

FARNUM IS HEARD IN GOULD CASE

ACTOR'S DEPOSITION READ IN WHICH HE TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH WOMAN.

VISITED CASTLE GOULD TO TALK OVER BUSINESS

Farnum Says Mrs. Gould Was Planning to Return to the Stage and Conferred With Him—First Met Mrs. Gould at Charity Entertainment Six or Seven Years Ago.

New York, June 24.—Proceedings in the Gould separation suit were started today by counsel for Mrs. Gould reading the deposition of Dustin Farnum, whose name has been linked with plaintiff during the trial.

Farnum deposed that he first met Mrs. Gould six or seven years ago at a charitable benefit given by a number of New York society women. The second time he met her was at Castle Gould, when he went with May Robson, the actress. Mrs. Gould drove them for two hours about the estate. In August, 1905, the actor took luncheon at the St. Regis Hotel with Mrs. Gould upon her invitation.

"I went then on a matter of business, as Mrs. Gould was thinking of going back on the stage and wished to talk it over with me," witness said. "We had lunch in the parlor of Mrs. Gould's apartments. I stayed about an hour and a half. Mr. Seils was to have been there, but he came in just as I was leaving."

Farnum said he had never been guilty of any improper conduct with Mrs. Gould; had never embraced her or addressed her in any endearing terms, and never sat with her on a divan at the Hotel St. Regis. On cross examination in the Farnum deposition the actor said that at the time he had called at the St. Regis and Mrs. Gould had talked about going on the stage, she had expressed a desire to play the part of Rosalind, and mentioned the part of Helena in "Timon" and Pauline in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Mrs. Gould took the stand this afternoon as a witness in rebuttal.

BOY BLACKMAILER KILLED.

Chicago Youth Shot From Ambush When He Called for Money. Chicago, June 24.—Rudolph Barendt, a 14-year-old boy who lived at 434 North Lincoln street, was shot and mortally wounded at 8 o'clock last night at Austin avenue and Desplaines street just after he had taken from the hand of E. E. Grosfeld, a wholesale grocer, two parcels that he believed to contain \$15,000 of blackmail money.

The shot was fired by Detective Philip Weinhlich, of the Sheffield avenue station, who was in hiding awaiting the blackmail.

The money was to have been paid to the boy as tribute to the writers of "Black Hand" letters in which Mr. Grosfeld and his family were threatened with death by dynamite unless the stipulated amount was paid over at a designated place and time.

Young Barendt died at 10 o'clock at the Passavant hospital. Before his death he confessed his guilt and sought to implicate his cousin, Albert Hess, another youth, who lives at 37 Grand avenue.

Just before he died the boy begged forgiveness of the grocer he had tried to rob and pleaded with him to give him a dying kiss.

"I know you are a good man," said the boy to Mr. Grosfeld, "and I am sorry for what I did. Won't you please kiss me once before I die?"

Mr. Grosfeld assured the lad that he had forgiven him, but refused to kiss him.

From the bedside of Barendt the police hurried to the home of Albert Hess and a guard was placed at the front and rear of his house. The police expressed the fear that Hess had fled, as Barendt, in his dying statement, claimed that Hess was at the scene of the shooting and ran away before the police saw him.

BIG BANK MERGER.

American Trust and Continental National of Chicago Combine. Chicago, June 24.—The American Trust and Savings Bank, and the Continental National, two of Chicago's largest financial institutions, announced tonight that they had agreed to consolidate. According to an official statement, the Continental National has had under consideration the formation of a trust and savings bank, at the same time that the American Trust has been considering the formation of a national bank. It was to avoid two new institutions that the consolidation was decided upon. The capital stock of the Continental National will be increased from \$4,000,000 to \$9,000,000, and the capital stock and surplus of the two banks will be about \$15,500,000.

The deposits of the Continental are \$70,000,000, and of the American Trust \$32,550,000.

HOMEOPATHS ELECT.

Dr. J. W. Ward, of Frisco, New President of American Institute. Detroit, June 24.—At the convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy today the election of the following officers was announced: President—Dr. James W. Ward, San Francisco.

Treasurer—Dr. T. Franklin Smith, New York.

