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FAMOUS DITCH CASE DECIDED.

Rowe Embelsizer is as guilty as the principal, says the supreme court.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION MAKES ITS REPORT.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Des Moines, Jan. 14.—Twelve bills were introduced to-day, among them the following: By Dreyer, to restore the landlord's lien law as it was before the new code was passed; by Finch, to amend the garnishment law; by Carroll, to change the opening of the season from October and November to November and December; by Hayward, to provide for a state tonorial board for licensing barbers; by Emmert, empowering board of health to prohibit the importation into the state without inspection of all cows and meat cattle for breeding purposes; by Erickson, to reduce interest on state warrants from 6 to 4 per cent. Wilson introduced a joint resolution looking to the printing and binding of public school books in the state penitentiaries. Senator Funk was elected president pro tem, after which the senate adjourned till Tuesday.

Decision is adverse to those who were fighting the tax. Sioux City, Jan. 20.—Judge Hutchinson, of the Fourth judicial district of Iowa, has decided the famous Monona county ditch cases, which have been pending in the courts for the last eleven years. The court finds for Monona county, as against Judge Addison Oliver, ex-United States congressman, and other prominent Monona county land owners. A portion of Monona county is very low, and Judge Oliver got a bill through the Twentieth General Assembly authorizing county supervisors to construct ditches to drain off the water. It was decided to construct one in Monona county, and Judge Oliver was one of the signers of the bonds to have the work done. Then an assessment was made against all lands to be benefited, which was to pay for the ditch. Then Judge Oliver attempted to fight the tax levy and the legal fight has been going on in the courts of the state ever since. One of the cases has been up to the supreme court, and these cases will be taken to the supreme court also. More than the payment for the ditch is involved in the matter. It affects the whole political situation in Monona county, and every man in that county is much interested in the case.

Des Moines, Jan. 19.—The important state case against Richard Rowe, of Poweshiek county, has been decided, the supreme court affirming the trial court, in convicting Rowe of embezzlement. Rowe was charged with being accessory to his brother, Chester Rowe, treasurer of Poweshiek county, in the embezzlement of \$30,000 belonging to the county. He was brought back to the state, convicted, and sentenced to Fort Madison for a term of three years. He was unable to give bond in the sum of \$10,000 and was sent to Fort Madison a year ago last December. His case was carried to the supreme court, Rowe's attorney holding that he was convicted as principal in a crime in which he was only accessory. The court holds that under the statute there is no distinction between an accessory and a principal, and all persons, whether they commit the offense or aid in its commission, must be tried as principals.

RECOMMENDS A BOARD OF CONTROL. Which Can Save \$300,000 Each Biennial Period.

Des Moines, Jan. 19.—The present management of Iowa insane asylums, penitentiaries and reformatory institutions outside of the state university has accumulated a deficit of \$300,000 or 10 per cent more each biennial period, according to a report of the committee. Besides this the sixteen institutions with thirteen boards of some twenty-five members each, are expending \$1,000,000 in salaries and expenses, which should be saved. This starting a new system together with the present one, and the saving of \$300,000 per year, is the purpose of the committee. The committee also recommends that the state university be placed under a board of control, similar to that of New York. Representative Merriam goes further in a separate report and recommends that the state university be placed under a board of control, similar to that of New York. Representative Merriam goes further in a separate report and recommends that the state university be placed under a board of control, similar to that of New York.

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ACCIDENT AT CHEROKEE.

Two Brothers Badly Injured and Both May Die.

Cherokee, Jan. 21.—A terrible accident occurred in Silver township by which Henry Van Sickle and his brother, Steve Van Sickle, were killed. The boys were at the farm of Joshua McComitt, a big farmer and cattle feeder, helping operate a horse power feed grinder. Steve Van Sickle was working at the power when a knuckle burst and a piece of it struck him on the head, breaking his jaw and fracturing his skull. Later when the machine was started again Henry Van Sickle was passing near the power when the tumbler rod flew out of place. It struck him in the forehead with such force that the entire front of his head was crushed in. Doctors say he will not recover, and have but slight hopes for his brother.

