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MADE A CONFESSION

Dying Dago in Chicago Reveals a Big Swindling Scheme to Officers

OPERATIONS MOSTLY IN IOWA

Plan Was to Buy Stocks of Goods, Ship Them to Chicago, Sell Them and Never Pay the Bill—Clinton Man One of Their Victims—A Boone Merchant Implicated in the Swindle.

Special to Times-Republican.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Convinced that he was about to die, Frank Arregli, a typhoid fever patient at the Alexian Brothers' hospital, summoned the police yesterday afternoon and gave the details of a scheme by which several Iowa merchants have been swindled recently.

Arregli is an Italian, 19 years old, and admitted his part in the fraud, which embraced a plot to secure a large quantity of goods on credit and the shipping of these to Chicago to be sold. According to Arregli, the other person to the scheme was formerly a merchant at Boone, Iowa.

In spite of the patient's fear that he was going to die, the hospital authorities believe he will recover. Accepting his confession as true, the police will watch Arregli and if he is restored to health he will be arrested at once on his discharge from the hospital.

Arregli's confession is as follows:

"I was employed by a man at Boone, Iowa. I purchased goods from various merchants in Iowa and shipped them to him in Chicago. I secured the goods on credit and delayed payment of the bills by saying my employer had left the city on business. A few months ago I shipped about $500 worth of goods to Chicago from Boone.

"I received no money for my work, and came to Chicago to find my employer. While here I became ill and was brought to the hospital. Believing I can not get well, I wish to free my mind of the crime in which I had a part."

About the time Arregli was telling the story to Detective Findley, Frank Smith, of Clinton, Iowa, one of the alleged victims, called at the East Chicago avenue station and complained of losing goods by means of this swindle. He told Inspector Campbell he would remain in Chicago and assist the police in finding the alleged Boone merchant.

WAVERLY PREACHER ACCUSED.

Church Trial Called for Investigation of His Conduct.

Special to Times-Republican.

Waverly, Nov. 6.—Rev. P. Smock, of this place, is to be given a church trial here on charges of conduct unbecoming a Christian and gentleman.

Mr. Smock is not now in active pastoral work. He retired from such duties some time ago on account of his health, and while in retirement dabbled in politics with such success that he was elected county superintendent of Bremer county on the democratic ticket at the election in 1901.

He is reported to have indulged in unwarranted liberties in his relations with women, and the reputation of a Bremer county schoolma'am suffers equally with that of the ex-minister as the result of the rumors that are afloat.

Formal charges have been preferred against him, and a church trial is to be had for the investigation of his conduct. Rev. J. A. Earl, J. R. Vaughan and A. J. Cole, of Waterloo, have been summoned to act as the committee before whom the case will be tried.

ENGINE GOES THRU WALL.

Wild Locomotive Damages the Round House at Ft. Dodge.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, Nov. 6.—The side wall in front of one of the stalls at the Central round house was knocked out yesterday by a wild engine. The engine was on the table ready to run into the stall. It was in charge of one of the hostlers. When the hostler tried to start forward, a valve slipped, placing the engine beyond control. It passed on forward, into the house, thru the stall and shoved its cowcatcher thru the wall in front. The falling wall checked its progress until gotten under control again.

No damage resulted to the engine, save the marring of the paint. The hole torn in the wall is about twelve feet wide and extends to the top of the brick work. No particular blame is placed on the hostler for the accident, no one being injured.

RECOVERS STOLEN PURSE.

Waterloo Resident Gets Back His Stolen Property.

Waterloo, Nov. 6.—S. L. Klingaman, who was robbed on election day of a purse containing $23 in money, has recovered the same, with more money in it than when he lost it by 25 cents. He supposed he was touched by a pickpocket when he missed the purse and despaired of ever seeing it again. He has received the purse from LaPort, where it was found by a prominent resident of that place. The purse was stolen here during the Boies rally, and how it traveled to the neighboring city is a mystery.

Suicide's Body Buried.

Special to Times-Republican.

