

# Iowa State Bystander

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DES MOINES, IOWA

Don't take an electric fan cold.

No news from Africa is not necessarily good news for the big game.

If shoes go too high in price we can all take the Knapp cure.

Laws that cripple legitimate business are laws that should be repealed.

Summer resort proprietors are bearing up wonderfully under the hot weather.

It will be a pretty cheap fair this year that doesn't have an airplane exhibition.

Between murderous anarchists and typhoid fever, the czar is certainly having small choice of troubles.

No prostrations from the heat are reported from the summer colonies of the millionaires.

Both at home and abroad, the killing of missionaries seems to be one of the Chinese fads.

The qualifications of a successful mayor are common sense, backbone and business acumen.

The scientific name of the house fly is "musca domestica." It doesn't sound quite mean enough.

Though a woman's large hat caused a canoe to capsize in the Bronx river the incident will have no effect on the fashion.

Nansen is to revisit the arctic regions, but as he wants to do something original he will study ocean currents and not discover the north pole.

It is none too early, perhaps, to make a rule that any man who rocks the boat shall be pitched head first into the water to sink or swim, just as it suits him.

A Chicago man with one gray and one blue eye asks the chief of police of St. Louis to find him a wife. He does not insist that she harmonize with his color scheme.

The popular unrest in Colombia has been blamed on a plague of grasshoppers. From the character of the Colombian unrest one might have fancied it a plague of fleas.

Milk bottles are now made out of paper. After awhile, we suppose, it will be so arranged that we can have our milk delivered each morning in our favorite publication.

Prof. Munsterberg says it is safe to drink if you do it moderately. That explains the caution of the man who quits when it comes to his turn to treat the crowd.

A hater of automobiles has given a large fund to the University of Paris to endow a chair of aviation. Maybe he never has had sand dropped down his neck from a passing balloon.

Before complaining of the heat take a few minutes off to be thankful that you are not running white-hot billets of steel through the rollers at the mills or stoking on a lake boat.

A straw bonnet on a horse's head is only a sham appearance of kindness to one's beast when the angry driver is seen jerking and twisting at the bits.

If it were not for the heat waves the corn would not mature, the elevators would not be filled and there would be no Johnny cake. Let us bear our trials with what patience we can.

Yes, nature is inscrutable but kind. Mosquitoes have their uses, snakes devour gophers and vultures carry off carcasses. Even the motorcycle, it is said, may be used to advantage by firemen.

A census taker in Chicago of a man's ideal for a wife reveals that there is general masculine prejudice against the college girl as a spouse. Naturally, the college girl was doomed from the start. She has the fatal feminine defect in masculine eyes—she knows too much.

That labor strike in Hawaii which some persons feared would develop race difficulties that might engender trouble with Japan appears in a fair way to be settled without serious disturbance. As the Japanese laborers seem willing to return to work, probably the matter has been grossly exaggerated, and for a purpose. Such things have happened before.

The June disbursements for interest and dividends by railroad, industrial and other corporations will reach \$71,220,000, which is an increase of \$4,277,000 over last year. This is an infallible indication of the improvement in business conditions and of a gain in the earning capacity of the concerns in question. And everything promises greater advance in that direction in the immediate future.

A bank official in the west, convicted of swindling and sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment, was pardoned after serving a few years. He had a new start in life, every one sympathizing with his resolve to reform. He got another chance, likewise more thousands with which he has disappeared. Sympathy is a pleasing feeling to those who bestow it, but it is also expensive, particularly when it induces mercy to temper justice as that justice cannot be recognized.

Thirty years ago a man in Delaware bought an old safe at public auction and put it in his stable. Lately, after apparently turning the matter over in his mind for the said 30 years he had been in possession, he decided to break the safe open and see what was inside. He found gold coin enough to enable him to spend the rest of his life in luxury. This shows how well it is to think things over long and well before committing oneself to rash action.

# TELEPHONE CHANGE

Business System of Iowa Company Completely Reorganized

BUT THREE SUPERINTENDENTS

Six Districts, Under the New Plan, Will Replace the Thirty-nine Districts That Have Heretofore Been Maintained.

