

IOWA STATE NEWS.

A Fatal Accident.

Joseph Ballbrecht, an Austrian of 27 years, while working on the Milwaukee cut-off, south of Muscatine, was the victim of a horrible accident, which proved fatal.

Crop Outlook.

The weekly crop report of the Washington weather bureau says for Iowa:

Some progress with harvesting first half of week; general rains last half, with strong winds and heavy downpours in southern and eastern districts; crop damage heavy in storm swept areas; oats extensively lodged and condition of crop critical; spring wheat rusted, but fairly well filled; corn suffered least damage, and its condition is fairly good on well tilled upland; apples badly windfallen; numerous reports of potato rot.

Killed by a Live Wire.

Frank Leahy, a drug store clerk at Marion, recently from Chicago, was instantly killed by taking hold of a live wire which connected with an electric fan, and several other parties about the city were severely injured in a like manner.

Treatment for Dipomanics.

The board of control has issued an order to establish a department in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, under authority of the law enacted by the last general assembly, for the commitment of dipomanics, for inebriates and persons addicted to the excessive use of narcotics.

Stabbed to Death.

Fred L. Powell, a brakeman on an early morning freight of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, was stabbed to death by an unknown tramp a few miles west of Arion. Powell was discovered by a fellow brakeman only a few minutes before he died.

Pleaded Guilty.

Mike Fahy, one of the seven persons who escaped from the county jail on the evening of June 5 and was recaptured in Chicago and taken back to Council Bluffs, pleaded guilty before Judge Wheeler in the district court to holding up and robbing Fritz Goth in the railroad yards, and the court sentenced him to four years in the penitentiary at Fort Madison.

Efforts for Pardon.

Efforts are being made to obtain a pardon or parole for Samuel Williams of Washington county, who is serving a year for an alleged attempt to commit rape, and also has a fine of \$1,000 hanging over his head for trying to break jail. He has many friends in Washington county who believe him innocent and Col. D. J. Palmer is interesting himself in the case.

News in Brief.

The members of the Iowa world's fair commission have decided to allot \$150,000 of the state's appropriation for the erection of a building at the world's fair in St. Louis. This will leave \$75,000 for making exhibits in the department buildings.

Otto W. Roderick is now alone charged with the murder of Clerk Moyer in Council Bluffs, the similar accusation against John Williams, who was with Roderick on the fatal night, having been dismissed.

The board of trustees of Iowa state college at Ames has granted an indefinite leave of absence to President Beardhear because of sickness. Secretary Stanton will act as president temporarily.

A cloudburst did \$50,000 damage and drove 20 families from their homes in Waterloo. At one time the business streets of the town were under from two to three feet of water.

H. Jordan, a well-to-do retired farmer living at Keystone, shot himself through the head because of despondency over a cancer of the neck, which was incurable.

Tip Long, a young farmer of Guss, Taylor county, was drowned in the flood waters of the Nodaway, three miles northeast of Clarinda.

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A valuable horse and rig were stolen from the streets in Brooklyn. The outfit belonged to John Gritsch.

The post office at Emery, Cerro Gordo county, has been discontinued; mail to Mason City.

Congressman Walter I. Smith has been unanimously renominated by the republican congressional convention of the Ninth district.

Twelve members of the family of Peter Smith, living near Jessup, were suffering from serious illness, showing evidence of poison. They believe their sickness was caused by beer from a keg of which they drank freely.

The board of directors of Amity college at College Springs have elected Rev. Mr. Smith, of Burlington Junction, Mo., as president of the college to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Calhoun.

TO PROTECT CHILDREN.

Campaign Started to Give Public Authorities in Iowa Charge Over Certain Institutions.

[Special Correspondence.]

Miss Elizabeth Jones, of the Iowa Humane society, is preparing a campaign to be carried on before the next legislature to secure laws giving the public authorities power over the institutions for the care of women who need help during confinement. There are a large number of these lying-in hospitals and there is no law governing them. Recently in Des Moines several cases have gone to the district court relative to the right of the proprietors of these places to bind out the children born there into undesirable families. Several infants so disposed of have been rescued by the humane society. The habit of the proprietors of the places is to secure a renunciation of the child before it is born and in some cases the mother is induced to sign the adoption papers before she becomes a mother. The law requires adoption papers to be regularly drawn and witnessed, but there is no law giving the authorities the right of inspection over these places, or the right to interfere with the disposal of the children before the papers are signed. Miss Jones and the people the humane society will interest in the agitation will endeavor to secure adequate laws on the subject.