Clinton, Nov. 6.—The remains of Robert Traver, who shot and killed himself in a most mysterious manner at Leoti, Kas., Tuesday night, arrived here today for burial. Traver was the president of the First State Bank of Leoti. He was a man of considerable wealth and was prominent in the business and social circles of Leoti. Tuesday evening he was at a social, given by the Royal Neighbors. He picked up an overcoat belonging to a deputy sheriff. In the coat pocket was a 44-caliber revolver. In some manner the pistol was discharged, the bullet striking Traver in the chest and passing thru his body. Death followed soon after.

Traver left this city twenty years ago and went to Leoti, where he went into business and prospered. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Traver, who reside on the Second avenue road. He also leaves one brother, Pardy Traver, who resides at Coffey Corners, Ill.

Cambridge.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cambridge, Nov. 6.—A hard times party was given at John McHone's Friday night, with over fifty guests present.

C. A. Neal has sold his lumber yard to the Oregon Lumber Company and has given possession.

B. J. Johnson and C. A. Neal have gone to Oregon on an extended business trip.

Mrs. C. A. Neal has gone to Rippey to make an extended visit with relatives.

Messrs. D. Snider and J. N. Bossnot are at Collins, where they are erecting the water works and town hall building.

Corn husking is now fully on, the yield being about half a crop.

Mrs. D. C. Clayton has disposed of her restaurant and candy store to Seal & Smith.

Mr. Peter Swartout has purchased the Benfer residence and eight lots in the west part of town for $2,200.

About all of the grading on the I. F. D. M. & N. railroad is finished between Nevada and Cambridge, and track laying is being rushed. A crew of section men have been employed on the I. F., D. M. & N. railroad, with Arnold Merz as foreman.

Anson White returned from Woodward, where he has been visiting with his son, Gilbert White, and family.

Election was very quiet, only about half the vote of the township being cast, 96 republican, 22 prohibition, and 14 democrat.

Lewis-Myre.

Special to Times-Republican.

Nevada, Nov. 6.—At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry Davis, occurred the marriage of Miss Bertha V. Lewis to Mr. Chas. R. Myre. The home was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, smilax and potted ferns. At 7:30 p. m. to the soft strains of the wedding march the young couple took their places under a lace canopy with a dainty background of lace with sprays of smilax. The bride was charmingly gowned in an dress of roses silk with applique trimmings. She carried roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Dudley, of the Baptist church. After congratulations the wedding party repaired to the home of L. H. Proctor, Mrs. Proctor being another sister of the bride, where luncheon was served. Carnations and smilax graced the table and the harp orchestra furnished music. Mr. and Mrs. Myre were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

Mrs. Myre was for several years in the employ of John Wells, of Marshalltown, and was prominent in church and league work.

Mr. Myre is a young man of sterling integrity, a civil engineer of Pontiac, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Myre left on the 11:33 p. m. train for Chicago, where they will spend a few days, going from there to Pontiac, where they will make their future home.

Zearing.

Special to Times-Republican.

Zearing, Nov. 6.—The new Evangelical church will be dedicated next Sunday.

The election passed off very quietly.

The farmers are very busy gathering corn. Some report better corn than they expected.

J. J. Ross has resigned his position in the creamery to take effect Jan. 1st. Mr. Ross is one of the best buttermakers in the state.

Miss Queen Burkhart was home over Sunday from Nevada, where she is teaching in the city school.

Mrs. A. M. Williams and Miss Dessie Phay were at Liscomb visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Coffelt, returning Monday.

Mr. J. Nessa, agent for the Iowa Central at this place has resigned his position to accept a similar position with the Iowa Falls & Des Moines & Northern at Nevada.

Mrs. Floyd Farber, of Greeley, Ia., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burkhart.

An Aged Voter.

Special to Times-Republican.

Muscatine, Nov. 6.—The oldest voter at the polls was E. W. Siverly. Mr. Siverly is aged 97 years and cast his first vote for General Jackson in the year 1828 in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Siverly in his quaint way said "I cast my first vote for General Jackson and I would do the same thing again if he were here; but he was the only democrat I ever saw I would vote for." Mr. Siverly has cast 63 republican votes in Louisa county, never since 1839 missing an election without voting. He is still robust and in good health.

Funeral at Montour.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montour, Nov. 6.—The funeral of Mrs. William Montgomery was largely attended yesterday afternoon from the Methodist church. Rev. O. R. Newell officiated. Mrs. Montgomery was the wife of a former minister of the Methodist church here and was very well liked. Her husband died about ten years ago, when he was pastor here, and his widow is survived by there children. Mrs. Montgomery was about 40 years of age. Her death was very sudden and was due to an acute attack of stomach trouble.