Secretary—Dr. Richey Horner, Cleveland.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the use of benzoin of soda as a preservative in food products, and inquiring the effort of Dr. Harvey W.

Wiley, of the government food department, to prevent the use of this drug in the preparation of food products.

PARADE CLIMAX OF TURNBUND.

Took Four Hours to Pass Given Point at Cincinnati. Cincinnati, O., June 24.—The great parade of over 40,000 turners, soldiers, school children, civic societies and secret orders, the brilliant spectacular climax of the thirtieth meeting of the North American Gymnastic Union, or Turnbund, was a glorious success in every particular. The line of march was in the business section, where buildings and streets were one mass of swaying flags and vari-colored bunting. Many thousands of out-of-town visitors swelled the crowd. It took four hours for the parade to pass a given point.

DISAPPEARS WHILE ON VISIT.

Eyesight of Prominent Memphis, Tenn., Man Recently Affected by Paralysis. Pittsburg, June 24.—Thomas H. Milburn, aged 73, a prominent citizen of Memphis, Tenn., former head of the Milburn Wagon Company, Toledo, O., who has been visiting relatives here, is missing. The police are endeavoring to locate him. Milburn suffered a stroke of paralysis recently, which affected his eyesight.

MAY BE DOUBLE SUICIDE.

Bodies of Couple, Cousins, Recovered From Lake Near Pittsburg, Kan. Pittsburg, Kan., June 24.—The body of Miss Bessie Day, a school teacher of Girard, Kan., was recovered from the lake, near here, late yesterday, and that of M. E. Barton, of East Pittsburg, her cousin, was taken from the water early today. A row boat, upright, was found on the bank close by. It is not known whether it is a case of accident or double suicide.

STEEL PRICE GOES UP TOO

Prosperity's Pace Sets Market Advancing—Six Thousand Tons Sold by One Firm at Increase of 15 to 25 Cents Per Ton. Pittsburg, June 24.—Evidencing the condition of prosperity in the pig iron and steel industry as unequalled for the past six months it is announced today by a Pittsburg concern that a deal has been consummated for the sale of 6,000 tons of basic iron for immediate delivery at an advance over the price of thirty days ago. A general advance from 15 to 25 cents per ton in the price of basic and bessemer pig iron already has been made. Pittsburg blast furnaces are producing more than double what they did for the same time last year.

MEETS DEFEAT IN REICHSSTAG.

Government Would Extend Inheritance Taxes to Direct Descendants. Berlin, June 24.—The government was defeated in the Reichstag today, 195 to 187, on the proposal to extend inheritance taxes to direct descendants.

POINTS TO MURDER

Woman Found in River Near St. Michaels, Md., Believed to Have Been Victim of Foul Crime—Warrants Out For Her Husband—Resided at Los Angeles. Baltimore, Md., June 24.—The body of the woman found yesterday in the back river near St. Michaels, Md., has been identified as that of Mrs. Edith May Thompson Woodell, 24 years old. Mrs. Woodell resided at Los Angeles, Cal., but came east with her husband last week, to spend the summer at the home of Captain Charles H. Thompson, her foster father, at McDaniel's state. Following the identification of the body, with indications pointing to murder, State's Attorney Turner today sent out telegrams asking that the man, who claimed to be a newspaper man, be arrested, charged with the murder. Mrs. Woodell had not been seen since Saturday, when she is said to have gone out on Niles river in a motor boat, with the man, until her decomposed body, weighted with an iron post and the skull crushed in, was discovered by two boys yesterday.

HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

Deaths and Prostrations in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg Are Numerous—Whole East Affected. New York, June 24.—There was no letup today in the severity of the heat wave which has afflicted New York City since Monday, causing the deaths of a dozen or more persons, and many prostrations. Three deaths are reported at Philadelphia, and four at Pittsburg, with many prostrations.

BRANDENBURG TESTIFIES.

