

KANSAS COMMENT

Killed by Trolley Car. — Robert Lewing, the 19-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewing of Wichita, was run over by an electric car and instantly killed.

Kansas to Wisconsin.—Prof. W. H. Carruth of the University of Kansas will conduct the classes in German at the University of Wisconsin during the summer session of that school.

Gives College Library. — Andrew Carnegie has donated to the German Baptist college of McPherson \$10,000 for a library building.

Drew Appoints Staff. — Brigadier General Charles Drew, of the Kansas national guard, has appointed his staff, as follows: Assistant adjutant general, George W. Porter, Topeka;

Bethany Cleared \$3,300.—At Lindsborg the "Messiah" concerts for this season have closed. Innes and his band had given eight concerts, all of which were well attended.

Gas For Small Towns. — Frank L. Epps, engineer for the Kansas Natural Gas Co., appeared before the councils of Gardner, Edgerton and Wellsville this week, asking for a gas franchise for the company.

Fuel Oil Tank Line.—The Wichita Fuel Oil and Tank Line Company was organized. It is a corporation and has a capital stock of \$50,000.

Oil Prices Tumble. — The price of western oil was reduced four cents a barrel. The price now ranges from 57 to 37 cents per barrel.

Burned in Their Home. — Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pfeil burned to death in their home in Riley, a small station just west of Manhattan.

Pasturing Wheat. — Much of the wheat on the bottom land along the Smoky Hill river has been growing so rank that many farmers continue to turn their cattle onto their fields to pasture.

Grapevines Winter-Killed.—All the grapevines in the Geary county farm vineyard, an eleven-acre tract, which has been very productive in past years, have been winter-killed.

Productive Oil Leases.—The principal development of the week in local oil circles was the securing by the Uncle Sam Refinery Company of over 4,000 acres of productive oil leases with a number of good wells, pumping plants and piping.

Lawrence a Dry Town.—The sheriff and police of Lawrence made a raid on numerous "joints" that have been operating in the city. Four arrests were made and a large amount of contraband stuff was captured.

Complaint of Lumber Rate.—Carr Taylor, attorney for the railroad board, is getting ready to bring a complaint before the interstate commerce commission against the lumber rates charged in Kansas.

Work Will Be Thorough. — Judge Clark, Judge Benson and S. T. Howe, the advisory board named to investigate suspected state house records, are in session with Governor Hoch.

May End Fights. — May Day has been declared a holiday at the University of Kansas, in honor of the sophomores, the class of 1907, who have decided to take no part in any May Day demonstration such as have occurred in the past at the institution.

Will Be An Open Shop.—T. A. McNeal, the newly elected state printer, says that under his administration the state printing plant will be an "open" concern and the typographical union will not be recognized officially.

Getting Divorce Statistics. — The government census bureau is preparing to gather complete statistics in regard to divorces in this country.

Inspection Mandatory. — State Oil Inspector Hussey has notified the Marshall Oil Company, of Marshalltown, Ia., that it cannot sell oil in Kansas unless it is inspected by a Kansas inspector.

Taxes to be Returned.—At Ottawa District Judge Smart made a decision ordering the return to property owners of \$17,275.94, paid into the county treasury of "tax ferret" assessments.

Looks Like Military Post. — Adjutant General Hughes is now getting ready for the annual auction sale of discarded military supplies of the Kansas National Guard.

Lawrence Man Is Dead.—Dr. Carl Newman, aged 80 years, a resident of Lawrence since 1857, died at his home there. He was prominent in the early days of the state.

Attend Easter Service.—On Easter Sunday 553 children attended the Methodist Sabbath school at Kingman, and not all of them were girls with new bonnets, either.

Made Big Gain.—Wellington doesn't desire to claim all the credit but there is no use denying that it is a mighty important point on the Panhandle road, which has made a gain of over \$100,000 in business in the last year.

Has Philippines Coins. — A Kingman bank has on display Philippine coins from one peso down to a centavo, and Kingman is becoming frightened at the great number of Spanish-speaking people that has risen up among its people.

Into Refinery Scheme.—T. A. McNeal, the governor's private secretary, has gone into an independent refinery scheme with an oil and gas company of Humboldt of which he is a member.

Still Probing in Kansas. — While Commissioner Garfield has left Kansas the investigation in the Kansas oil fields is still going on.

Douglas County Jointists.—The alleged jointists arrested at Lawrence had hearings in the county court. Charles Jenkins was discharged and the liquor ordered returned.