MAN AND MONEY GONE

Lars Ronquist Draws $3,950 From Waterloo Bank and Then Disappears

HE LEFT HIS FAMILY BEHIND

Wife Believes He Has Deserted Her and Has Taken Steps to Trace Him and If Possible, Recover Part of the Money—Waverly Preacher Investigated for Alleged Misconduct.

Special to Times-Republican.

Waterloo, Nov. 6.—The disappearance of Lars Ronquest from this city is a great mystery to his friends and family. Nothing has been seen of him since last Monday, when he came to this city and drew about $3,950 from the bank. His wife believes he has skipped the country and is taking steps to trace him and secure part of the money, if nothing more.

Ronquest is well known in this vicinity, where he has resided for the past twenty-five or thirty years. For the past three or four years he has been residing on a farm about four miles east of this city, owned by Judge F. C. Platt. He has been considered reliable and has the reputation of being a steady hard working farmer.

Last week he had a sale and sold all his machinery, livestock and other belongings. The sale netted him about $4,000, which he deposited in a bank in this city. He proceeded to settle up his accounts and everything seemed to be going nicely. Monday he came to Waterloo, ostensibly on some business connected with the sale. This was the last his wife saw of him.

Part of the funds taken are said to belong to his wife, being reaped from the sale of household goods which belonged to her.

Mrs. Ronquest is well known in this city, where she formerly resided. She married Lars Ronquest about six months ago, it being the second matrimonial venture for both parties. Mrs. Ronquest was formerly Mrs. Hillman. Mr. Ronquest's first wife now resides in Waterloo.

Mrs. Adelaide Hillman worked as a dressmaker in this city and is well liked by all who knew her. It is said that the couple have got along well together and friends of Ronquest are at a loss to explain his peculiar action. Every effort is now being made by the authorities to find him.

Will Have Third Bank.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ida Grove, Nov. 6.—Ida Grove is again to have a third bank. About a year ago the Anderson Lipton company bank bought out the Ida County Savings bank and the two were merged into one. Last week J. G. Mehrings bought the Weiser building on Main street and today sold the old frame to W. H. Bassett, who will move it off the lot and make dwelling houses of it, and as soon as possible will commence the erection of a two-story brick building to be occupied by the new bank. The parties interested have not much to say as yet, but it is understood that J. G. Mehring, A. M. Wallace and E. P. Smith are the backers, which means a sound financial institution, for all of them are wealthy citizens, with plenty of money and friends back of them.

Death of Dr. Spangler.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ute, Nov. 6.—Dr. J. S. Spangler died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning with pneumonia. He leaves a wife and child. The doctor had a great many friends and a large practice to be filled by someone. He was a Modern Woodman and his wife is provided thereby with $2,000 beneficiary; also $2,000 in the Yeoman, which goes to his children.

Mrs. W. J. Ganhan is quite ill and not expected to live.

There is still quite a number of stacks of grain unthreshed. Threshers are pulling in to husk their corn.

The corn crop is yielding 40 to 50 bushels to the acre by measure, but lacks about 20 per cent when weighed.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Falls, Nov. 6.—Yesterday afternoon at their home on Normal Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wheeler celebrated their golden wedding assisted by many friends and relatives.

Mr. Wheeler is 76 and his wife is 68 years of age. They have lived in this city for the past four years. Flowers were everywhere in evidence, chrysanthemums being the prevailing posy. At noon a course dinner was served.

The guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, of Jamison; D. A. Long, of Waverly; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Grove, of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. William Morrow, of Conrad; L. H. Thompson and wife, E. A. Hill and wife, of Green Mountain; Mrs. Will Roberts, of Marshalltown and Mrs. Z. L. Wheeler, of this city.

An original poem written and read by E. A. Hill was dedicated to them. Mr. Wheeler received a beautiful gold headed cane and Mrs. Wheeler a gold clock.

National Fibre Company.

Special to Times-Republican.

