ARE THREE OF A KIND

A Sweet-Scented Trio Arrested For Stealing Fire Hose From the City.

Al Edgington, Homer Heald and Ed Allen Held For the Crime—Hearing Monday.

Mrs. Gillespie Discharged Upon Perjury Count For Lack of Identification.

About as sweet-scented a trio as has graced the prisoners' chairs of the mayor's court for some time will appear before his honor Monday in the persons of Al Edgington, Homer Heald and Ed Allen. The case is quite an important one, and if the proper disposition is made of it may put a stop to some of the petty thieving that has been going on in Marshalltown for some time.

Some time Thursday night there was taken from the city building a quantity of fire hose, about thirty-one feet in all, together with the connecting brasses that are fastened to the hose when it leaves the factory. The hose was missed Friday morning, but there seemed to be no clue as to who might have taken it. It would have been an easy matter for any one to help himself if he so chose, but the hose has always been considered safe owing to the fact that it would be a pretty hard matter for any thief of dispose of it.

At any rate the hose was gone when business began Friday morning and no one knew where it had gone to. The police were notified, but it was like finding a needle in the haystack to pick the thieves. A bit of good fortune was encountered, however, in the afternoon, and Officer Cochran was informed by a resident of the city that he had seen Al Edgington, Ed Allen and Homer Heald walking down an alley, south of Main street, and that one of the men bore on his back a large sack filled with some bulky-looking material.

This was all the officer wanted, and with this as his scent he worked all the afternoon, but without much satisfaction of being any closer to the proof or the thieves. Another informant then told the officer that the three men under suspicion had been seen entering the building occupied by Freet, a junk man on South Center street.

This was another clue and a good one and Mr. Freet was accosted by the officer, who made more of a bluff than anything else and demanded the stuff. Freet admitted that the men had been there and wanted him to purchase the hose, but that he had refused to buy it. No pumping of any kind would reveal other than these words and the officer left Freet for the time. Evidence was then obtained that the men had been seen entering Freet's establishment with a large sack, and had left it without the sack. Working upon the theory again that the hose was in Freet's place the officer demanded it and finally was given posession. The hose had been mutilated, however, and the brass connections, used for joining the different lengths together and for hitching to hydrants, were missing. Freet denied again at first that he had purchased the brasses, and said that the trio left them one time, but came back and said that they had been offered more for them by another dealer. This was looked up and it was ascertained that Harry Rubinson, another junk man operating an establishment east of the old Statesman building on Church street, had purchased the brasses for 65 cents. This was all the information wanted and the men were then searched for, resulting in City Marshal Jones finding Allen about 6 o'clock. He was taken to jail and later in the evening Edgington was found. Heald then was the much-wanted man and this morning, about 10:45 o'clock, he was picked up in an alley back of the Letts-Fletcher Company's building.

The value of the stolen goods is estimated at the least calculation $51. This, of course, brings the trial, other than a preliminary hearing, out of the jurisdiction of the mayor. The hose cost the city, when it was new, $2 per foot, and it was practically new hose, having been used but a few times. The brasses themselves, which brought but 65 cents to the thieves, are worth something like $12 or $15. Not estimating the hose at its original cost now, the expense when the city gets it ready for use again will be up to the original, as it will have to be sent back to the factory in order to have the connections again placed, which is done by machinery.

MRS. GILLESPIE DISCHARGED.

Tama Woman Not Held on the Perjury Charge.

Mrs. Alice Gillespie, wife of Tom Gillespie, of Tama, and mother of James McCoy, whose marriage in this city Wednesday to 15-year-old Sophie Paxton has caused considerable feeling on the part of the latter's relatives, was discharged from Justice Burritt's court Friday evening upon the charge of perjury.

It is not likely, however, that the matter will be dropped with this, and the identity of the "Rina Johnson," who swore to the age of the girl when the license was granted, will be found if possible. Mrs. Gillespie claims that she knows nothing whatever of her son's marriage and was not in the city on Wednesday. Further than that she says that she has not been in Marshalltown for five years. This, she says, she can prove by six different persons.

The state expected to prove the identity of the woman positively by Deputy Clerk of Courts Cammack and Officer Cochran. This was not done, however, as neither of the officers, although they said they thought Mrs. Gillespie was the woman, was not willing to identify her positively and swear to it. This was all that the case rested upon, and consequently the dismissal.