Vote Railroad Bonds. — Lacrosse and Big Timber townships, Rush county, voted aid in bonds yesterday at the rate of \$2,000 a mile, to build the Gulf, Hutchinson & Northwestern railroad.

Broken Flange Derailed Cars.—A broken flange on a car wheel derailed three freight cars on a Missouri Pacific freight, one and a half miles east of Ottawa.

Will Claim Immunity. — The Pullman Company has not yet filed an answer to the complaint of exorbitant rates lodged against it by R. S. Jones before the railroad board.

Ore Boom at Baxter.—The lead and zinc mines near Baxter Springs have taken a new boom. Quite a number of new rich strikes have been made this week, and the camp is full of prospectors looking up leases.

Bonds in School Fund. — The state treasurer's books show that the four school funds combined have bonds aggregating \$8,367,870.33. Of this amount \$7,537,724.66 is in the permanent school fund.

Crackmen Were Foiled. — An attempt was made at Leavenworth to blow open a big safe in William Small & Company's. When the store was opened it was found that bolts of cloth had been piled up against the safe to deaden the explosion.

Hunts Missing Son. — Mrs. Lina Householder, of Fort Scott, is making an extended search for her son, Ernest C. McDowell, who disappeared last October and has not been heard of since.

No Room For Garden.—Frank Aldrich, a Kingman county farmer, last week sold all but 2,000 acres of his ranch, and now he's wondering where he is going to put his garden patch this summer.

Funds Belonging to Milwaukee Bank Lost in May Wheat Speculation

Frank G. Bigelow, President of the City's Oldest Financial Institution, Confesses That He Embezzled Fortune and Lost It on Chicago Board of Trade.

Speculation and ventures on the equally uncertain sea of industrial exploitation have brought to ruin and disgrace a former president of the American Bankers' Association, the courted adviser of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, the social and business associate of men high in the political and financial circles of the nation, and a man, in short, whose name until now stood as a synonym for ability, sagacity and probity in the banking world.

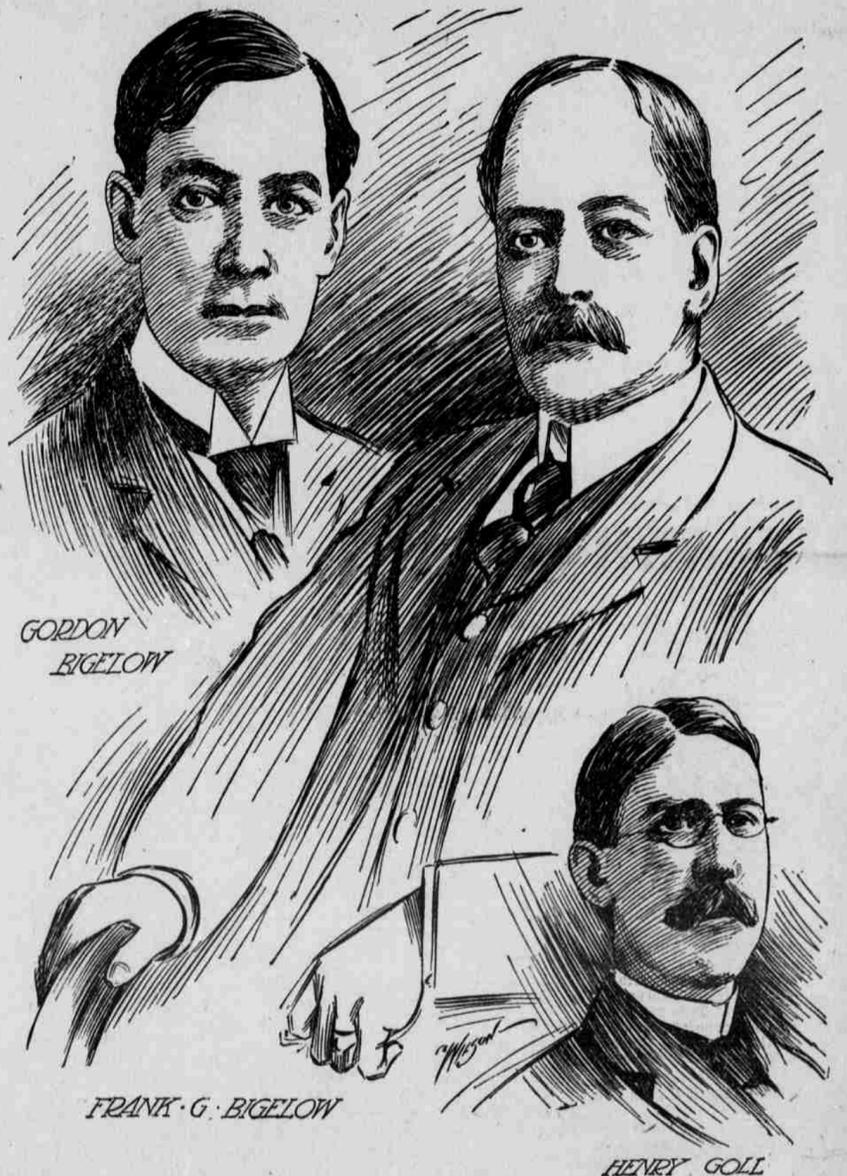
ultimate enterprises in which the banker had engaged have proved to be too heavy loads for him to shoulder. As Mr. Bigelow said himself, as he walked from his home to be arraigned before United States Court Commissioner Bloodgood:

"I got in beyond my depth; I thought things would come out all right, but they did not." That was all the defaulting banker would say. What his close friends may know more in detail, if anything, has not been divulged. It is doubtful, however, if any of his most intimate friends had an inkling of the situation until the crash came.

But this property at \$380,000. But the directors think that it will not foot up over \$200,000 or \$250,000. A singular coincidence is that the difference between Bigelow's first statement of his shortage and what it was actually found to be later is about what his personal assets turned over amount to.

CRASH AFTER FORTY YEARS. Bigelow Wipes Out in a Few Months the Success of a Lifetime.

One of the curious questions on the streets of Milwaukee when the news of the crash became known was: "What's the use of working hard forty years and ending as Frank Bigelow has ended?" Bigelow entered the employ of the bank that now bears the name of the First National forty years ago, as a bank messenger. He was born in Hartford, N. Y., in 1847, and came to Milwaukee with his parents in 1861, his father being one of the well-known physicians of the city in the early days when Grand avenue was a coasting



National Bank was to the people of Milwaukee. In carrying on his mammoth thefts of the bank's funds President Bigelow had accomplices among the employees of the institution. One of these was Henry G. Goll, an assistant cashier.

False entries in the bank's books concealed the defalcations that mounted beyond the million mark. President Bigelow took the cash and with the connivance of employees credited the amounts abstracted to creditors who never had the money.

all to the river for the children. The son received a public school education here, but in 1864 entered the employ of the bank and remained there, advancing step by step, through all the years, until his downfall. He was known as one of the hardest-working men in the city. His devotion to his bank duties was marked, and when each day he was free from them he was known as a home man.

WHAT BIGELOW TURNED OVER.

Directors Believe Worth of His Assets About \$250,000. All that Mr. Bigelow has been able to turn over to the First National Bank to make good his defalcation consists of his life insurance, amounting to \$500,000, the largest amount in the Northwestern Mutual Life, and his fine amount of stocks and bonds. President Bigelow estimated the value of

So far as the books of the bank have been examined it does not appear that during his forty years of connection with the institution a single penny went wrong through him until December, 1904. That is, he wiped out forty years of honorable record in a trifle more than four months.

Table titled 'BIG BANK DEFALCATIONS IN LAST TWENTY YEARS.' listing names and amounts: 1884-Ferdinand Ward, head of Grant & Ward, bankers... \$6,000,000; 1884-John C. Eno, president Second National, New York... 3,000,000; 1890-P. J. Claassen, president, and G. H. Pell, Sixth National, Lenox Hill and Equitable... 1,000,000; 1891-Gideon W. Marsh, president Keystone National, Philadelphia... 1,000,000; 1891-John T. Hill, president Ninth National, New York... 400,000; 1894-Samuel C. Seeley, bookkeeper, Middlesex County Bank, Perth Amboy, N. J... 354,000; 1900-William Schreiber, trusted clerk, Elizabethport Banking Company, Elizabethport, N. J... 100,000; 1900-C. L. Alvord, note teller, First National, New York... 700,000; 1900-Frank M. Brown, assistant cashier, German National, Newport, Ky... 200,000; 1901-Henry J. Fleischman, cashier, Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Los Angeles, Cal... 150,000; 1902-Frank C. Andrews, vice president City Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich... 1,530,000.