

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Alex Blair has been appointed as station agent at Sand Spring. C. M. Hanna of this city was at Scotch Grove last Wednesday at the head of a funeral of a relative, Mrs. Hoyt.

Miss Anna Burdick of Manchester was a week end visitor with her mother, Mrs. L. Meister and family. Wiathrop News.

Wheelers Bros. of Hopkinton have sold their stock of merchandise to W. E. Reed and R. J. Wallace, who will continue the business.

Burt Cox of Earlville was in town last week. Mr. Cox has been ill for some months at the home of his mother in Earlville. He intends to leave for the west sometime this spring.

Mrs. Geo. Soesby went to Manchester yesterday for a few days visit. C. S. Siler and wife were Manchester visitors over Sunday at the home of Mack Gillilan. Central City News-Letter.

J. M. Livingston and daughter is the name of the firm which opens a shooting gallery in the Adams building on Franklin street last week. The novelty attracts much attention and it is possible that the business may continue successfully for some time to come.

Hon. J. W. Miles left Thursday afternoon for Kansas City and Okla. It will be remembered that his son, B. F. Miles, who was interested in a bank at Kansas City removed to Choctaw, where he controls one of the banking institutions in that city. Mr. Miles intends to remain in the southwest for some time, in the hope that he may fully regain his health, which has been impaired the past few months.

A company has been formed in Independence to prospect for coal on the L. P. Jensen farm 5 miles southeast of town. Charles Hathaway has a 25 year lease on the land for mining purposes, and has associated with him C. L. King, W. H. H. Gifford, Frank Klotzbach, Wm. Hughes, F. D. Ryckwell, Clarence Allman, Cash Young, Wm. Downing and J. C. Bates. Drilling operations have already begun. Independence Conservative.

Miss Susan Darling, aged 40 years, was found dead at her home in Farley. She had returned about three weeks before from a visit with her sister at Strawberry Point, and as she did not go downtown since her absence was not noted, particularly after the big snowstorm, which kept many people indoors. Some of her friends went to call on her and found her lying on the bed, dead. The coroner was summoned, and it is thought that Miss Darling must have been dead at least a week or ten days. She was quite wealthy. It is believed her death was due to heart disease.

The Lamont Fire Department is now the owner of the famous Lescoe Hook and Ladder wagon owned by the Lescoe company of Manchester which has a record in this yet unapproached. The record was made at the State Fireman's Tournament at Waterloo and J. F. Carr of this city was then a member of the Rescue hook and ladder company. Every member of the company could get to the end of the 100 yard stretch in 10 seconds and they were at the end of the run in the Waterloo race and had a man playing tricks at the top of the ladder before the other companies were in sight. The purchase of the wagon was made by E. H. Hoyt and J. F. Carr and will be bought here as soon as the roads are passable. It will be equipped and named by some of our best printers and the once famous record may be shattered. Lamont Leader.

The homesekers excursions into Texas are interesting farmers in this section to a noticeable degree. A number are expecting to leave next Tuesday, the 17th, for the Panhandle State, where claims may be had and land bought for a nominal sum. Advertisements are often noticed about town, in which a certain land company announces its intention of making a low excursion rate to a point in the southwest, or possibly, into the northwest or Canada. Railroad companies are prohibited from selling tickets to Texas for less than \$30.00, with a return time limit of twenty-five days, but the land company in question buys perhaps fifty tickets from the railroad where the parties are to be routed to the objective towns, and then resells the transportation at whatever price they wish, thereby making the fare oftentimes much lower than what the railroad would name as the rate. The time limit is the same, which cannot be extended on account of the ruling of the Interstate Commerce law to that effect.

