercial club soon with a view to making an organized move to have the convention held here. It is the opinion of several of the leading democrats in this city that Council Bluffs can get the convention, if it goes after it in proper time and in earnest.

J. J. Hughes, secretary of the Board of Education, is the Ninth district member of the democratic state central committee, and he is now going to the convention. He expressed himself yesterday as confident Council Bluffs could secure the meeting if the proper effort was made.

"A state convention is a big thing," said Mr. Hughes, "and heretofore Council Bluffs has not been in shape to entertain a gathering of such size. Heretofore it had no hall or building able to accommodate a gathering of 1,000 or more delegates, not to speak of the usual crowd of outsiders who attend such conventions. Council Bluffs, however, is now in good shape to handle a convention crowd. The new Auditorium would make an ideal convention hall, and if the hotels of this city should be overtaxed Omaha could take care of the overflow. I can see no reason why Council Bluffs should not make a bid for the convention, and I believe it can be brought here. Council Bluffs has not had the democratic state convention for many years, and we are now in excellent shape to issue the invitation providing the commercial club and the city will take hold of it and do the right thing."

Under the primary law state conventions must be held not earlier than the third Thursday and not later than the fifth Thursday after the primary. The primary will be held on Tuesday, July 1, and the limits for holding the state conventions of both parties will therefore be June 2 to July 7, inclusive. The state central committee of each party decides the date and location of the convention. The expense of holding the convention, it is estimated, would not exceed \$500, and it is not believed there would be the slightest trouble in raising this small amount.

Proposed Slate Road in Iowa

Good Roads Convention Will Discuss Means to Bring Project About.

Council Bluffs will have a representative delegation to the Good Roads convention to be held in Des Moines March 8 and 9. Mayor Maloney received a personal letter from Governor Carroll urging him to attend the convention and requesting him to appoint five delegates from this city. In his letter Governor Carroll said: "It is important that your city should be represented in order that you can be heard in the recommendations and suggestions which will be made to the session of the general assembly in the way of proposed good road legislation. You are urged to send a delegation of delegates to represent your city in this convention and to bring to the meeting the ideas of your community upon this important subject."

In compliance with the governor's request Mayor Maloney yesterday appointed the following to represent Council Bluffs at the convention: H. A. Bertschy, H. A. Bertschy, Frank Childers, Harry Van Brunt and W. H. James. The first named four are enthusiastic automobilists and active workers for the cause of good roads. Mr. James is president of the Pottawattamie County Rural Letter Carriers' association and is probably the most ardent advocate of good roads in this section of the county.

A delegation will also be appointed by the Commercial club and the Board of Supervisors will name a delegation from the county at large. Colonel W. F. Baker of this city will be one of the supervisors to attend and he will be one of the active delegates in the body.

One of the principal matters to be discussed at this convention is the proposed state road to be built across Iowa from Davenport on the east to Council Bluffs. The people of Council Bluffs are greatly interested in the project. Mayor Maloney and the officials of the Commercial club have assured Governor Carroll they will co-operate with him in every way they possibly can and that he can depend on the support of the people of Council Bluffs and vicinity.

Mayor Maloney will attend the convention and take an active part in the proceedings. Some time ago he was asked to submit plans for the building of the proposed state road and in response to this request from the governor he sent him an outline of the plan he had in mind. Mayor Maloney favors a plan whereby each county and township shall build its part of the road and pay the cost out of the county and township road funds. He will advocate this policy in the convention.