NEW MAIL CRANE.

An Iowa Woman Invents an Improvement for Catching Mail Bags from Trains.

A new mail crane, invented by Mrs. Hough, of Woodbine, was tried for the first time at Boone recently, and found to be an improvement over the old one, which has been in use on the Northwestern line for many years at stations where the fast mail trains do not stop. The principal disadvantages of the old crane are its lightness, which permits it to swing in the wind, sometimes beyond the reach of the arm, which is fastened to the car, which should catch the bag as the train passes, and the unwieldiness of the fastening on which the sack is hooked. The new crane has the advantage of being made of steel, making it more rigid, and the fastening for the bag is made to work more easily. A small model of the new crane has been approved by the postal authorities at Chicago, and it is probable that it will soon be in general use on the entire Northwestern system.

FIRST OF THE KIND.

Police and Fire Commission Organized in Des Moines—No Other City in Iowa Has One.

[Special Correspondence.]

The police and fire commission of Des Moines has been organized. It consists of George W. Macartney, who runs the Kirkwood hotel; W. W. Wise and Thompson Christie, the latter of whom is a retired grain dealer and the democratic member of the board. Des Moines is the only city in which the board is established in Iowa. The law was limited in operation to this city by providing that in cities of 60,000 such a board should be established. There is no other city of that size. This is said by some lawyers to render the act unconstitutional, it being an artificial classification. The contention is made, also, that there is no provision in the act guaranteeing the right of appeal from the decisions of the civil service board. Probably the law will be tested on these grounds.

BIG FINANCIAL DEAL.

Sioux City Traction Company and Gas and Electric Company Are Now Under One Management.

One of the biggest financial deals in Sioux City's history has been closed by the purchase of the Sioux City Traction company, which owns all the street car lines in Sioux City, 45 miles, and the Sioux City Gas and Electric company, by the interests which control the Sioux City stock yards. The companies will be merged. The exact sum involved is not known. The traction company is capitalized at \$1,500,000. Neither company has a rival in the field. The Swifts are considered to be the real purchasers.

Astronomy Aids Saloons.

A discovery in consequence of which it is alleged Iowa saloon men may keep open until 10:25 instead of ten o'clock p. m. as at present has been made by ex-City Attorney S. J. Quincy, of Sioux City. He holds that the saloons which now are closing on standard time have the right to operate under solar time. The question will be tested in the courts immediately and the result will be watched with interest all over the state.

New Bank.

Hardin county is to have another bank, which will be started at Garden City, a new town on the Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern road. Radcliffe citizens will back the institution, which will be a branch of the Farmers' bank at Radcliffe. A. N. Drake, R. B. Ballard and other wealthy and influential citizens of southwestern Hardin will officer the new institution.

Three Days Without Food.

Passers-by, attracted by cries of help from a closed box car in Muscatine, secured the help of a brakeman. On opening the car three hobo, nearly dead, were liberated. They got in at Missouri, and becoming imprisoned, had traveled three days without food or drink.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

One of the Most Novel Cases Ever Tried in Monona County Again Before the Court.

Judge Hutchinson has granted a new trial in the celebrated case of Mary Christiansen vs. John Spalding, administrator of the estate of Frank H. Crum, deceased, which was tried in the Monona county district court at Onawa, in January, 1902, and occupied the attention of the court for over a week. This was one of the most novel and interesting cases ever tried in Monona county. The plaintiff, who was a Norwegian girl acting as housekeeper for the defendant, Frank H. Crum, one of the most prominent farmers in the county, brought suit for \$7,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage, alleging seduction and also claimed in the petition that "defendant promised to marry her in the fall of 1900, and that she had always been ready to fulfill the contract; that defendant, intestate, departed this life January 29, 1901, but for many months previous had renounced said contract," etc.

The jury in the former trial, of whom seven were Scandinavians, brought in a verdict of \$6,000, \$1,000 less than claimed by the plaintiff, which verdict is now set aside by the court and a new trial ordered. The idea of bringing a suit for breach of promise of marriage several months after the death of the defendant, Frank H. Crum, was seized upon by almost every paragraph in the country, and editorials on the novelty of the case appeared in papers from New York to San Francisco. Frank H. Crum was one of the best known men in western Iowa.