Man Accused of Forging Cleveland's Signature Takes Witness Stand. New York, June 24.—Broughton Brandenburg, a witness in his own defense, today related the history of the preparation of the Cleveland article, the sale of which to the New York Times led to the placing of Brandenburg on trial on a charge of grand larceny. Brandenburg declared he was not the signature Cleveland affixed to the article. "This is heavier than the signature Cleveland wrote and in the 'I' he wrote there was a flaw so that the ink came thru the paper, making a spot the size of a pin head," Brandenburg declared. He said he had never seen the signature in evidence, alleged to have been clipped from the article Brandenburg sold, until it was produced at the trial.

ALDRICH WILL ACCEPT TAFT TAX AMENDMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AGREES TO ESSENTIAL FEATURES.

BEVERIDGE FLAYS TOBACCO TRUST AS ROBBER OF PUBLIC

Urges Amendment to Tariff Bill Changing Size of Packages, Which Were Reduced When Spanish-American War Tax Was Imposed—Company Has Reaped Millions Since Repeal.

Washington, June 24.—The republican members of the senate committee on finance today began formal consideration of the proposed corporation tax amendment to the tariff bill. They were closeted for several hours with Senator Root in consultation over various features of the amendment as drawn by Root and Attorney General Wick-esham.

Unquestionably the provision will be accepted substantially as prepared by those gentlemen, but with some changes with a view to making the amendment as impervious to attack as possible in case it should become a law. The fact he already becoming known to the members of the committee that many of the strongest corporations in the country will not only antagonize the provision before it goes into the statute books but will do their utmost afterwards, becoming known to the members of the committee in case it should be so successful as to become a law.

BEVERIDGE SAYS TOBACCO TRUST ROBS.

Beveridge addressed the senate at length today in support of his amendment changing the size of tobacco packages in force since the Spanish-American war was repealed. By repealing the tax without increasing the size, the senator claimed the American Tobacco Company had been the recipient of many millions of dollars it should not have received.

"The manufacturer kept on collecting the war tax," he explained, "after it had been taken off, instead of paying it to the government he paid it to himself."

Beveridge declared that if his amendment was adopted the government would receive more than \$21,000,000 in revenue and correct the wrong which the people had suffered for eight years. The American tax on tobacco, he added, is only a fraction of the tax of most of the other civilized nations.

HOUSE DOESN'T WANT CORRESPONDENCE.

Washington, June 24.—By a vote of 137 to 80 the house today laid on the table the resolution of Hull, of Tennessee, calling on the president for copies of all correspondence by the state department through diplomatic channels pertaining to wages of manufacturers in foreign countries other than Germany.

The bill appropriating \$10,000,000 for the next census passed the house this afternoon. The house adjourned until Monday.

DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF

Bailey Explains Why He Is For and Others Against Duty on Hides, Etc. Washington, June 24.—In a long speech in the senate today, Senator Bailey, of Texas, made reply to his opponent, who was criticizing him for his position in favor of a duty on hides, lumber and iron ore and other articles of raw material in connection with the pending tariff bill. His expression on the subject of hides is a fair example of what he said with reference to the other articles. "If," he said, "I were invested with the power to repeal any duty I would not repeal the duty on hides until I could also repeal the duty on shoes and leather goods. I would not repeal either until I could repeal both, and I would either have free trade in everything, made out of hides, or else I would lay a revenue tariff on the hides." He could not, he said, comprehend how a democrat could think that he was relieving the consumer from the exactions and oppressions of the manufacturers by voting to take the duty off of what the manufacturers buy from the people and still leaving a duty on what the people buy from the manufacturers. "That kind of a man," he continued, "may be a free trader, but he is a free trader in spots; and the misery of it all is that he selects the factories of this country as the spots where he applies his free trade doctrine. I have sometimes doubted the sincerity of the men who denounce the greed of American manufacturers and then gratify that greed by exempting those same manufacturers from the taxes which everybody else is required to pay. If they really believe that one class is robbing all other classes they ought to punish the robbers and not the victims."

Mr. Bailey was willing to concede that the democrats who advocate free hides desired as earnestly as he did to reduce the price of shoes and of leather goods generally, but not to concede that they knew as well as he did how to accomplish this result. "They seem," he said, "to think that the proper method is to first reduce the manufacturer's cost of production and then reduce the duty on the finished product. That will undoubtedly reduce the price of the finished product to the ultimate consumer, but there is another and a much juster way to accomplish the same end." Outlining this plan he insisted that the producer of the raw material and the manufacturer of the finished product should be compelled to share in the reduction on behalf of the whole people.

