

MET FATAL ACCIDENT

O'Brien County Farmer Crushed to Death Under a Load of Coal.

His Body and the Wrecked Wagon Found by a Friendly Neighbor.

County Attorney Lundy of Eldora Sued for Alleged Irregularities—Iowa News.

Special to Times-Republican.

Primghar, Dec. 19.—Henry Steffens, formerly a farmer residing in Hartley, who has recently removed to Dickinson county, started home from Hartley with a load of coal about 7 p. m. and met with an accident that caused his death. About a mile and a half north of town it appears that in driving over a culvert one wheel of the wagon went over the side of the bridge, which caused the wagon to capsize, turning the wagon box and entire load of coal over Mr. Steffens. His team became disengaged and ran along the road, overtaking a Mr. Shankweiler, who, thinking something was wrong, went back on the road until he discovered the wagon box and coal on the ground, and upon further investigation discovered Mr. Steffens, who was lying dead. Probably he was killed instantly. The night was very dark.

TO SUE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Hardin County Official Charged With Irregularities.

Special to Times-Republican.

Union, Dec. 19.—No little excitement has been caused in this county by the filing of two petitions against E. H. Lundy, the present county attorney of this county, by a law firm composed of N. S. Carpenter and Steve Moser, esquires, who are a few parties who style themselves as "taxpayers," among them being George Young, the man who is charged with helping Harvey, the bootlegger, who escaped from the officers some little time ago, make his departure. It seems that Mr. Lundy has been in the habit of charging his expenses while in the business of the county, to the county. Said expenses were allowed by the board of supervisors and were paid to Mr. Lundy. Mr. Lundy has been "persecuting" by being instrumental in having them brought before the board of justice for liquor dealing and various petty offenses, so they conclude they will take a whirl and have Mr. Lundy pay this money back. Many people regard this as merely a boom gotten up by N. S. Carpenter, who expects to be the next county attorney, and wishes to show his zealous disposition that he may influence voters. Not much stock is taken in the suit.

THE SISTER FOUND.

Strange Occurrences in Lives of Members of the Farrington Family.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa Falls, Dec. 19.—Another chapter has just been added to the romance in the lives of J. L. Farrington and his brother, after a search of over twenty years. The incident which has been made a part of the romance is the discovery of a sister, who was believed to have been killed by her marriage and change of name. While yet in the dark the brothers received a letter from a lady in Philadelphia that proved beyond doubt that she is the long lost sister. The elder brother, who has been visiting here for some time, is now in the city of Philadelphia, where he is searching for the sister. The missing sister learned of her brothers through an article that appeared in the eastern press chronicling the happy reunion the brothers enjoyed in Bordenton on Thanksgiving day.

"THE MAN WITH THE JUG."

Theft From an Express Car Traced to a Traump.

Boone, Dec. 19.—A man with a jug boarded the 9:45 a. m. train for Des Moines Saturday as it stood at the Chicago & North-western depot. Just before the train reached Jordan, the first station east, it was discovered that a package of bills amounting to \$38.50 was missing from the express car. Traveling Express Agent C. E. Finch returned to Boone by the next train, the fast mail, and reported the loss. About noon the marshal at Boone, Officer Lillie and C. E. Finch arrested the man with the jug strolling west along the track just east of town. He was searched and a torn \$2 bill found upon his person, and the remainder of the \$38.50 in his boot. He gave his name as "Johnny Quinn, from anywhere."

It is supposed he entered the combination express and baggage car while J. S. Brooks, the agent, was busy with the baggage. The package of money was being sent from Boone to Des Moines by the Boone Chicago & North-western ticket agent, C. J. Sidmore, and was lying loose upon the top of the safe.

ADVANCE IN RATES.