Des Moines, Aug. 12.—The Iowa Telephone company has announced the complete reorganization of its business system in Iowa. The changes take place immediately. Instead of the thirty-nine local and district managers, who have been maintained in the past, six districts have been formed in the state and over the six districts will be placed three division superintendents. There will be three superintendents in each district, one in charge of construction work, one to look after the plants and physical features of the lines and a superintendent of traffic, who will be responsible for the messages, accounting and general office routine. The same distribution of offices applies to the division superintendents.

L. W. Hatch, who has been manager at Davenport, will come to Des Moines as division superintendent of the plants. He has been at Davenport for the past six years and prior to that was at Dixon, Ill.

J. P. Mason, at present chief clerk of traffic here, becomes division superintendent of traffic. He was at Fort Madison several years before coming to Des Moines.

Guy H. Pratt of Omaha, who has been the company's general contract agent for Nebraska, becomes division superintendent. There will be other changes in the offices, but these are not ready for announcement at this time.

The company believes that the re-districting will prove more effective in handling the business of the state and the changes come as the result of a long study of the general conditions. The headquarters of the six new districts will be at Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo, Burlington, Sioux City and Red Oak, respectively.

**Girl Calls on Lover—Dies Smiling.**  
Des Moines.—With a smile of perfect peace enlightening his features following the first visit from his sweetheart, Miss Della Berry, Guy Fisher, the 19-year-old boy who shot himself with suicidal intent, died at Mercy hospital. For the first time since the shooting, Miss Berry went to see the wounded boy at Mercy hospital. After she had bent over the narrow cot of the sufferer, a smile appeared upon his lips which never left, even after they were closed in death.

**Cow Wrecks a Train.**  
Des Moines.—Reposing peacefully in the middle of the track, a mild mannered cow succeeded in ditching an entire freight train on the inter-urban railroad near Herrold. The train was pulled by the powerful electric locomotive, and the cow was not seen by the engineer until after the engine and several cars had been piled in the ditch. No one was injured.

**Editors Flay Parcels Post.**  
Mason City.—The Iowa Editorial association's last session resolved against the unlimited parcels post and other centralizing agencies of the postal department, and commended the postal department for its efforts to purge the mails of illegitimate second class matter. Resolutions approved the Greater Iowa movement.

**Farmer Drowns in Turkey River.**  
Spillville.—Mathias Bena, 60, drowned himself in the Turkey river. He was at Conover the day prior and was making hay on his farm and was feeling well. His body was found in the river after it had been in water for several hours. He left no word of explanation. He leaves a wife and family.

**Crop Conditions Good in Iowa.**  
Des Moines.—Iowa's crops are booming as shown by two crop bulletins just issued. One is by Dr. Chapel, head of the Iowa crop bureau. The other is by Secretary George A. Wells of the Western Grain Dealers' association.

**Boy Drowns at Perry.**  
Perry.—Miles Kerr of this place was drowned while swimming with two other companions in the Racoon river.

**Loses Life in Swimming.**  
Algona.—Clarence N. Schnoor, a clerk of this city, was drowned in the waters of the upper Des Moines river.

**\$24,000 Paid for Iowa Farm.**  
Shenandoah.—R. H. Smiley has bought the Guthrie farm near Coin, paying \$24,000 for it. The farm consists of 160 acres and is finely improved. Mr. Smiley gets possession of the place March 1, 1910.

**Laundrymen Adjourn.**  
Des Moines.—The Iowa state laundrymen's convention adjourned after a successful two days' session. Before adjournment the next meeting was set for March 17, but the place has not yet been decided upon.

**Man's Body Scattered for Half Mile.**  
Oskaloosa.—The scattered remains of the body of Jesse Demoss, aged 20 years and unmarried, of Crickett, were picked up on the Northwestern right of way near Buxton. Pieces were scattered over one-half a mile.

**Killed by His Own Team.**  
Eldora.—Lewis Knight Whiting, an Eldora farmer, aged 52, was killed near here by being thrown out of his wagon onto his horses' heels. He was run over.