Mr. A. C. Paxton, of Montour, the father of the girl, now Mrs. McCoy, was in the city again today. He is very much disappointed over the outcome of the case and threatens to make it warm for some one. To County Attorney Stone he intimated that he would bring suit against Deputy Clerk Cammack, but the county attorney informed him that Mr. Cammack had acted in the best of faith and with the proper discretion, and any attempt of that sort would be folly. Those interested in the case still have hopes of finding the name of the woman who acknowledged the affidavit made before the license was granted.

LOCAL COMMENT.

It begins to look now as though the depositors of the failed Commercial Bank, the doors of which were closed a year ago, would be a long time in securing further dividends. But two dividends have been declared, and although some time has elapsed since the last one there is but about $2,000 in the hands of the receiver at the present time, according to his own statement. This is probably not the fault of the receiver, but is due to the nature of the securities. The belief is still general that the directors and stockholders of the concern would have been acting more fairly to themselves and the depositors had they put up the cash and taken the bank's paper, to handle it and realize on it as best they could.

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Recent events have demonstrated that there are a number of people in this city who attend, in a way, private social functions to which they are not invited, and consequently not wanted. It doesn't look well for individuals to assemble around a house or lawn where a wedding or party is in progress. At several recent functions of this kind the uninvited spectators, including men, women and children, have nearly outnumbered the invited guests.

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Merchants of the city report that never during their business careers has it been so hard to have orders filled as at the present time. The jobbers and manufacturers all over the country are behind on their orders, owing to the almost unprecedented demand due to the improved financial and industrial conditions of the country.

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A plan recently inaugurated by the street car company ought to prove popular, and, at the same time, profitable to the company. That is the sale of round trip tickets over the entire line for 10 cents. It is a plan followed in the cities and is for the special benefit of those busy people whose time for pleasure is limited. It requires nearly one hour to make the round trip over the entire Marshalltown line.

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In Friday's issue was reprinted an editorial opinion of Christian Science and the treatment of a certain case of typhoid fever by a healer of this city. Today, in the religious department, is printed an article in defense of the doctrine. The arguments of both sides will probably be accepted according to the personal views and prejudices of the general public.

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When there's work for every able bodied man dissatisfaction pervades the ranks of a few, as evidenced by several recent strikes in this city. While some of the strikers' demands are just and they are entitled to participate in the benefits of the good times, some of the malcontents quit work simply because the hot weather had taken away what little ambition they had.

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Some of the critics who have been observing the construction of the new Woodbury block as it has advanced by stages are finding fault with the height of the stories, the walls being up to the floor of the third story at present. They should withhold their criticisms, as an unfinished building does about as little credit to its finished self as does a new suit of clothes on a gentleman, minus shirt, collar and necktie.

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At the rate new saloons are coming into this city Marshalltown will be one of the wettest places in the state when that new water supply is fully developed. While we need the water worse than we do the saloons, it is probable the tax from the latter will help pay the cost of the new supply.

"BRAKEMAN ORATOR" HERE.

E. A. Wilson, Now Deputy Labor Commissioner, Visits the City.

The "Brakeman Orator," who addressed one of the largest political gatherings Marshall county ever saw in the Odeon during the campaign of '96, returned to the city today on official business connected with his duties as deputy labor commissioner. It is part of Mr. Wilson's duties to look up the labor employing institutions that have failed to make their reports to the bureau as to the number of men employed, wages paid, etc., and it is this work that brings him to Marshalltown.

Mr. Wilson says that the report of his office will be issued in September, but that returns have been already received sufficiently to indicate a general increase of 25 per cent in the number of men employed in the state, and an increase of at least 15 per cent in the average wages paid. It is his estimate that the labor commissioner's report this year will show Iowa to be enjoying the greatest amount of prosperity it has ever enjoyed.

OVERCOME BY HEAT.

A Glucose Engineer Prostrated Friday Afternoon.

The first case of severe prostration by heat this season was recorded Friday afternoon, when, at the factory of the Glucose Sugar Refining Company, Engineer Arthur P. Huggard, of the feed house, was reported overcome by the severe warm weather and in an unconscious condition. An ambulance was summoned and Mr. Huggard was removed to his room, at the Tom Rockey home, No. 208 South Second avenue.

