

JOSEPH W. BLYTHE DIES ON HUNTING TRIP

Prominent Railroad Attorney and Politician Expires Sudden-ly Near Wapello

END CAME AT HUNTING LODGE

With Party of Burlington Friends Was Preparing for Day's Shooting—Blythe Long a Leader of Standpat Faction in Iowa Politics and a Son-in-Law of Senator Gear.

Special to Times-Republican.

Burlington, March 6.—Joseph W. Blythe, general counsel of the Burlington route, died suddenly at his hunting lodge near Wapello, in Louisa county, this morning at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Blythe, H. S. Rand and H. W. Weaver, were preparing for a day's hunting when Blythe was taken suddenly ill, and succumbed in a few minutes to heart trouble.

Joseph William Blythe, son of William and Henrietta Blythe, was born in Cranbury, Mercer county, New Jersey, Jan. 16, 1850, and was graduated from the high school at Lawrenceville, in that state. He was graduate of Princeton College where he took the degrees of B. A. and A. M. From Hanover College in Indiana and Bethany in Kansas he held the degree of LL. D. Mr. Blythe came to Iowa in 1874 and settled at Burlington where he studied law and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1876. The same year he entered a law firm with Ex-Congressman Thomas Hedge, and became connected with the law firm of the Burlington railway. In 1877 he was married to Margaret E. Gear, daughter of Senator Gear. She and one son, Hugh, survive him. His widest prominence in Iowa came from his position and power as a politician. For many years he was leader and practical dictator of a dominant faction in the republican party, and his connections with the state and national organization fitted him for the place he assumed and kept. Many men grown prominent have J. W. Blythe to thank for their opportunity to rise. He was the Warwick of Iowa politics for many years. His power ran to the extent that he made and unmade senators.

Refused Senatorship.
Governor Shaw offered Mr. Blythe the appointment as senator following the death of Senator Gear. Blythe, however, in-law, was refused and the appointment finally went to Dolliver. For the past twenty years there has scarcely been a political campaign in which Mr. Blythe was not actively engaged. The bitter struggle which resulted in the re-election of Governor Gear and the defeat of Governor Cummins, Mr. Blythe came prominently to the front and became known as the leader of the wing of the party which opposed. From that time on Mr. Blythe was considered the general champion of the opposition. He came to be regarded more as a boss than as a leader. The fight became intensely bitter and ended in the defeat of the Burlington man. His biography as concerns Iowa most intimately will thus be political.

GRANTS MOTION FOR DEFENSE.

Court at Mason City Dismisses the

Barnard Case.
Mason City, March 6.—The motion made by the defense for the dismissal of the case of the state of Iowa vs. Barnard was granted by the court, and the case came to an abrupt end yesterday. Provisions of the statute of limitations furnished the grounds upon which this motion for dismissal was based. The indictment against Barnard was returned in December 1908, and the alleged offense committed on Dec. 28, in 1903, substantially five years before.

The motion for an arrest of judgment and a new trial in the case of the "Deservey Five" is being argued before Judge Kelley. When court convenes again next Tuesday, the case of the state against Grant Rush will come on for hearing.

The dismissal of the charge against Barnard will influence in no way the damage suit against him which is being brought in the courts of this county by Mrs. Longenecker.

NO MYSTERY ABOUT HALEY.

Notorious Iowa Prisoner's Identity is

Known and His Family is Poor.
Des Moines, March 6.—It is absolutely no mystery about the identity of the man who calls himself Leonard W. Haley and who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison. I know his name; I have corresponded with one of his sisters and I say to you that the story to the effect that he is in reality the black sheep of a family of great riches and prominence is all untrue. His parents were people of moderate means, honest and industrious, and his sisters and brothers are respectable people, who earn their way in the world by honest labor. He refused to tell who they are and where they live because he desires to protect them from the disgrace that would be theirs if he revealed his identity to the world. They know where he is, however, and there is no mystery about that phase of his case.

In these words Glen Bower, the Dubuque attorney, who years ago defended L. W. Haley and Hugh Robbins in Dubuque, against the charge of murdering two Milwaukee special officers, Talcott and Frith, yesterday unmasked a mystery which has puzzled the pardon committee for years. Blythe is one of the most famous prisoners in the Iowa penitentiary. Well educated and apparently refined, he became a tramp; a robber and a drunkard at 24, and was arrested and convicted on a charge of murder at Dubuque along with Hugh Robbins, a

professional tramp and crook. They entered the Anamosa prison in 1893 and soon began their efforts to secure pardons. Both declared at their trials that they were innocent and they have maintained the same claim through the time of their long imprisonment.