Waterloo, Nov. 6.—The National Fibre Company has filed articles of incorporation with the county recorder. The capital stock is $150,000. The company retains the right to increase the capital stock and to do a half dozen different kinds of business if desired. H. C. Billingsley, of Chicago, is president; I. L. Strong, Chicago, vice president; Phil O. Bond, secretary and treasurer. The company some time ago purchased the old paper mill and will at once begin the erection of a new mill. The term of incorporation is twenty years.

Chicago—William P. Cornell, a well-known Chicago newspaper man, dropped dead yesterday, just after casting his vote.

The Grinnell News.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, Nov. 6.—Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Miss Agnes Conley, a former teacher in the high school here. She gave up teaching about two years ago and entered the State University at Iowa City, where she would have graduated next spring. Miss Conley was sick but a very short time, inflammatory rheumatism being the cause of her death. All her Grinnell friends were very much surprised and grieved to learn the sad news and offer their sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cessna gave a missionary tea Wednesday evening for the missionary societies of the Methodist church. This was something out of the ordinary manner of holding the meeting. Instead of holding the meeting in the afternoon, it was held in the evening and the gentlemen invited. Refreshments were served and several musical numbers were rendered thruout the evening.

Misses Mabelle Ganley, Nellie Regan and Helen Stocks will entertain a large number of their friends next Friday evening Nov. 7, at 1030 Elm street.

The Senior-Academy students will entertain themselves Friday evening in the society halls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. T. Main will give a reception to the seniors at their home on High street Nov. 14.

It seems that the high school foot ball team can not stand prosperity and as a consequence a considerable amount of trouble has come up caused by several members getting the idea that no further explanation of foot ball is needed to complete their knowledge of the game. The team this year on the whole does not pay much attention to training rules; keep late hours, etc. This state of affairs can not better the condition of the team in the least and will certainly bring about defeat for them in one or both of there two coming games, the first with Davenport, the second with East Des Moines. The material for a team this year is the best the high school has ever had or is likely to have again and now is the best chance they can get to make a name for themselves in high school foot ball thruout the state.

CARDIFF GIANT FAKE.

The Famous Find Recalled by the Recent Death of One of Its Promoters—The True Story of Its Inception and Its Success as a Money Maker.

The recent death at Binghamton of George Hull has brought to light all the facts in the celebrated swindle known as the Cardiff Giant, one of the greatest and most enduring hoaxes ever perpetrated in this or any other country.

It was in the autumn of 1869, that the Cardiff Giant was "discovered" on the farm of a man named Newell, living near the village of Cardiff, in Onondago county, New York. Newell had hired men to dig a well on his farm, and it was these laborers who first saw the rude Cyclops. The "discovery" created a tremendous sensation all over New York state. Thousands of men, women and children besieged the Newell place, and soon the report that a huge stone statue had been dug up was telegraphed all over the country.

Even Britons Bite.

The news also made a sensation in England, and a number of British scientists came to this country for the sole purpose of investigating the "remains." The best, as well as the most authentic description of the appearance of the giant as it lay in the pit on the Newell farm, is given by our minister in Germany, the Hon. Andrew D. White, in an article on the Cardiff Giant in the October number of "The Century." "A few mornings after the discovery," says Dr. White, "my brother and I, in a light buggy drawn by a fast trotter, were speeding thru the valley to the scene of the discovery. As we went we saw more and more, on every side, evidences of an enormous popular interest. The roads were crowded with buggies, carriages, and even omnibuses from the city of Syracuse, and with lumber wagons from the farms. In about two hours we arrived at the Newell place, and found a gathering which at first seemed like a county fair. In the midst was a tent and a crowd was pressing for admission. Entering, we saw a large pit or grave, and at the bottom of it, perhaps five feet below the surface, an enormous figure, apparently of Onondaga gray limestone. It was a stout giant with massive features, the whole body nude, the limbs contracted as if in agony. It had a color as if it had lain long in the earth, and over its surface were minute punctures like pores. A special appearance of awe was given it by deep grooves and channels on its under side, apparently worn by the water, which was flowing in streams thru the earth and along the rock on which the figure rested. Lying in its grave, with a subdued light from the roof of the tent falling upon it, and with the limbs contorted as if in a death struggle, it produced a most weird effect. An air of great solemnity pervaded the place. Visitors hardly spoke above a whisper."

Undertook Trust.