Mr. Huggard had been complaining all afternoon of feeling worse than ordinarily in hot weather, but he did not mention the subject but once or twice and kept about his work as usual. He had just completed the work of packing a light engine and remarked to another employe of the room that he believed it was getting warmer, when he fell backwards, striking his head against the floor. The superintendent's office was notified and the ambulance and company surgeon were summoned. Mr. Huggard lay as if dead, and no sign of consciousness were noticeable. Work of resuscitation was begun as soon as the physician arrived and at about 5:30 o'clock consciousnes was regained. Mr. Huggard's condition this morning is reported as encouraging, he having gained considerable rest during the night. No serious results are anticipated, although it will be several days before he will be able to resume work. Master Mechanic Wood took charge of the feed house department directly after the occurrence, owing to the lack of an experienced man.

Mr. Huggard is the gentleman who is to be married early next month to Miss Gertrude Halferty.

Miss Clara Greene, of Spencer, is in the city for a few days' visit with Miss Zada White.

WHITTON REAPPOINTED

Continuation of April Session of District Court Develops Nothing New.

Mr. George Whitton's Appointment As Receiver of Commercial Bank Continues.

Salary Cut In Two, However—An Administrator Is Appointed.

Judge Caswell convened the adjourned April term of court this morning at 10 o'clock, at which time there came up the matter of the old Commercial State Bank failure as regards the report of the receiver, Mr. George Whitton.

Mr. Whitton's term as receiver expired today, but there was no disposition made in the case in any way whatever and his appointment will continue until the September term, at least, although at a more moderate salary.

Mr. Whitton has been receiving $100 per month for acting as receiver of the property, but hereafter, or during the remainder of his term, will receive but half that amount.

Mr. Whitton's report for the year was made to the court, being filed this forenoon. The report showed the condition of the property, the amount of the assets on hand and the disposition of the funds during the year. The report was neither approved nor disapproved, but was continued over till next term, in order to allow time for the filing of any objections that might be made. Mr. Whitton will therefore serve as receiver until the September term, and may be then there will be no change.

Upon petition Mr. E. G. Swift, of State Center, was appointed by the court as administrator of the estate of A. C. Babcock, deceased. Mr. Babcock resided at the time of his death in Chicago and was a well-known Illinois politician. In his estate is included considerable real estate and personal property in Marshall county.

Court was adjourned for dinner, and after some routine matters in connection with the bank case after the noon hour adjournment sine die was taken.

STRIKERS' PLACES FILLED.

Workers on the Woodbury Block Plentiful This Morning.

The places of the sixteen striking laborers on the new Woodbury block, who walked out Friday afternoon after making a demand for an increase in wages, were all filled this morning, with many to spare. None of the strikers were placed back to work, although one or two of them whined around at 7 o'clock and informed Contractor Atkinson that they were in no way to blame for the trouble. After the news of the strike was learned last evening, men galore were on hand this morning, and it is estimated that twenty were turned away after a selection of sixteen had been made to take the places of those who quit work Friday.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Clara Nettle, of LaMoille, visited in the city Friday.

Mrs. C. F. M. Stone, now of Tama, is spending the day here with friends.

Mrs. F. E. Plum and little son Bryan went to Iowa Falls this morning to visit Mrs. John Rush.

Mr. L. L. Conner arrived from Hampton Friday evening and will remain a week with his family.

Miss Josie Rottler, on her way home to Arcadia from Dubuque, visited today with Mrs. P. J. Halton.

Miss Kate Arb, of Toledo, is in the city to spend Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Blair.

Mr. James Harrigan, of Toledo, on his way to St. Louis, spent Friday evening in the city with friends.

Mrs. C. Clarke went this morning to Oskaloosa, to spend two months with her mother, Mrs. A. Alden.

Mrs. Mary Conkling went to State Center this morning to spend two days with Mrs. Thomas Shaunce.

Miss Ella Swanson, of Kelley came this morning for a visit of a few weeks with Miss Florence Wallen.

Miss Annabel Bartley went to Belle Plaine this morning, to spend two weeks with Miss Leo Sayres.

Miss Eugenia Grinnell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Northrup, went home to Des Moines, today.