DEATH NEAR HAMPTON.

Funeral of Martin Whitehead Held at

That Place Yesterday.

Special to Times-Republican.

Hampton, March 6.—Martin Whitehead passed away at his home, east of the city, Wednesday morning, at the age of 44 years. He was born in Wisconsin, and came to this county eighteen years ago, and has resided here since. In September, 1866, he was married to Miss Marguerite Blankinship, who survives him, with one son, among other relatives he leaves his mother, Mrs. J. F. Butler, of Alexander; a brother, F. H. Whitehead, of this county, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Malone, of Galena, Ill.

Mr. Whitehead was an honest and industrious man, and well liked by all who knew him. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Revs. William Baier and James Thomson, and burial was in the Hampton cemetery. Deceased was a member of the Modern Woodmen and Odd Fellows lodges, and his associates of these societies attended in a body.

AGREEMENT SEEMS LIKELY.

Prospect of Peaceful Settlement of

Disputed Mine Matters.

Philadelphia, March 6.—Confirmation was had today at the office of the Reading railroad of the statement of President Lewis, of the miners' union, that there will be a conference here Thursday, between representatives of the union, and the anthracite mine owners, at which it is expected a wage agreement will be reached. The best of the situation has already improved throughout the region over the prospects of a peaceful settlement of the matters in dispute between the operators and miners.

NO CIGARETTES IN TOPEKA.

First Day Kansas Anti-Cigaret Law

Has Been in Effect.

Topeka, March 6.—The Kansas anti-cigaret law went into effect last night. Today not a cigaret or cigaret paper could be found in Topeka. Stocks are being repacked by local dealers, for shipment back to the factories.

JOSEPH PULITZER HOME.

Publisher of New York 'World' Has

Been On Southern Cruise.

New York, March 6.—The steam yacht Liberty, on which Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, has been cruising in southern waters, arrived at New York today.

MAYBRAY A FIGHTER.

Attempts to Assault One of Victims

Who Visited Him in Little Rock

Jail — Victim Beat Him at Repulse

and He Got Mad.

Special to Times-Republican.

Council Bluffs, March 6.—A dispatch from Little Rock says that Maybray, held for race horse swindles, last night made an attack upon Samuel Suter, of Cass, Lake, Minn., while the latter with a newspaper friend was in the jail.

With Maybray's attorney the four were alone in the anteroom when Maybray, assuming an ugly mood, savagely attacked Suter. The Minnesota man stood his ground and coolly informed Maybray that he was no coward. Maybray's attorney finally came between the men and possibly prevented serious results.

The newspaper man was introduced to Maybray, who requested that he be given an introduction to Suter.

"Oh, you know me all right," stated Suter. "Sure I do," Maybray alleged to have replied. "I got your money and you are one of those who come here and try to get it back thru the government. I was a good fellow as long as I was out and had money, all right."

"That may be true," came back Suter, "but I am outside walking the streets, too, and you are on the inside looking out."

With that Maybray ripped out an oath and jerked off his coat and started for Suter.

AVALANCHES KILL TEN.

Numbers of Houses in Austrian Vil-

lages, Swept Away.

Vienna, March 6.—Telegrams received here from Carinthia, Austria, report that a series of devastating avalanches have occurred there. Numbers of houses in different villages have been swept away, and already ten deaths have resulted.

ROYAL SUITE FOR T.-R.

Ex-President to Occupy Apartments

on Steamship Hamburg Recently

Used by Emperor William—Will Get

Plenty of Exercise.

New York, March 6.—When ex-President Roosevelt leaves New York March 23 on the steamship Hamburg he will have the distinction of occupying the imperial suite which was used by the German emperor when he went to the Mediterranean during the winter of 1905-6. The suite is situated on the upper promenade deck on the starboard side of the liner, and includes a parlor, two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Altho on shipboard, the ex-president will not lack the means of taking vigorous exercise, for the Hamburg has a well-equipped gymnasium with an electric "horse" and a rough-riding "camel." Any degree of jolting may be obtained by the manipulation of these devices, and Roosevelt, if he wishes, may repeat his famous ninety-mile ride while a thousand miles out at sea.