General Increase in Freight Tariffs Expected to Occur Soon.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—While official notice of it has not yet been received by local freight agents of the several Iowa trunk lines, one of the most radical and general advances in freight rates east and west made within fifteen years is expected to be made Jan. 1. Hundreds of articles entering into every day consumption will be affected, and an increase averaging 35 to 40 per cent over existing tariffs is anticipated. Rumors of the contemplated advance have percolated to the public at intervals for the past sixty days, and once when it was agreed upon, three or four weeks ago, and advance sheets of the new tariffs were sent out, such a howl was set up by the shipping interests that the roads weakened and the tariffs were withdrawn. At the time there was not perfect unity of action and the attempt was abandoned, only to be revived later. The proposition contemplated the abolition of the Mississippi river as a basis for the tariff, and shipping rates declare that should the railways put the proposed rates into effect it will operate to advance retail prices in nearly every line of trade. Sugar, soap, coffee, flour, coal and farm implements are a few of the articles selected for increase. On these, as well as on hundreds of other articles, the increase will be from 20 to 40 per cent. The rate on coal west of Chicago will be pushed up 25 cents per ton. The tariff on cattle will be advanced 25 cents per 100 pounds, and on sheep to 30 cents. Hoxed packing house product will be advanced 25 to 30 cents, and dressed meats to 40 cents per 100 pounds. Hay will also feel the increase, the new rates elevating the tariff to \$1.10 per ton. East of Chicago the increase will be effected by a very simple method of changing the class used, which is the article shipped. This will be done by taking them out of the "commodity" classes and restoring them to the several classifications from which they were originally transferred to the commodity list. The railway officials, in defense of their action, claim that the increase in cost of steel, labor and every article that enters into the construction of operation of railroads. They claim it is not their intention to elevate rates in proportion to the increase in prices of material required for new equipment. They insist that there is no profit in hauling freight at present rates, and as it is not expected the immense volume of business of the past year will continue, they feel the only remedy lies in increasing the rates.

One of the local division freight agents said yesterday, discussing the subject he would not at all be surprised if the companies weakened at the last moment and permitted the whole matter to drop until a more favorable opportunity was presented. "You see," said he, "the Mississippi basing line was wholly a figment of the imagination. There is no profit in carrying freight to present rates, and as it is not expected the immense volume of business of the past year will continue, they feel the only remedy lies in increasing the rates."

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THE GAME OF POLITICS

The Bowen Candidacy Explained—Tactics Employed by Trained Politicians.

Interesting Account of How Blake Retired in the Interests of Eaton.

Board of Control Balances Show a Decrease in the Available Surplus.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—Recent developments in senatorial politics have been both curious and interesting. The way things are done by these astute political managers, the wires that are pulled and the consummate skill with which the whole game is played is a marvel to the ordinary layman as it is supremely bewildering to the amateurs who have undertaken to play on the other side of the table. The candidacy of Dr. Bowen for the speakership is the most recent maneuver that commands attention, and thereby hanks a tale. The narrowing down of the speakership contest to Eaton and Bowen for a moment loses sight of the senatorial candidates. The way it was brought about illustrates very well the whole game of professional politics. There is no question but that the Cummins forces have been completely outgeneraled. To pretend ignorance of your opponent's movements, to pretend surprise where there is no surprise; to pretend to get your facts from your opponent's mouthpieces, is one of the arts of the astute and consummate political manager. That Ed Hunter and Jim Bythe and George Christian are masters of this art, the board of control charges, increases being noted at the fall terms in both years:

SECY. WILSON'S KIND WAYS.

Permits No Injustice in His Department.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"So long as I am secretary of agriculture there shall be no injustice done in this department to any of the employees, however humble may be their station," said "Tama Jim" Wilson, when a specific case was brought before him. There is an estimable lady employed in one of the scientific divisions who came here from Michigan. She passed a very hard examination in order to secure her appointment, an examination which only a woman of culture could have passed and only a woman of superior courage would have attempted. She was credited to the state of Michigan, whence she came. One of the Michigan congressmen, looking over the lists in the executive department in order to find a place for one of his political workers, came across this lady's name and found that she was credited to his state. He went to the department of agriculture to see the lady. He asked her how she came to be credited to the state of his state and she replied: "My father and mother were Michigan people, but they are dead. I lived in Michigan with my sister and her husband until I secured this place. Since then my sister has died and I have no real residence in Michigan, but that is the only home I have ever known, and hence I claim Michigan as my home."