ADVERTISING EXPLAINS IT.

Why a Dollar Daily is Possible.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—The newspaper world is still agog over the wonderful success of the Des Moines Daily News, the only daily paper in the world for \$1 a year. The publisher explains that the low rate has given the News its nearly 20,000 circulation, double that of any other Iowa daily, and that advertisers gladly pay two or three times as much for space in the News as in any other Iowa newspaper.

WHEELER FOUND. Cedar Rapids, Jan. 21.—Albert Wheeler, who mysteriously disappeared from Cedar Falls, December 27, has been located at Bowman, S. C. He says the team attached to his sleigh ran away and he knew nothing more until he found himself in Bowman.

FAVOR A BOARD OF CONTROL.

Senate Ways and Means Committee Pledges to Report.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—A meeting of the ways and means committee of the senate, at which a poll on the subject of a board of control was taken, resulted in eleven members of the committee declaring unequivocally that they were in favor of the establishment of such a board. The other five members were non-committal. One or two said they had not read the report yet and they did not want to give any expression of their preferences until they were fully posted. It is known that two or three of the five who did not commit themselves are in favor of the proposition.

REPORT OF INSTITUTIONS.

Insane Hospitals Have Many Faults.

Des Moines, Jan. 21.—The four insane hospitals in Iowa have given first attention to a detailed account of the methods of doing business in each one is given. The report is a long one, and is full of interesting details. It is claimed by the committee that a reduction in the per capita allowance would be possible, if the hospitals were all under the same management. Everything is done by the hospitals, and the committee is of the opinion that a system of bidding for the construction of buildings and the purchase of supplies should be adopted. Where there are any defective, they should be corrected. The committee also recommends that the salaries of the superintendents of the hospitals be fixed by contract with the board of trustees, and that the compensation be fixed by contract with the board of trustees, and that the compensation be fixed by contract with the board of trustees.

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WOMAN JUSTIFIED IN SHOOTING. Eldora, Jan. 20.—The case of the state vs. Lena Richards was tried in the district court. The jury, after being out about forty minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Richards is the wife of T. J. Ricks, a barber living at Stanhope. She was living at Stanhope last fall, and when alone late one night in her home with her small child she discovered a man prowling around the house. She opened the door and lit the man and fired a revolver and inflicted a wound in the leg of a man. The man proved to be J. A. Parks, a well-to-do farmer living near Alden.

NATURAL GAS IN HARDIN COUNTY.

Eldora, Jan. 20.—A big gas well has just been discovered on a farm west of Eldora, in Tipton township. This well has a very strong flow, and water has been forced fifty feet in the air by the gas. It will be used to light and heat the village of Hubbard, if enough flow can be used.

POST OFFICE ROBBER CONFESSES.

Fort Dodge, Jan. 21.—The robbing of the postoffice at Pioneer, the little station just north of the Webster county line on the Rock Island road, which has occurred at different times during the last fall and part of the winter, has been cleared up by the confession of Oscar Webster, a carpenter of Pioneer.

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COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS PASSES AWAY.

Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 18.—Benjamin Butterworth, famed as a soldier, distinguished as a lawyer, honored as a legislator and respected as a politician is dead. After a three months' struggle for existence, begun in Washington and continued in Cleveland and Cincinnati and later in this city, the commissioner of patents yielded to the onslaught of disease on the 16th. It is said the illness which resulted in his death was caused by overwork in the last campaign in Ohio.

OUTLAWS ROUNDED UP.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 20.—It is reported that Black Jack's gang of outlaws was surrounded in the mountains near the boundary line by several posses, including the posse sent out by the Mexican government, and a fight occurred in which one of the robbers was killed and four captured. Two attempted to escape after being caught and were shot in the hands. The other two are in the hands of the Mexican officers, and it is claimed that they met death in a like manner.

ALL-ROUND TIGHT CONVICTED.

Eldora, Jan. 19.—In the district court John Bailey was found guilty of an attempt to commit murder. Bailey is an all-round tough character, and his conviction will relieve Hardin county of a man who is believed to be at the head of a dangerous gang.

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