SPECIAL SESSION CALL FOR MARCH 15

President Issues Formal Sum- mons to Congress to Meet For Tariff Revision

CABINET MEMBERS SWORN IN

Six of Taft's Official Lieutenants Take Oath of Office—Speaker Cannon Un-
decided as to Appointments to Rules Committee—Smith, of Iowa, men-
tioned for Place.

Washington, March 6.—The special session of congress has been called for March 15. In the call for the special session the president does not mention the object for which it is called. No nominations were made by the president today.

Six members of Taft's cabinet took the oath of office this morning. They were Knox, Hitchcock, Meyer, Ballinger, Wilson and Nagel.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Fuller in the cabinet room of the White House. Messrs. Dickinson and MacVeagh will not reach the city for some days.

As soon as the ceremony was completed the president gave himself up to the reception of several hundred persons who gained admittance to his office by reason of being accompanied by senators and representatives.

Following is the text of the call:

"Proclamation."

"Whereas, public interests require that the congress of the United States should be convened in extra session on the 15th day of March, to receive such communication as may be made by the executive.

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim, and declare that the extraordinary session required by the constitution of the United States to convene in extra session at the capitol in the city of Washington on the 15th day of March, 1909, at 12 noon, at which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice. Given under my hand," etc.

RULES COMMITTEE PUZZLE.

Speaker Cannon Debating Who to

Appoint—Smith, of Iowa, Mentioned.

Washington, March 6.—Speaker Cannon is puzzling his head in the interim between the sessions of congress over the personnel of the next committee on rules. The appointment of this committee will be one of the first duties of the speaker of the incoming congress will have to perform, unless the "insurgents" manage to elect Sherman as speaker.

Many members believe the choice of a successor to Sherman lies between Tawney, of Minnesota, and Mann, of Illinois, altho Denby and Townsend, of Michigan, and Smith, of Iowa, Carter, of New Hampshire, and Foster, of Vermont, are regarded as possibilities. The selection of the new democratic member probably will be left to the minority leader, Clark.

200,000 Inaugural Visitors.

Washington, March 6.—Every outgoing train today carried inaugural visitors on their way home. Chairman Welles, of the committee on public comfort, estimates the number of visitors at 200,000.

Two Plums Given Out.

Washington, March 6.—The president today nominated Thomas C. Burns to be register of the land office; and Oliver C. Kippenbrock to be receiver of public moneys at Gregory, S. D.

CREDENTIALS DELAYED.

Arrive Too Late for Senator Stephen-

son to Be Sworn in Today.

Washington, March 6.—The senate today adjourned until the fifteenth instant. The credentials of Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, failed to arrive in time to permit him to be sworn in, today.

Two Nominations Confirmed.

Washington, March 6.—The senate today confirmed the nominations of William Loeb, Jr., collector at the port of New York, and Beekman Winthrop, assistant secretary of the navy.

STATE RESTS IN COOPER TRIAL.

Impeaches Testimony of Witness Bin-

ning, Who is Now Under Arrest.

Nashville, Tenn., March 6.—In the Cooper-Sharp murder trial today the state introduced more witnesses with the view of impeaching the testimony of Witness Binning, who was arrested for perjury last night. Binning testified that he saw Armark in the business office of the Tennessee on the afternoon of the killing. Today C. H. Farrell, an employe of that paper, swore that Armark was not in the office that afternoon.

AMES COLLEGE LOSES MEN.

Flattering Offers Made to Three of

Agricultural Faculty.

Ames, March 6.—Three of the strongest of the younger members of the agricultural faculty of Ames have within the past week received offers to take up work at salaries averaging

over \$500 per year in advance of the amount they are receiving at present. The college can not well afford to lose such men as H. C. Horneman and Prof. John Bower, of the dairy department, who will go into the employ of a large creamery concern in Chicago, and Mr. I. C. Schaub, who has been asked to take up soils work for the South Carolina state board of agriculture. The amounts offered are so much in advance of their present salaries that all of these men expect to leave Ames as soon as they can be released.

HALE GETS FIVE YEARS.