Miss Alma Giddings went to Perry today to spend three weeks at the home of her brother, Mr. H. G. Giddings.

Mrs. A. M. Havens, who has been Mrs. George Buck's guest for three weeks, went home to Omaha, today.

Mrs. H. Morden, after a three weeks' visit in Davenport with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Page, came home today.

Miss Mae Hartsuch, who has been visiting the past week with Mrs. Charles Eldridge, went home to Albia, today.

Messrs. George G. Rean and Charles Huff, of Des Moines, are spending part of their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. O. Long.

Miss Lucile, Edna and Mabel Walworth came home this morning from a three weeks' visit in Ackley and Eldora.

Misses Mayme and Myrtle Rigg returned this morning from a ten days' visit in Iowa Falls at the I. N. Rich home.

Miss Looloo Page went to Clear Lake this morning to spend the rest of the hot weather with her mother at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMurray, of Newton, are in the city to spend Sunday with the latter's uncle, Mr. A. S. Burnell, and family.

Veteran O. Gorrell, of the Soldiers' Home, returned Friday night from a thirty days' furlough spent in Fremont, Nev., with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston returned Friday evening from their week's vacation, spent in Baxter, Colfax and Des Moines.

Mrs. N. Spencer and children Fred and Ruth went home to Algona, this morning after a visit with Mrs. Spencer's sister, Mrs. W. M. Clarke.

Mrs. J. P. Coffman and little daughter Blanche went this morning to Cedar Rapids, for a long visit at the parental home of R. Logormarcino.

Mrs. Belle Travis and her brother, Mr. W. K. McMullin, of Modesto, Cal., went to State Center this morning to spend Sunday with Mrs. E. H. Schilling.

Miss Alexene Murray, of Belle Plaine, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Parker, for a few days, returned to her home Friday evning.

Miss Laura Harris, of Tama, arrived in the city Friday evening and will visit a few weeks at the homes of her nephews, Messrs. F. C. and A. M. Vorhes.

Miss Mary McCoy, of Colo, who has been visiting a week in the city as the guest of her aunt, Miss Anna O'Donnell, returned to her home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams, of New Providence, returned Friday evening from a month's visit in Newcastle and Fayette, Ind. They went on home, this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Benedict, little daughters Blanche and Margaret and Mrs. Benedict's sister, Miss Kate Price went to Colfax, this morning to stay until Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Forrestel and Miss Floy Brechtbill went to Gilman Friday evening and will remain over Sunday as the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. J. Stanford.

Mr. J. A. Watson returned Friday evening from a very pleasant week's visit in Clinton, where his father and sisters reside. He also visited in Reinbeck on the way home.

Mrs. Mary Perry, of Havelock, who has been in the city for some weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Everist, went Friday to Zearing to visit another daughter Mrs. W. H. Golly.

Mrs. F. M. Ward and daughter, Miss May, came up from Grinnell this morning and are at the E. C. Wetherbee home, north of the city. They will also visit friends in the city before going home.

Miss Leonora Sales, of Mason City, a former resident of Marshalltown and a teacher in the city schools, left Friday evening for her home after a few days' visit with her cousins, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Boucher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boggie and children, Helen and Wallace, of Oskaloosa, arrived in the city Friday evening and will visit over Sunday as the guests of Mrs. Lavina Boggie and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boggie and family.

Mrs. G. F. Capron, of State Center, spent Friday in the city, being accompanied here by her nieces, Genevieve and Ethel Havens. Miss Genevieve has been spending the summer at her aunt's home, while Miss Ethel has been in State Center a week.

Miss Linnie Clinker went to Tama Friday evening to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clinker. She was accompanied by her aunt Mrs. James Keefe, and the latter's children, who will remain over Sunday at the Clinker home also.

Miss Carolyn Sheldon arrived home Friday evening from Beaman, where she has been the guest for a few days of Mrs. George Coates. Miss Sheldon has been absent from home about ten days and during the time has visited friends in Grundy Center and Conrad.

Mrs. C. Hansen and daughter, Leona, of State Center, who have been spending a week in the city with the family of the former's brother-in-law, Mr. E. A. Hansen, returned home Friday evening, accompanied by Miss Mary Peterson, who will remain with them a few weeks.

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