Iowa News Notes. HARLAN—Orville Crampton, a pioneer farmer of Lincoln township, is dead at his home near Tennant, Ia. HARLAN—The Shelby County Blue Stock exchange will hold its annual banquet at Anderson's hall in this city February 12. Prof. C. F. Curtis, dean of the agricultural department of the Iowa State college at Ames, will be the chief speaker at the banquet. HARLAN—Mrs. Olaf Hansen, wife of a Jackson township farmer, died very suddenly Tuesday after returning from a party held at the home of her son. She was 48 years of age and leaves a husband and six children. Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon. HARLAN—Henry Simon of Exira, Ia., and Mabel Kohl, were married at noon yesterday at a home in Exira. Mr. Simon's father, Solomon Kohl, in this city. They will live on a farm near Atlantic, Ia. Rev. C. L. Spangenberg, Lutheran church, officiated at the service. HARLAN—Yesterday, just about noon, a colt kicked Ben Dickerson in the face at the home of his father at his home near town. His father brought him to town immediately and medical examination showed that he had a crack in his jaw bone which was broken. HARLAN—Hans Jespersen, a resident of Court street, Wednesday morning. He was 90 years of age and was born in Denmark in 1821. Funeral services were held at the Latter Day church, where the Rev. C. L. Spangenberg, Lutheran church, officiated at the service. HARLAN—C. E. Benedict of Shelby has made formal application for the office of state senator from the Cass-Shelby district to succeed James E. Bruce of Atlantic. Mr. Benedict has a splendid record in this city and is both a candidate before the republican primary and it is likely that he will be elected to the legislature. Mr. Benedict has been chief clerk of the Iowa legislature for several sessions past.

Some Things You Want to Know

Model License League.

The National Model License league is an organization whose active and associate members are men interested directly and collectively in the legalized manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. It exists for the avowed purpose of advocating the enactment of laws designed "to take the liquor question out of politics and to put the lawbreakers out of the liquor business."

The model license law was formulated at a meeting of ten men in Louisville, Ky., in 1905 and was submitted to the trade and to the public at a convention held in Louisville in January, 1905. The latest version of the league was in St. Louis last week.

The league's official "solution of the liquor problem" comprises four principal clauses: 1. Permanent license, automatic suspension and cancellation of licenses for law-breaking, limitation of licenses in proportion to population, and moderate license fees. The first clause is the most radical of the four, and is the most difficult to advocate successfully. Much stress is laid on the desirability of passing no laws except those that have the loyal support of all citizens. In other words, if the law is fair to both the dealer and his customer, neither will have any desire to break it.

The theory of the league is that the operation of a mandatory license law would prevent the continuance of an undue number of licensed places by giving full play to the law of the survival of the fittest. According to this view the number of permanent retailers would adjust itself. If too many licenses were issued the surplus number would be forced to withdraw for lack of patronage. If some yielded to the temptation to violate the law they would be forced out of business by the operation of the mandatory clauses compelling the suspension and cancellation of the license of law-breakers. The league holds that if the retailer has political independence, and a profitable business which he can retain so long only as he conducts it according to law, he will be most anxious to obey the law.

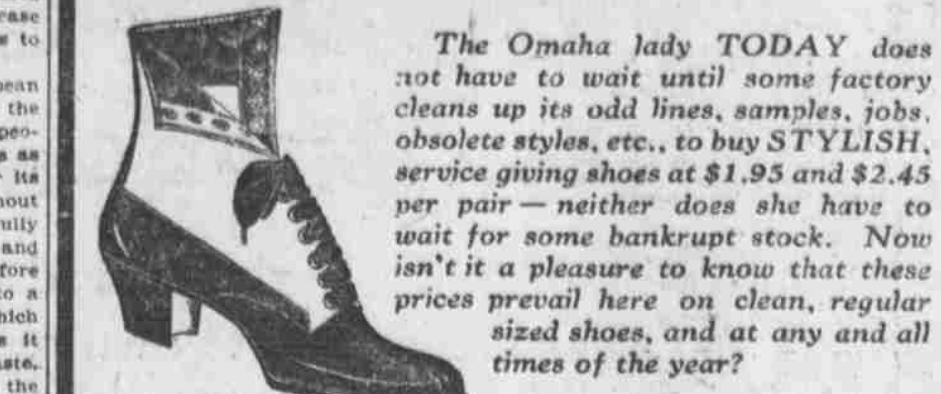
The handbook recently published by the liquor interests contains a summary of every argument that may be advanced by the anti-temperance people. It claims that nowhere else can such a mass be found in the brewery and distillery and says that the dairy people ought to visit an up-to-date brewery for an object lesson in keeping things clean. Every bottle is sterilized in very hot steam, all water is filtered and distilled and the beer is then pasteurized to catch the stray germ that might be lurking in the air. The bottles are made air-tight and goes to the consumer about as germ free as anything can be. Since a London committee of scientists declared beer to be a food the brewers claim to offer the cleanest food on the market.