Former Bank Auditor Sentenced to Detroit House of Correction.
Grand Rapids, Mich., March 6.—Ellisworth Hale, former auditor of the Traverse City, Mich., National Bank, who admitted taking the bank's funds, was sentenced today to five years in the Detroit house of correction.

HARD FIGHTS LIKELY

Prospects of Senators Dolliver and

Cummins Agreeing on Basis for Di-
vision of Eighth District Patronage
Seem Very Small—Supporters of
Each, Urgent.

Special to Times-Republican.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Senators Dolliver and Cummins are trying to agree on a basis for the division of the eighth district patronage, to avoid a fight over every office. It doesn't look promising now, and seemingly, there will be a long list of hard fights, each senator trying to control the patronage in the interest of his faction.

Postoffices where terms have expired or will soon expire, and where fights are assured, are Bedford, Corn-
ing, Afon, Allerton, Athelston, Block-
ton, Centerville, Charlton, Clearfield,
Corydon, Creston, Coln, Decatur, Der-
by, Garden City, Gravity, Hunston,
Lenox, Moravia, Mt. Airy, New Mar-
ket, Numa, Osceola, Russell, Shannon
City, Shenandoah.

Each senator is receiving urgent requests from his supporters that he fight to the end for every office.

FALLS DEAD IN FIELD

Excitement and Over-Exertion Brings

on Attack of Heart Failure Fatal to

Harland Weitzell, Well-Known Far-
mer Near Montour.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montour, March 6.—While hauling hay from the Henry Dobson farm, two and one-half miles distant from his own home, six miles northwest of Montour, in the east of Tama county, Harland Weitzell met with sudden death, probably due to an attack of heart failure brought on by over-exertion, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The team he was driving, broke loose from the wagon and started to run. Weitzell jumped down and started after them, but had gone only about twenty-five rods when he sank to the ground. Rush Parsons, who was helping Weitzell was only a short distance away, and after catching the team, looked around for Weitzell, and following the latter's dog, discovered him lying on the ground. Weitzell breathed his last about a minute after from 10 to 15 years. He had been in poor health most of the winter.

Mr. Weitzell was about 50 years of age, and well known in this vicinity. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Ella Hayne, of Marshall county, and three children, whose ages range from 10 to 15 years. The funeral will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, from the Progressive Brethren church in the country near here, Rev. Peter Hall officiating, and interment will be in Dobson cemetery.

LOOKS BAD FOR JONES.

State Introduces the Most Important

Evidence Yet Developed.

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Muscatine, March 6.—The principal witnesses today in the Jones murder case were James E. Snyder and Frank Feustal. The former testified that Jones made a threat to him that he would kill Mr. and Mrs. Hobert and others, using a violent oath and supposedly meaning the Van Winkles. Feustal identified the shoes found at the Van Winkle cottage after the murder, as those belonging to Jones. This was the most important evidence yet developed. The state announced today that it would present forty-five witnesses.

BURNED IN HOSPITAL

One Woman Fatally Injured and Lives

of Fifty Endangered When Lamp

Explodes at Iowa City.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, March 6.—In lighting an alcohol lamp to heat milk for her sick baby, Mrs. Arthur Mayer, of Keota, set fire to her wrapper in the homeopathy hospital this morning and before Dr. Roy Becker, an intern, had smothered the flames with rugs, she was perhaps fatally burned.

The accident happened at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Mayer, who has constantly refused to let the nurses prepare the milk for her 1-year-old babe, arose and lit the alcohol lamp and it exploded. Mrs. Mayer rushed from the room a living torch and only Dr. Becker's presence of mind saved her from being burned to death. She is in a precarious condition.

The room was instantly as a nurse safely removed the infant. The fire department stopped the spread of the fire. Had the flames not been instantly controlled fifty lives in the over-crowded wards would have been imperiled.

MRS. MAYER DEAD.

Mrs. Mayer died this afternoon from the burns received this morning in the homeopathy hospital fire. She was 22 years of age. Her husband was at her bedside.

Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.
Sioux City, March 6.—In the intercollegiate oratorical contest here last night, Fred W. Backemeyer, of Morris College went to first place. The second place went to S. W. Allen, of Ames, and the third place to Charles O. Purdy, of Drake.

Lad Killed by Falling Tree.

Parley, March 6.—Ernest Board, of Worthington, aged 13, was killed yesterday morning by a falling tree.