Young man, remarked an observer, I notice you are not in school any more. What's the matter? Think you have enough education to carry you through the world, or do you stay out just because you don't like to go? Don't like the teacher, eh? Well, let me tell you that you will find the meanest teacher on earth a dream of love beside some of the cold and unfeeling years you will have to plow into when you have to get out and huddle for yourself. Education is the most valuable thing to a man, but to a boy it comes the cheapest. It costs you nothing now to get what any man in town would give all his possessions to have. You have the winning number in the lottery of education if you play it now. Loaf around a few years and you will always be on a blank. It is true that any man can make a living, but you will notice that the fellows who do it with their brains have an easier time than those who do it with their muscles. At the present stage of the game choice jobs are not held by physical strength. Education will not crawl into your head while you sleep. The thing for you to do is to hike off to school tomorrow and stay there. Your holidays will come later when you need them. Exchange.

A Mean Act.

Editors Democrat: On Sunday, March 8th, two men were hunting on the John Snyder farm southwest of Manchester, and shot some ducks belonging to Mr. Snyder, killing two and wounding another, which afterwards died of its injuries. They well knew that the ducks were tame ones, and after this act of lawlessness, they went on their way not taking the ducks with them.

Mr. Snyder has always when asked given permission to hunt on his premises, but these fellows did not even ask for the privilege, and he has now decided that hereafter no hunting will be allowed on his farm. XX

Henry Cline.

Henry Cline, one of the old and highly respected residents of the county, died at his home near Hopkinton last Sunday. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, January 16, 1829, and came with his parents to Duquesne in 1833. He was married to Mary A. Addyman December 28, 1858, and settled on a farm five miles northeast of Hopkinton, where he resided until 1891, when he moved to the homestead one mile south of town. There were ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cline six of whom are surviving and were present at the funeral. In 1864 Mr. Cline in company with H. Moulton, Joe Williamson, Thomas and James Lebo, made the trip overland to California, leaving here in May and arriving at their destination in September. The trip in those days was an arduous and dangerous undertaking and he was able to relate many interesting reminiscences of the journey. He remained there for a couple of years before returning to Iowa. The funeral was held Wednesday, Rev. J. F. Bindenberger of the M. E. church officiating. A large concourse of friends attended to pay their last respects to the memory of a citizen and friend who was always held in high esteem. Hopkinton Leader.

Elizabeth Minkler.

Elizabeth Minkler was born in Geauga county, Ohio, June 18, 1824. She was one of a family of ten children, nine of whom have now passed away. The only surviving sister is Mrs. Lucy Minkler of Los Angeles, California.

She was united in marriage to Alanson L. Minkler April 16, 1843. They had a family of seven children, three of whom died in early childhood. Those remaining are Mrs. Violet Perry of this place, Mortimer Minkler, a farmer at Plover, Iowa; F. L. Minkler, steward of the Delaware county poor farm and B. C. Minkler of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Minkler came to Iowa in 1854, locating at Collins Grove in Delaware county. They moved to the farm north of Edgewood, in 1868. Twenty-two years ago they retired from active labor in order to farm life, established their residence in the town of Edgewood, where they have since resided. Had the deceased lived until the 16th of next month, sixty-five years of married life would have been completed.

For more than fifty years in Iowa she has been a faithful and consistent member of the Free Baptist church, first at Collins Grove and later at Edgewood. An earnest christian, a kind and faithful friend, and neighbor; a devoted companion, a tender and loving mother; greater eulogy words are powerless to express.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church on March 8th, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Services were conducted by Rev. L. Hubball, assisted by Rev. DeFuy. Her pastor, Rev. C. H. True, who was to have officiated, was unable to be present on account of sickness. Edgewood Journal.

Pope Pius.

While in no sense superstitious, Pius X feels that he will die during the year 1912. "Number nine," he says, "seems to have a certain influence on my life. I was a parish priest for nine years, chancellor of the bishopric of Treviso for nine years, bishop of Mantua for nine years, and in 1912 I shall have been pope nine years."

Although encountering great difficulties within and without the church the life of the pope passes serenely and almost uneventful. He is forced to accept more service and partake in more ceremony than when he was cardinal in Venice but he remains a man of simple tastes, who never forgets that he was a peasant. Habits of his early life linger, even some of those which cause him annoyance. When he was a priest, he used to sometimes wipe his pen on his black robe, and still in moments of great abstraction he gets ink stains in this way upon the white mantle of the papacy.