WAS VERY SMOOTH.

Well-Dressed Man Wins Affections of a Widow in Dubuque, Gets Cash and Disappears.

A man who was well dressed, wore glasses and looked like a professor, arrived in Dubuque and called at the home of an up-town widow and represented to her that he had seen a friend of hers in Minneapolis and that he had requested him to call upon her. He was very smooth and succeeded in two days in winning her affections. He proposed marriage and was accepted.

He gave his name as P. F. Mueller and said he was agent for the Kimball Piano company in Minneapolis. Through the woman the stranger became acquainted with her brother, a man named Gukeison, and unfolded to him a tale of great riches he had made through investment in a Colorado silver mine. He also said the best thing his prospective brother-in-law could do would be to invest some money in the mine. Mueller was evidently solicitous regarding Gukeison, as he desired that the latter should buy stock so as to "keep the wealth in the family."

Mueller agreed to sell Gukeison mileage books good for 3,000 miles for \$48. He promised to deliver the books the next day, but Gukeison has not seen him since. That night while his victim was dreaming of silver bars Mueller and a woman accomplice folded their tents and silently stole away.

TO SECURE UNIFORMITY.

Pharmacists Want a Scale of Prices Adopted That Will Reach All Sections of the State.

[Special Correspondence.]

The Iowa Pharmaceutical association at its recent meeting at Sioux City appointed the retiring president, E. B. Taintor, of Carroll, to prepare a uniform scale of prices for the members of the association to sell goods by. Mr. Taintor recommended this action in his annual report. At present druggists in different sections of the state sell goods at different prices and in some sections competition has reduced the price below a respectable profit. The plan of the association by this move is not to increase prices, but to secure uniformity. Howard S. Baker, of Sioux City, has been elected president of the association.

Refuse to Pay.

Rev. Fr. O'Connor, of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Sioux City, discovered that Montreal money loaners have a mortgage on the structure, alleged to have been arranged and entered into by Rev. Fr. Fowler, formerly pastor of the church, without the knowledge of the parishioners and without the consent of Archbishop Hennessy, who, at the time, had jurisdiction over the Catholic churches of Sioux City. The only way to prevent the mortgage holders from foreclosing is to pay the sum asked by them. This the members of the congregation refuse to do, and have secured an option on another site.

Evidence of Murder.

The body of an unknown colored man about 50 years of age was found beside the Iowa Central tracks three-fourths of a mile south of Hampton. It was supposed first that he was killed by the cars, but his head was found to have been split open with a hatchet. It was evident he had been dead for two days. He had been at work in town two or three days.

First Case of the Kind.

S. N. Bidne, a blacksmith living at Norma, was tried before Judge Kelley at Forest City, under the new law for the detention and treatment of dipomanics. He was arrested and sentenced to confinement in the hospital for the insane. It is the first case under the new state law.

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NORTH-WESTERN LINE.

Table with columns for GOING WEST and GOING EAST, listing stations like CHICAGO, WEST SIDE, DENISON, ARION, DUNLAP, COUNCIL BLUFFS with corresponding times.

BOYER VALLEY AND MONDAMIN BRANCHES.

Table with columns for GOING SOUTH and GOING NORTH, listing stations like WALL LAKE, WEED, BOYER, DELOTT, DENISON with corresponding times.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Table with columns for GOING EAST and GOING WEST, listing stations like COUNCIL BLUFFS, DUNLAP, DOW CITY, DENISON, ARION, ELLS, CHICAGO with corresponding times.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

Table with columns for WEST and EAST, listing stations like SIOUX CITY LINE, CHICAGO, MANILLA, BUCK GROVE, ARION, BELL, KENWOOD, CHATEAU OAK, SIOUX CITY with corresponding times.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

Table listing City Officers (Mayor, Treasurer, Assessor, etc.) and County Officers (Senator, Representative, Auditor, etc.) with names.

LODGE AND CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Table listing Lodge Directory (Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Masonic, etc.) and Church Directory (Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, etc.) with details of meetings and services.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Table listing Professional Cards for Physicians (L. L. Bond, W. M. Iseminger, etc.), Dentists (J. C. Robinson, B. F. Philbrook, etc.), and Lawyers (J. P. Conner, W. M. McLennan, etc.).