# HOW THAT THE OLD MAN SLUMBERS

Council Bluffs Man is 104 Years Old.

Council Bluffs.—Henry Suits, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Payne, 2310 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, celebrated his 104th birthday anniversary. Mr. Suits was born in New York state on August 2, 1805. Mrs. Suits died over forty years ago. Of six children born to them, three are living. They are Mrs. Payne and John Suits of Council Bluffs and L. Suits of Oshkosh, Neb. Mr. Suits has twenty-three grandchildren. During his residence in New York, Mr. Suits drove a government mail stage and after coming to Iowa was a teamster. Despite his great age, Mr. Suits is in good health. He says he has never worn glasses.

# Freed at Last, Smith Dies.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Samuel Francis Smith, former mayor of Davenport, and son of the man who wrote "America," died in a hospital at Toronto, Canada, where he was taken after becoming ill on the train which was bearing him to Newton Center, Mass., where his wife and daughter awaited his coming after five years' separation. Mr. Smith was released last week from the state reformatory at Anamosa on orders from Governor Carroll, who suspended his sentence because of old age. Convicted of embezzling trust funds in Davenport five years ago, he served part of his eleven years' sentence when the suspension of sentence was granted.

# Negroes Attack Sheriff.

Denison.—Clark and Hubbard, the two negroes held on a charge of killing the two Northwestern brakemen, Brechtel and Warner, made an assault upon Sheriff Cummings. Timely help alone prevented a jail delivery. The sheriff was choked and cut in the mouth, causing blood to flow freely. After the negroes were put in their cells Clark tried to hang himself with a towel suspended from the top of the cage but the sheriff intervened before the deed was accomplished.

# Court to Try Crabtree.

Des Moines, Iowa.—The names of the officers who will constitute the court to try Corporal Crabtree for the killing of Captain Raymond of the Second cavalry and the wounding of Sergeant Washburn and Corporal Such of the same regiment, were given out at Fort Des Moines. The trial will be held Aug. 16 at Fort Crook near Omaha. Crabtree not only faces punishment of possibly death for slaying Captain Raymond, but he must also stand trial for violation of the sixty-second article of war for wounding Sergeant Washburn and Corporal Such.

# Will Build New Barns.

Des Moines.—President Cameron, Secretary Simpson and Superintendent Curtis of the horse department visited the state fair grounds and made arrangements for providing accommodations for about 200 horses. The entries exceed the stalls by about that number. More barns will be hastily erected and will be ready for occupancy by the time the fair opens. The stake race entries are all in and those for the running races will close the night before the races.

# Laborer Shot to Death.

Cedar Rapids.—The police are searching for Frank Gight, accused of murdering his uncle Petrosus Mamols, and robbing the body of \$100. The men were section hands and were seen walking out of town, shooting at telegraph poles. Mamols' body was found with three bullet holes through the abdomen, his pockets turned inside out and his money missing. Mamols was about 45 years old, eight feet tall.

# Myriads of Sand Flies.

Muscataine.—The fiercest storm of sand flies in years occurred here. Countless billions of flies brought to life by the excessive heat were blown to the city from the islands near here. All street lights were extinguished by them and people were forced to remain off the downtown streets to escape from being pounced upon by the maddened insects.

# Wreck Victim Recovered.

Des Moines.—Arthur Dodge of Toledo, O., who was injured in the wreck of the Milwaukee flyer at Cambridge several days ago, was discharged from the Methodist hospital. John Lawrence, the mall clerk who was severely hurt, is progressing rapidly toward recovery.

# Ames Man Gets Western Position.

Des Moines.—H. F. Patterson, who is in charge of the local office of the Iowa Corn Growers' association, will leave his work here about August 15 to go to Montana where he has been elected as a member of the faculty of the State Agricultural college.

# Masonic Corner Stone.

Marshalltown.—The corner stone of the new \$750,000 Masonic temple in this city will be laid Wednesday, Aug. 18th.

# Mrs. Elizabeth Catlin.

Mason City.—After a couple of years of illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Dalzell Catlin, mother of a former druggist here and an aunt of Congressman Dalzell of Pennsylvania, died of heart failure age 87 years.

# Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

Creston.—E. R. Champion, the Wisconsin Y. M. C. A. worker, who was recently engaged as a secretary for this city has arrived with his family and will take charge of the project in this city.

# Dolliver Welcomed Home.

Ft. Dodge.—Fifteen thousand people welcomed Senator Dolliver home. Central avenue was ablaze and flags and bunting were displayed along the route from the depot to the public square and the senator's home.

# Boy Drowns at Corning.

Corning.—Ellis Fife, aged 19 years son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Fife of Red Oak, was drowned in the Noda creek. He was here visiting his brother and with a younger brother had gone to the creek fishing.



THE TIMID SUITOR MAY PROCEED SAFELY WITH HIS wooING.

# FRENCHMAN FLIES OVER ALPS

DARING VOYAGE MADE BY SPELLTERINE AND FRIENDS.

Reach Height Exceeding Three Miles While Passing over Mount Blanc—Danger Not Over.

Chamonix, France.—The balloon Sirius has succeeded in flying over the Alps. The airship left here last Sunday under the pilotage of M. Spelterine, who had with him three passengers. Fears were entertained for the safety of the voyagers, but they have landed safely at a point near Locarno at an altitude of 5,400 feet. The four men, however, still had a dangerous path to cover on foot from the place where they landed into Locarno.

The Sirius traversed Mount Blanc and soared over the Aiguille du Dru and the Aiguille Verte. The highest altitude attained on the voyage was 5,600 meters, equal to 18,373 feet.

A successful balloon trip over Mount Blanc and the Alps was made in November of 1906 by two Italian aeronauts in the balloon Milano. The greatest altitude reached on this trip was 20,500 feet, and the rarefied atmosphere made it necessary for the men to resort to their supply of oxygen to keep alive. The Milano, which went up from Milan, came down at Aix-les-Bains after having covered a distance of 175 miles in three hours.

The record for height in a balloon would appear to belong to two Englishmen, Messrs. Coxwell and Glaisher, who, in 1862, ascended to a height of 37,000 feet, or about seven miles. In 1875 M. Tissandier, a Frenchman, rose more than five miles into the air. He was accompanied by a friend who died on the way. A self-registering balloon sent up without a passenger from Paris in 1893 reached an altitude of 52,490 feet.

# "MISS SANTA CLAUS" SUICIDE

Had Letters to "Kris Kringle" from Children Sent to Her and Sent Gifts.

Philadelphia.—Miss Elizabeth A. Phillips, known widely as "Miss Santa Claus," committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. She was found in a room at her home with a gas tube in her mouth. Friends of the woman say that her own tender heart killed her. Miss Phillips had been despondent since a young man whom she took for a prison cell stole the meager funds which she had reserved for her festivals for the children and then used her name to defraud trades people.

That the suicide was premeditated was shown by the fact that the cracks of the door and windows of the room had been carefully stopped by bed clothing. Pinned to the woman's clothing was a note which read: "I have been in falling health for some time. I have always tried to do my best for mankind."

Miss Phillips enjoyed almost a national reputation by reason of her work at Christmas time among the poor children. For weeks prior to Christmas of each year she collected funds which she expended for toys and clothing for the needy and on Christmas eve she visited the homes of the children in a big automobile.

Two years ago, at her request, all the letters written by children and mailed to Santa Claus were delivered to her and the requests of the children, as far as possible, were complied with.

# Joins Iowa College Faculty.

Iowa City, Ia.—Prof. Barry Gilbert of the college of law, University of Illinois, was called back to Iowa by the Iowa state board of education. He will resume his place in the University of Iowa college of law faculty, taking the post of the late Prof. Lawrence M. Byers.

# Confesses to Mail Robbery.

Tacoma, Wash.—Walter Myer, aged 31, son of a prominent Vincennes (Ind.) man, was arraigned in the federal court and confessed to robbing the mails of drafts worth \$3,000. He had been tracked to the coast by Post-Office Inspector Eia of Indianapolis.