SOLDIERS' FATHERS ELIGIBLE TO HOME

Senate and House Conferees Agree on Measure and It Is Voted Into Law

RANKIN STILL OPTIMISTIC

Refers to Law Enforcement Bills as Poptun Measures and Claims Legisla-
ture Will Yet Adopt State Marshal
Law — Senate Passes House Buck-
shop Bill.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, March 6.—The conferees today agreed on the bill to permit fathers of soldiers to enter the soldiers' home, and decided the question of how to punctuate the bill. When this was done the bill was passed.

The house finally got down to work and passed the Hackler bill, extending the scope of the city commission law so that all cities of over 7,000 population may take advantage of it.

The senate passed the houses bill to forbid bucketshops and to punish for conducting bucketshops; also the bill to forbid unfair discrimination in prices in buying cream and butter fat and poultry products. The latter bill is intended to prevent the killing off of the co-operative creameries by the concentrator companies.

"I have held meetings for a week in 262 towns and cities of Iowa and have got back of this bill for officials for better enforcement of the liquor laws a sentiment that will sustain it," said A. C. Rankin yesterday. "It beats those politicians that never will do any good and are not intended to do any good. When they are out of the way this legislature will adopt my plan."

The Rankin bill provides for two district law enforcement commissioners and divides the state into two parts east and west. These commissioners and their deputies shall have charge of the enforcement of the laws relating to liquor matters and shall prosecute violation of such laws either directly or thru the office of the county attorney not taking action the matter is passed up direct to the attorney general. The feature of the bill which is new is that of having the attorney general in the case in an active manner. It is claimed for the bill that this will give it great strength.

The Moore bill to require that surety companies shall file with the state auditor securities to back them up in their business, the same as insurance companies, has features that are very valuable. Some time ago a surety company which had bonded about 200 notaries in Iowa, many of whom were notaries, and after it had gone out of business several months it was discovered by those who have a right to know that these bonds are not good. Yet the bonds had been accepted and notaries were acting under them. There was no way to compel the company to make good on the bonds or provide new ones. The Moore bill would prevent such things.

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BRYAN JOINS FIGHT.

Will Exert His Efforts to Prevent

Spread of Tuberculosis.

New York, March 6.—William J. Bryan announced today that he will join in the fight against the spread of tuberculosis. Bryan, who was in the city on his way to Newark, N. J., called on Nathan Straus, and discussed with Straus the long fight for extermination of tuberculosis by the pasteurization of milk.

NOT FRED LOERCH

Mutilated Body Taken From River at

Ottumwa, Later Identified as Des

Moines Man—Members of Ash Gang

Released.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ottumwa, March 6.—Evidence before the coroner's jury this afternoon, indicated that the murdered man found in the river last night was not Fred Loerche, as first believed, but Peter Ross, of Des Moines. The members of the Ash gang, arrested on suspicion were released today. Ross was probably murdered at Des Moines, and the body thrown into the river.

RETRIBUTION IS SWIFT.

Michigan Man Who Killed Mother,

Gets Life Sentence.

Ellon, Mich., March 6.—Ellon Baldwin, who murdered his mother, Mary Baldwin, at their farm near Sagatuck, Thursday, was today sentenced to life imprisonment.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather.

Sun rises March 7 at 6:25; sets at 5:58.

Iowa—Fair tonight; cooler in the east Sunday; increasing cloudiness and probably unsettled.

South Dakota—Increasing cloudiness tonight; rain or snow Sunday.

Illinois—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight.

Missouri—Fair tonight; cooler in the east; Sunday, partly cloudy.

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Telegraphic News Specially.

J. W. Blythe Dies Suddenly.

Expire W' on Hunting Trip.

Extra Ses. Call Is Issued.

Cabinet 7 Mers Take Oath.

Scandal as Chicago Churches.

Soldiers' Fathers Eligible to Home.

Buckshop Bill Passed.

Mayb Grows Outspereous.

Woa' Man Convicted of Theft.

Wo' Fatally Burned at Iowa City.

Tam. Farmer Runs, Falls Dead.

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More Dupes Show Up.

Coda Candidates for Dates.

Lindsay Secures Appeal Bonds.

Another Murder at Ottumwa.

How Cavanaugh Bit.

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Tragedy at Greene.

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Pass the Rest of the Bills.