Pius X rises at dawn and says mass in his private chapel, assisted by a secretary, Mgr. Bressan. A very simple breakfast of soup and coffee with toast and butter follows. After breakfast he looks over his correspondence, dictating letters and giving instructions. About 9 a. m. Secretary of State Cardinal Merry Del Val call and usually spends at least an hour, at 10, auditors begin and these usually last till 12. The old custom which compelled visitors to kiss the pope's feet has been abolished.

Visitors, as they approach, kneel and kiss the pope's hand, which he holds out to them. The conversations, where possible, are carried on in Italian, as the pope knows no other language except a little French. Often the pope will accompany the departing visitors to the door of the room in the most democratic manner.

Miss Helen Honshaw of Des Moines was entertained by her friend Miss Ruth Paxson, a few days last week.

Horse Thief in Limbo.

The Oelwein Register has the following about a man arrested at the home of Overseer of the Poor. Klingman recently and who was held to the grand jury by a committing magistrate on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property. He was wanted in other counties on more serious charges, and was turned over to Sheriff Culver of Fayette county. The man had twice led the overseer of poor to show him financial favors. When the man rang up over the telephone and wanted to borrow a small sum of money, Mr. Klingman recognized the voice as that of the man replied that he could have the money if he would come over for it. Before his arrival Overseer Klingman called on Chief Sweitzer's home, which is across the street, and asked the officer to come and take the man in custody.

Sheriff Culver, accompanied by Fred Hayes, alias Charles Brown, alias Will Parker or many other names, was in the city Friday evening on his way to West Union. Mr. Hayes is the gentleman wanted for borrowing horses from W. Miller of Oelwein last summer and forgetting to return them. The circumstances will be remembered by our citizens, as a full account was given in the time in the columns of The Register. In fact Hayes is a man who is very much wanted. He was arrested in Waterloo two weeks ago for obtaining money under false pretenses. He was bound over to the grand jury, charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Until Culver called for him Friday he has remained in the jail at Waterloo. A number of places made application for him. Manchester wanted him for swiping five horses in Delaware county and Vinton years ago for his presence on a similar charge.

"But Culver got his bid in first, and was therefore given his prisoner. Culver has been looking for him during the past eight months since the horse was purloined from this city, and nearly got his fingers on him on four different occasions, though they were evaded. Parker-et al fled away. Now he is nailed, and will do time, as he confessed to the Oelwein case coming over on the train Friday from Waterloo.

"Last July he borrowed, or rather agreed to pay Miller for the use of the equine while doing some canvassing in this section of the country. He and the horse faded away, and the first that has been seen of him in Oelwein was Friday afternoon when he stepped off a Great Western train in company with the sheriff. They went to the Union house and took supper before going to West Union on the evening train.

"Hayes is readily recognizable as a man who was in Oelwein for some weeks last summer. He is a man of medium size, rather prepossessing in appearance, and not a man one would take to be such a large dealer in horse flesh that he acquires by other than lawful means. He was neatly dressed and has the appearance of a man of the world of the sporty order. It looks as though he will surely go to Fort Madison.

"Culver has a theory that Hayes may know something about the Fred Hough horse that was taken from the streets last summer, but up to last evening Hayes declined to make a statement in regard to it. Of the ten horses stolen in this county during Culver's term of office all but the Hough horse have been returned to their owners and he is anxious to make good on No. 10."

Our Chess Players Win.

New York, March 16. After two days of stubborn play the tenth international cable chess match ended in a victory for the home players, who secured 5-12 points out of a possible 10. The Sir George Newsome trophy, which was held by Great Britain last year, now becomes the prize of the United States.

Great Fire at Bahia, Brazil.

Bahia, Brazil, March 16. A great fire is raging in the business section of this city and the firemen are unable to check it. Thirty-three buildings are reported to have been consumed, with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. There have been several fatalities. Bahia is the principal commercial city of Brazil after Rio Janeiro.