# "Bob" Burdette Quits Pulpit.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Rev. Robert J. Burdette, the noted lecturer and humorist, resigned as pastor of the Temple Baptist church in this city because of ill health.

# Eleven Elephants on Ramps.

Clay Center, Kan.—For two hours the people of this town were terrorized by 11 elephants which escaped from a show and stampeded through the streets. The trouble started when a small dog bit a heel of one of the elephants. The beast at once began to trumpet and stampeded the other ten.

# Taft to Visit Milwaukee.

Milwaukee.—President Taft will be Milwaukee's guest on September 17, from 5:05 a. m. until 11:40 a. m.

# "SLAIN BY HIS OWN MATES"

Sergeant Todd Gives Entirely New Version of Death of Lieut. Sutton.

Boston.—Testimony given by fellow officers of Lieut. James Sutton of the United States marine corps, whose death is being investigated at Annapolis, is flatly contradicted by Sergt. Arthur Todd, who says Sutton was murdered and did not commit suicide, as charged.

Sergt. Todd, who has been on range duty at Wakefield, left for Annapolis, where he may be called as a witness. In describing the shooting, Sergt. Todd says: "I was corporal of the guard on the night that Lieut. Sutton was shot, and from the place where I was standing I saw a figure about 250 feet away."

"I saw Lieut. Adams and Osterman and recognized them. They were nearer to me. The man who was in shirt sleeves started to run and I heard a voice cry: 'Stop running! You're under arrest.'"

"The man ran on, and once more I heard the same voice cry out loudly: 'Stop running or I'll shoot!' and the next moment I saw a flash and heard a revolver report. There were three other shots, and the man who was running dropped, I do not know at what spot."

"I ran over to him and bent over. It was Lieut. Sutton. I saw a hole in the man's forehead where there was a ragged entrance and a hole back of the left ear where the bullet came out clean."

# MAD MAN SEES GOVERNOR

Fugitive Maniac Makes an Unexpected Visit to the Offices of Georgia Executive.

Atlanta, Ga.—R. E. Dunnington, a former inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane, who resisted arrest at Augusta last week by barricading himself in a house and shooting an officer who approached too near his place of refuge, later escaping and fleeing into South Carolina, made an unexpected visit to Gov. Joe Brown at the executive office in the capitol.

Dunnington came to appeal to the governor for protection from what he termed the persecution of his relatives and some people who were, he said, unnecessarily alarmed for fear that he might commit murder.

# SWEDEN'S STRIKE WEAKENS

Backbone of the Trouble Broken and Many Men Are Returning to Their Work.

Stockholm.—The belief is gaining ground that the backbone of the general strike has been broken. Workmen of various kinds resumed their duties in increasing numbers Wednesday and it is expected that the printers soon will return to work. All the newspapers in Stockholm are issuing hand-printed sheets while those in the south are being printed in Denmark.

Some 16,000 strikers attended a meeting in the woods south of Stockholm. There was a strike riot at Norberg as a result of which 22 persons were arrested.

# German Lutheran Synod Adjourns.

Laporte, Ind.—The German Lutheran synod, which has been in session here for a week, being attended by more than 600 delegates from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, adjourned after voting to hold the next synod in Cleveland, O.

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# SACRIFICE CHILDREN

Crazed Mother Tries to Burn Three Babies Alive.

HAD BURNED THEIR CLOTHING

Deserted by Her Husband, Woman is Now Held in Jail Awaiting a Hearing Before the Board of Insanity.

Des Moines, Aug. 13.—Crazed with religious fervor, Mrs. Nellie Goldstone, 111 East Locust street, built a huge bon-fire in the rear of her home and threatened to throw her three small children into the flames as living sacrifices to the deity which, in her disordered mind, she worships. Police believe that only the prompt intervention of Officers Courtney and Harding prevented the mad woman from carrying out her threat. She had already torn the clothing from the children and thrown the garments into the fire.

The terrible threats of the woman were communicated to police headquarters by neighbors and the two patrolmen were hurried to the scene. The woman was taken to the station and locked up in the matron's ward. The three children—Gladys, aged 3; Ida, 6, and Sherman, 4—have been turned over to Rabbi Mannheim. Charges of insanity will be filed against the woman by humane officer J. O. Eckles.