After public curiosity had been thoroughly awakened. Hull and his partner, David Hannum, who, as is well known, is believed to have been the original of David Harum in Edward Noyes Westcott's novel of that name, formed a joint stock concern, and under the admirable chaperonage of an eminent showman of that day, "Colonel" Wood by name, the Cardiff Giant, was raised from its grave and exhibited in various cities. This, however, was the beginning of the end; for it had not been on exhibition long before Professor March, the eminent paleontologist, pounced upon it. His examination was exceedingly brief, none the less thorough, for that. His verdict was the soul of brevity. "It is of very recent origin," he declared, "and the most decided humbug." Against the opinion of such an anthority there was no appeal, and as people had already begun to put two and two together it was not long before they had ferreted out the essential facts in the remarkable swindle. Farmers were found who remembered to have seen Hull hauling an immense box on the road between Binghamton and Cardiff. Affidavits from men of good character in Iowa and Illinois established the fact that the figure was made at Fort Dodge, Ia., of a block of gypsum. When he saw that the game was up, Hull pompously confessed.

Hull Was a Yankee.

Hull, the originator of the swindle, was a native of Connecticut. He was born in 1821, and early in life moved to Binghamton. It was in the winter of 1867, while visiting friends in Baraboo, Wis., that the Cardiff Giant was conceived. While spending a winter's night with a clergyman at the bedside of a sick friend, a warm dispute arose between Hull and the clergyman regarding the sons of Anak. Hull retired to bed rather excited over the argument, and before going to sleep he had evolved the scheme of manufacturing a giant that could be buried and unexpectedly discovered in the earth and pass as a petrified man. A year or so later, having perfected the details of his scheme, he went to Fort Dodge, where he purchased an acre of land in one of the gypsum quarries. The quarrymen were engaged to "fracture out" as large a block of gypsum as possible. The men succeeded in cutting out a block 11 feet long, 4 feet wide and 22 inches thick, weighing 10,000 pounds. This was restined to become the Cardiff Giant. For 20 days Hull was engaged in transporting the stone to the nearest railway station.

Three different teamsters engaged to haul the stone failed, but at last it was placed upon a flat car and shipped thru to E. Burghardt, stone and marble cutter, Chicago, Ill. It was taken in the night to Mr. Burghardt's barn on Clark street. Precautions were taken to deaden the noise of cutting and also to escape the curiosity of outsiders by lining the interior of the barn with quilts and carpets. Two German sculptors, Edward Salle and George Markham, were engaged to carve the block of gypsum into the semblance of a human form. Nearly a dozen clay images were made before a satisfactory model was obtained. Then the sculptors began work upon the stone and at the end of two months the Cardiff Giant became a reality. When the work of the sculptors was finished Hull set about obliterating all traces of the chisel. This he did by carrfully rubbing the image with a wet sponge filled with sand. By long rubbing Hull produced that water-worn appearance that was later referred to as establishing the antiquity of the giant.

Had the Smallpox.

The gypsum figure was pitted over with minute pores by means of a leaden mallet faced with steel needles, and it was stained with sulphuric acid, which gave it an eroded appearance of great age. It was then shipped to Union, near Binghamton, hauled to the Newell farm near Cardiff, and buried in an appropriate spot during the convenient absence of the Newell family. A year later the eighth wonder of the world, as one enthusiast called it at the perihelion of the craze, was "discovered." For a time the success of Hull's hoax filled his pockets with money. Admissions were charged to view the wonder. Four prominent Syracusans gave $30,000 for a three-fourths interest in the giant. One of these shareholders was the father of Edward Noyes Wescott, the author of "David Harum." Hull cleared about $20,000 by the swindle. While the fame of the Cardiff Giant was at its height P. T. Barnum desired to purchase the statue, but failing, he exhibited an imitation with great success. This and the growing skepticism regarding the origin of the giant caused Hull to exhibit his petrified colossus in New York and Boston. In 1875, after the Boston exhibition, suspicions of fraud became so pronounced that the revenue began to decline and shortly after Hull and his giant passed out of public notice. It was finally lost sight of and was not rediscovered until last year, when a company of speculators redeemed it from the warehouse of an express company in a Massachusetts town and put it on exhibition at the Pan-American Exposition.

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