This book also claims that in Italy, where men, women and children drink wine at their meals, there is less intemperance than in America. Ex-Ambassador White is quoted to this effect, and he declares that he found the same true in Germany, where everybody drinks beer. The book also claims that the men engaged in the manufacture of beer and whisky are the best paid workmen in the country, and offers statistics from the census office to prove its statement. The liquor interests claim to pay in state and federal revenue the annual sum of \$250,000,000, with an added \$70,000,000 for taxes. They claim to represent an investment of nearly a billion dollars. The capital they derive from the manufacture of spirituous and malt liquors amounts to more than \$600,000,000, and the retail business represents the rest.

It is declared that while nearly 13,000 retailers and some 700 wholesalers were put out of business by restrictive legislation last year, the government figures show a heavier consumption of liquor during 1909 than during the previous year; and that the temperance legislation simply is restricting the number of dealers but not the number of consumers. However, the previous year was the panic year, and probably that fact was not taken into the reckoning.

Advices from the wine producing countries of the world indicate that last year's output of wines amounted to 2,360,000,000 gallons, of which France and Italy produced two-thirds. The wine output of the United States represents only 1 per cent of the world's vintage. It is said that the

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Bleached Flour Case Goes to Trial

Exceptions Alleging that Pure Food Law is Invalid Are Overruled by Court.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 11.—An attack on the constitutionality of the national pure food and drugs act as embodied in exceptions taken by counsel for the millers in the so-called "bleached flour" case, proved futile inasmuch as the decision of the United States district court here goes. Judge Foster early tonight overruled the exceptions, argument on which had extended throughout the day. Attorney Pierce Butler, appointed as special counsel in the case by the Department of Justice, led the fight in behalf of the government of the United States. Just what course will now be pursued by the millers has not been definitely announced.

Women Can Keep Secrets. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Women can keep secrets better than men, according to Chief of Police LeRoy T. Stewart, who announced today that in order to prevent confidential information from "leaking out" he would employ a woman stenographer.

FOLLMER LOSES HIS SUIT

District Court at Lincoln Turns Down Ancient Murfin Claim for Fees.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—In district court today a decision was rendered against the claim of former Land Commissioner George W. Follmer for \$1,000 attorney's fees paid out of his own pocket to Captain E. J. Murfin of Lincoln in the Boyd county land case. The legislature has turned the claim down for several sessions, but last winter gave Mr. Follmer permission to sue the state. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LEAD, S. D., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Leaving a farewell note to her friends, Mrs. Jessie Graham, aged 26, took aim with a revolver and fired three shots at herself and then fell unconscious on the floor. Neighbors, investigating the shots, summoned a doctor, who thought the woman dead. Closer examination, however, showed that not one of the bullets had touched the would-be suicide and that she had merely swooned from fright. Each of the leaden missiles was found imbedded in the wall nearby, and Mrs. Graham has now changed her mind about dying.

S.S.S. DRIVES OUT RHEUMATISM. When the blood becomes overcharged with uric acid it continually grows weaker, more acid, and poorer in nourishing qualities. The nerves, muscles and joints, instead of receiving their necessary nutriment from the circulation are gradually filled with the sharp uric acid impurity with which the circulation is loaded, and the pains and aches of Rheumatism are the natural result. No amount of rubbing, or the application of external remedies can have any direct and curative effect on the blood; the most to be expected from such treatment is temporary relief from the pains and aches. There is but one way to cure Rheumatism, and that is to cleanse the blood of the uric acid impurity. S.S.S. is the proper treatment, because it goes down and attacks the disease at its head, and by filtering out every particle of the uric matter and strengthening and enriching the blood, cures Rheumatism in every form. S.S.S. changes the sour, acid-burdened blood to a rich, healthy stream, which quiets the pain-racked nerves, muscles and joints, cools the feverish flesh, gently removes the cause and drives Rheumatism from the system. S.S.S. reaches inherited cases as well as those which have been acquired, and good results are always experienced from its use. Special book on Rheumatism containing many valuable suggestions for rheumatic sufferers and any medical advice free to all who write.

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