Mrs. Goldstone has long been known as a religious fanatic. The peculiar actions which her fervor led her to commit resulted in her being taken before the insanity commission by humane officers several months ago. She was discharged. Officer Eckles believes that this time she will be committed to an asylum. The woman's husband is said to have deserted her. He is supposed to be in North Dakota.

# MRS. BERRY HEADS W. R. C.

Minnesotan Heads G. A. R. and Des Moines Woman is National President of W. R. C.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 13.—Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Van Sant won over Judge William A. Ketchum of Indiana by a vote of 587 to 156.

Mrs. Jennie L. Berry of Des Moines won in a fight for the national presidency of the Women's Relief Corps. After three ballots she was elected over Mrs. Belle Harris of Kansas by a vote of 213 to 90.

The Grand Army's order of business did not provide for the election of officers, but the increasing departure of delegates warned the encampment that an early choice would be necessary to secure a full expression of the will of the majority.

In addition to Commander Van Sant the following officers were elected: Senior Vice Commander—W. M. Bostaph, Ogden, Utah. Junior Vice Commander—Judge Alfred Beers, Bristol, Conn. Surgeon General—W. H. Lemon, Lawrence, Kan.

# Crabtree's Hope With President

Des Moines, Aug. 13.—Corporal Lisle Crabtree, who shot and killed Captain Raymond of the Second cavalry and wounded Sergeant Washburn and Corporal Such, will make his big fight for life with President Taft, placing little hope for anything short of a death sentence from the court martial which will pass on his case Aug. 16 at Omaha. This was learned after the arrival in the city of Mrs. A. W. Beyer, Crabtree's mother; Mrs. C. S. W. Jones, a friend; and S. F. Crabtree, a brother, all of Tyrone, Pa. to confer with Attorney James Parsons and to be with Crabtree from now until he has finished his fight for life.

# Rock Island Man to Iowa University.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 13.—It was announced that Dr. G. A. Andree, president of Augustana college, probably will leave that school within a year to accept a call to the chair of Germanic and Scandinavian languages at the University of Iowa. He will not go until after the celebration of Augustana's fiftieth jubilee next spring.

# Secretary Wilson Cancels Date.

Marshalltown, Ia., Aug. 13.—Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, will not be principal speaker at the Marshall county farmers' picnic, to be held at the county farm on August 26. Mr. Wilson informed the committee that it would be impossible for him to be present.

# Capt. Hayes Gives Bond.

Newtown, Ia., Aug. 13.—Captain Zeal Hayes of American Volunteers army at Des Moines furnished \$300 bond and was released from custody to appear Tuesday before Justice Corey for preliminary hearing on the charge of subordination of perjury.

# One Dead, One Dying.

Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 13.—William Toombs is dead and William Kennedy is dying at Vinton, as a result of drinking a concoction of wood alcohol and bay rum.

# Contract Let For Barns.

Des Moines, Aug. 13.—A new horse barn, costing between \$6,000 and \$7,000, will be erected at the fair grounds. The new structure will be 60x125 feet and will accommodate seventy-eight horses.

# Engineer Has Foot Badly Hurt.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 13.—Patrick Murphy, a young engineer whose home is in New York had his left foot crushed while trying to climb on the trucks of an outgoing Northwestern passenger train.

# LUCKY MAN.



She—Two men whom I refused to marry, sir, have become millionaires! He—Is that the reason why?

The extraordinary popularity of the white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on the fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes, half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

# The Retort Unkind.

Gerald—A gentleman is defined as one who never gives pain. Geraldine—Then you're no gentleman; you give me a pain every time you call.

# Among Women.

"Why worry about the children?" "I can't help it." "But, my dear, you are hurting your game of bridge."

If a man never told a lie it's because no young mother ever asked him what he thought of her baby.

Nothing so good as the new RICE BLUE, Delights the laundress. Refuse Imitations.

A malicious truth may do more harm than an innocent lie.

# OWES HER LIFE TO

Lydia E