Instead of having his finer sensibilities aroused, if he has any, the congressman angrily told her that she should not be credited to his state and that he would have her position for one of his political workers. The unfortunate woman, having no political influence and depending wholly upon her merit to retain her position, was moved to tears; but that made no difference to the cold-blooded politician, who insisted that she should give way to one of his favorites. The case was brought to the attention of Secretary Wilson and he caused her residence to be transferred to the district of Columbia, but he retained her in office, saying that no new man or woman could so acceptably fill her place, and that no injustice should be done to her or to any other employee in that department while he is secretary of agriculture. Our "Tama Jim" is like all other men of intellectual ability. He possesses a great heart as well as a great mind, and he is as keenly sensitive to the demands of justice and equity as mortal man can be. This particular instance is but one of many similar deeds of kindness on his part. Every employee of the department of agriculture loves the man, for all of them know him to be as fair and just as he is diligent and faithful in the performance of the duties of his exalted station.

TO OPEN NEW OPERA HOUSE.

Tim Murphy in "The Carpet Bagger" to Play at Iowa Falls.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Dec. 19.—The formal opening of the Metropolitan Opera House which has been erected in this city by Mr. E. S. Ellsworth, will take place on the 27th of December and the event will be the greatest social event in the history of the city. On this occasion Tim Murphy and his company will appear in "The Carpet Bagger." The advance sale, which was inaugurated this morning, is a fine testimonial of the public's appreciation of Mr. Ellsworth's public spirit, and hundreds of seats will be taken at from \$10 to \$2 and \$3. The indications are that the occasion will be a red-letter day in Iowa Falls. The house is a perfect gem and is pronounced by those competent to judge as being one of the finest houses of the kind in the west. It will seat about 800 and in every detail the house is apparently perfect.

DECREASE IN BALANCES.

November Report of the State Board Shows Smaller Surplus.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—The balance in the support fund of the state institutions on December 1 was \$18,000 less than it was on December 1, and has fallen to about \$92,000. This has been due to the heavy fall purchases. The following table shows the number of inmates, the cost of support and the balance in the support fund of the institutions during and at the close of the month of November:

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FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Cedar Rapids Votes to Buy or Build a Water Works System.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 19.—By a majority of 1578 the men and women of Cedar Rapids yesterday decided in favor of municipal control of a water works system. It was a battle royale between the city council and the owners of the present water works plant, and both sides worked their hardest, and fully 400 votes were thrown out.

The measure adopted provides that the city mayor enter into a contract to lease, control and operate a water works system to cost not less than \$500,000, at an annual rental of not to exceed \$38,000, to be paid by the city in two equal semi-annual installments for a period of twenty-three years, at the end of which time the plant is to become the exclusive property of the city. The payment of the rentals is to be provided for by the levy of a hydrant rental tax and the city is also to collect all rents and water rates from private consumers. The ordinance which has already passed two readings of the council by unanimous vote, provides that forty miles of mains shall be laid and that the intake shall be a mile farther up the river than the present intake. It provides also that such parts of the old water plant as can be utilized shall be used in the construction of the new plant, if an agreement can be reached between the city and the owners.

The matter has been before the people for several months, but not until within the past two weeks has there been much interest manifested. These two weeks, however, have witnessed the hottest campaign ever seen in the city, and there has been a great deal of feeling. The city administration, which favored the scheme for municipal ownership of a water works plant, has attacked the quality of the water being furnished by the city, attacked the fire pressure, and made the claim that the rate charged for both public and private use was at least 50 per cent too high. The opposition has made the claim that the council had been working in secret and not giving the people the inside workings; that they had made deals with outside parties for the construction of a new system, and that if the proposition carried the outside parties would walk off with \$150,000 above the cost of the new system and interest at 4 per cent; that the proposition should be defeated, and that the council should then take such steps as would require the present water company to furnish water at a reasonable price, give the proper fire protection and pure water.

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