Judge Loehren Will Quit.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 16. Judge William Loehren, of the United States district court, announces that he will resign his position on the federal bench, the resignation to become effective May 31. Judge Loehren is seventy-six years old and has been on the federal bench twelve years.

Blaze in St. Louis Union Station.

St. Louis, March 16. St. Louis Union station was threatened with destruction by a fire resulting from an explosion of a gas tank under a passenger car, and only quick work by firemen saved the great terminal. The total damage was estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Fraudulent Passports.

Tokio, March 16. The government has unearthed a fraudulent passport manufactured at Omori, a seaport town in northern Japan. Several arrests have been made, including two police officers, who are charged with having sold over three hundred passports to America for 300 yen each.

Belgander General Frank Dead.

Washington, March 16. Brigadier General Royal Thaxter Frank, U. S. A., retired, died at his residence here in his seventy-sixth year. He was graduated from the military academy in the class of '58, and fought throughout the civil war.

Father and Son Drowned.

Stratford, Conn., March 16. By the overturning of a rowboat during a sudden squall, Peter and Andrew Lacroix, father and son, aged fifty and sixteen respectively, and Henry W. Ellison, all of Bridgeport, were drowned.

Well-Known Sporting Man Dead.

St. Louis, March 16. George Munson, one of the best-known sporting authorities in the country, and for four years secretary and manager of the old St. Louis Browns baseball club, is dead of double pneumonia.

FATAL BLAST OF GAS

Eight Dead and Property Valued at \$200,000 a Mass of Wreckage.

SIX OF THE DEAD ARE WOMEN

Five Story Building at Natchez, Miss., Blown to Debris.

Train Plunges Into a River Forty Feet Below—Two Dead and One Mortally Wounded—Grease Paint Kills.

Eight persons were killed at Natchez, Miss., Sunday, another is badly injured, and property valued at \$200,000 is a mass of wreckage, as the result of an explosion of gas in the basement of the five-story building occupied by the Natchez Drug company and located at the corner of Main and Union streets, near the business portion of the city. The dead are: Cleveland Lamb, Mrs. Ketteringham, Miss Lucilla Booth Lutz, Carrie, Carrie, Mary, Lizzie Nettie, Ada White, and Fred Hayes, a carpenter, who ran from the building after falling through his neck. Sam Burns, a plumber, working in the building, is missing. Injured, John Carbett, seventy-one years of age, both legs broken, not expected to live.

Fire Follows the Explosion.

The explosion tore away the rear wall of the building, which in falling crushed an adjoining tenement building. Immediately following the explosion the wreckage caught fire. A stiff wind was blowing, carrying sparks to the north and west and setting fire to wooden residences, many of which were destroyed. The shock caused by the first explosion was felt several blocks distant, and buildings shook as though by earthquake. A second and third explosion followed in close succession, the latter being accounted for by the presence of oils and chemicals in the building. The north wall fell with the first explosion, crushing two adjoining buildings as though they were eggshells. Carbett was standing on the sidewalk talking to Miss Virginia Benbrook, who escaped with a bruised arm.

TRAIN DROPS FORTY FEET

Plunges Into the River—Dead Toll Will Total Three, Probably.

Two persons were killed, one fatally hurt, seven more or less injured and scores of lives were imperiled when St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train No. 48, northbound, was wrecked on a high trestle across Spring Creek, eight miles west of Bristow, Okla. The engine, baggage and mail cars, the first coach in the train, plunged forty feet into the river. The dead are: H. D. Harrison, fireman, Sapulpa, Okla.; W. H. Poston, mail clerk, Monet, Mo. The worst injured are: Frank Gibson, Canadian, Tex., will die; B. Bradton, express messenger, Oklahoma City, two ribs broken, spine fractured, internally injured; Frank Martin, engineer, Oklahoma City, seriously injured, will recover.

Divorce Suit is Begun

Papers Served on Mrs. Thaw by Her Daughter-in-Law in a Hitch in Serving on Her.

Mrs. Thaw was served with papers at New York Wednesday in which she is made co-defendant with her son, Harry K. Thaw, in the action instituted by the latter's wife to annul their marriage. As Harry Thaw is an inmate of an insane asylum he is in the eyes of the law legally dead, and the next of kin becomes technically the actual defendant in the case. An attempt was also made to serve Harry Thaw at Matteawan by a messenger, who was admitted to the asylum.

Death of Alfred Peats.

Chicago, March 16. Alfred Peats, who claims to have saved several of the largest exclusive wall paper stores in the great business centers, died in the Bloomingdale Asylum in Westchester county, New York. Mr. Peats was forty-two years old and was admitted to the institution ten years ago after a mental breakdown which included all the symptoms of paresis. The disease developed rapidly and caused his death. The body will be brought to Chicago.

Young Lady Kills Herself.

Hawthorn, Ky., March 16. Miss Thelma Baird, twenty years old, committed suicide in her room at Highland university some time during the night by taking carbolic acid. The girl is a daughter of Willis Baird, a well known and highly respected resident of Highland. A love affair is said to have made Miss Baird despondent.

Papers Served on Harry Thaw.

Papers in the suit of Mrs. Thaw for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw have been served upon Thaw at the insane asylum. At the same time a copy of the summons and complaint was delivered to Superintendent Lamb, of the asylum, who is the legal guardian of the defendant.

Rifles for the Militia.

Washington, March 16. General Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army, has completed arrangements for the issue of the new Springfield rifle thirty-three caliber, which is to be adopted in lieu of the old Springfield rifle. The new rifle is a gas-operated rifle, and the ordnance department of all the states and territories under the law governing this issue.

Four Candidates for Mayor.

Lansing, Mich., March 16. The Republican city convention has been called for March 28. Four candidates are mentioned for mayor, Rudolph Loomis, George H. Pratt, W. H. Porter and E. A. Gilkey.

China Climbs Down

Will Recognize the "Force Majeure" and Release the Jap Ship—Japs Wrong, Thaw.

This statement has been issued by the Chinese government with regard to the seizure of the Tatsu Maru. The Tatsu Maru, which is of deep draught, anchored first off Chun Chow, outside the Portuguese limit, but changed her anchorage with two hours to Kin Chow. The Chinese naval police, accompanied by the customs foreign officer, boarded the ship and found her holds open and a crane in position ready to discharge the cargo, which consisted of ninety-four cases of rifles and forty cases of ammunition. The statement then says that nautical observations proved the ship to be in Chinese waters, and that "the Japanese captain twice offered bribes, or the surrender of the cargo, provided the ship was not seized," and concludes as follows: "China, fearing that Japan was seeking a pretext for trouble, apologized for hauling down the Japanese flag, and proposes to release the ship, only recognizing 'force majeure'."

NATIONAL LEGISLATURE

Synopsis of the Proceedings in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

On Wednesday a message from the president and reports from the committee of military affairs on the Brownsville affair consumed the time of the senate during the early part of the session. The pending currency bill was discussed by Clarke (Ark.), who moved the issue. Some bills were passed.

Determined and persistent assaults were made on the postoffice appropriation bill in the house. Amendments were adopted giving letter carriers \$2,200 salaries, allowing an additional \$2,500 for clerks in certain third-class offices; prohibiting the transmission through the mails of intoxicating liquors. The bill was still pending at adjournment.

Lodge strongly endorsed the pending currency bill in the senate on Thursday and declared that it would be serviceable as an emergency measure. Paynter (Ky.) opposed the bill. An amendment was held.

The postoffice appropriation bill had rough sailing in the house. Its progress was halted at every turn by amendments, upon which there was lengthy discussion. The most important amendment adopted was one withholding authority from the postoffice roads for transportation of mails until a correct system of weighing should be established. The bill was still pending at adjournment.

Baron (Ia.) in the senate on Friday introduced the executive encroachments on the legislative power of the government. The bill providing for the shipment of material intended for the Panama canal in ships with United States masters was passed. United States (N. C.) spoke in favor of the ocean mail shipping bill. Adjourned to Monday.

Carrying the largest appropriation in all its history—\$222,190,392—the bill for the closing of the fiscal year, 1912, passed the senate. The bill dwelt mainly on the rural delivery service, the appropriation for which was increased \$200,000. A number of private bills was passed.

House members who afforded an opportunity, under license of general debate, to express their views on topics of the day. Among other subjects, the recent financial panic, the tariff and the Sherman anti-trust law, all were discussed. With the position appropriation bill technically was under consideration, but was not considered. The senate was not in session.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings Which Are of General Interest to All the People of Iowa.

MATTERS REPORTED BY WIRE

Telegraph News of Events Which Have Occurred in the Hawkeye State During the Past Few Days.

Connell Bluffs, Ia., March 13.—The next trial of the celebrated "million-dollar" suit of James Doyle against James F. Burns, involving a large amount of stock in the Portland mine at Cripple Creek, will be held in Clearwater, Mills county, the defendant's motion for a change of venue having been granted by Judge Thornell of the district court. Burns alleged in support of his motion that prejudice against him was so strong in Pottawatomie county that he could not have a fair and impartial hearing here.

Safe Blowers Frightened Away. Sioux City, Ia., March 13.—Safe blowers attempted to crack the safe in the Chatsworth Savings bank at Chatsworth, Ia., thirty-five miles northwest of here, but were scared away before they completed the job. The burglars had gained an entrance and were preparing to dynamite the big safe when the alarm was given. The men held the crowd at bay at the point of their guns until they made their get-away.

No Reduction in Wages. Marshalltown, Ia., March 11.—The threatened reduction in wages which would have become effective in the Iowa Central general shops here did not materialize. When men asked the master mechanic if the wage reduction had gone into effect, they were told that it had not, and that the wage would remain unchanged until further notice.

Thornton, Ia., Hit by Fire. Mason City, Ia., March 13.—Seven business buildings in Thornton were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$200,000, with insurance of about \$130,000. The losers are: Perry Bailey, dry goods; Engstrom & Son; Andrew Deans, meats; Bragg, restaurant; Dr. Hininger, drugs; etc. H. H. Parsh, billiard parlors.

For Allison and Taft. Fairfield, Ia., March 12.—The First district Republican convention elected as delegates to the national convention at Chicago H. S. Rand, of Burlington, and Hazen I. Sawyer, of Keosauqua. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Allison for senator and instructing the delegates for Taft.

Kills Young Wife and Himself. Okonago, Ia., March 14.—Lee Grubb shot and killed his eighteen-year-old wife, and then killed himself. The tragedy took place on a highway street corner downtown, and was witnessed by half a hundred persons.

Allison Indorsed for Re-Election. Okonago, Ia., March 13.—Republicans of the Sixth congressional district met here and selected delegates and alternates to the national convention at Chicago. Senator Allison was indorsed for re-election.

Drowned in the Mississippi. Burlington, Ia., March 14.—Theon Black, aged twenty-three, son of J. T. Black, prominent Burlington attorney, was drowned by the overturning of a sailboat in the Mississippi river.

Entire Town Fights Fire. At St. Maries, Ia., Friday every man here set to work fighting a fire which broke out in the St. Maries hotel, destroying that building and several other business blocks, all frame structures. The damage will approximate \$50,000.

How's This. We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

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The Evening Gazette's contest will enable a large number of worthy young ladies to secure elegant upright pianos, beautiful diamond rings, solid gold watches and business college scholarships with a little healthy exertion among their friends and neighbors. Commence at the beginning and show that you are both a good and a willing competitor in a short and easy race. Blanks for nomination will be found in every issue of The Gazette. The contest is just commencing, write for particulars and get busy. The Gazette Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Dr. Wilbert Shallenberger.

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Independence, Gedney Hotel, Wednesday, April 1

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