With reference to lumber Mr. Bailey contended that the forests would not be preserved by placing lumber on the free list, his argument being that the timber lands of the United States and of Canada must supply the demands of

both countries, and that therefore it would make no difference from which country the timber must be cut. He also argued that the only people who would be benefited by free lumber from Canada would be the lumber buyers along the Canadian border.

In another connection Mr. Bailey declared that he could not answer to his judgment and his conscience as a democrat for voting to put lumber on the free list with glass, hardware, cement, paint and every other necessary material are subject to a duty of more than 80 per cent.

Mr. Bailey's speech was in the main devoted to an effort to show that free raw material was not a cardinal democratic doctrine and that he had never advocated such doctrine. He was willing to admit that "during the time when Mr. Cleveland and his friends dominated our party, they did commit it to the supreme folly of giving our manufacturers free trade in what they buy while leaving them protection on the free list with glass, hardware, cement, paint and every other necessary material as a radical departure from the well established principles and policies of the democratic fathers. After citing many authorities he traced the advocacy of free raw material to the late Mr. Abram S. Hewitt of New York, but declared that such doctrine had never "commanded any substantial support among the leaders or with the rank and file of that sturdy democracy which won so many victories and administered this government with such consummate wisdom thru so many years."

Concluding, Mr. Bailey expressed confidence that the time would come when, with a democratic majority in the senate, he would be called upon to add in passing a democratic tariff bill, and he said he did not desire to be upbraided for casting a vote against the principles of the old time democracy. "At their side I stand, and with them I am ready to be judged, declaring, as I have always done, and as I shall do with my latest breath, that the sum of all good governments is comprehended in the maxim that all shall enjoy equal rights, and no one shall have special privileges. . . . When my course is run there may be many who will think that I have not fought a good fight, but there shall be none who can justly say that I have not kept the faith."

ONLY SEVENTEEN DEAD

Number of Men Entombed in Lackawanna Mine Less Than at First Supposed—Sixteen Rescued Seriously Injured.

Wehrum, Pa., June 24.—As the result of the explosion of gas in mine No. 4 of the Lackawanna Coal and Coke Company yesterday, seventeen miners were killed and sixteen injured. With the exception of one, those killed were foreigners. With few exceptions those injured were Americans.

Twelve of the more seriously injured were taken to Spangler Hospital. It was stated all would probably recover.

Grouped about the slope entrance of the mine just before the explosion were several Italians. When the terrific subterranean waves of rock and deadly gas spouted skyward these men were caught. Terribly burned and maimed, they rushed about the settlement crying for aid. The cries and sound of hissing mine gas at the entrance of the mine brought the entire town to the surface.

The first man to reach the surface was A. L. Johnson, son of the superintendent. Young Johnson had been in a lower heading. There were burns on his arms, body and neck, and it was stated he had inhaled flame.

TRAP SHOOTERS IN CHICAGO.

Great American Handicap Scheduled—Ford Is Protested. Chicago, June 24.—Interest in the trap shooting at the Chicago Gun Club range centered today in the grand American handicap, the big event of the meet. Charges of professionalism, based on the allegation that he is employed by a powder company, kept O. N. Ford out of the big shoot today. Ford recently broke the world's amateur record at straight pigeons, with a mark of 342, made at St. Louis.

EXPORTS SHOW DECREASE

Food Stuffs From United States Much Less Than in Year 1908—Imports of Raw Materials Show Big Increase.

Washington, June 24.—The May trade statement of the bureau of statistics as compared with that of the same month last year, shows a marked increase in the importation of manufacturers' material and a decline in the exportation of food stuffs. Fifty articles are named in the import list and these, it is stated, form about two-thirds of the total value of exports.

"It will be observed," says the bureau, "that in nearly all the articles for use in manufacturing, including raw silk, hides and skins, india rubber, wool, copper, lumber, and chemicals, imports for the month and accumulated months of the year are in excess of those of the corresponding period last year, and that in many important manufactures the figures of the present year exceed those of last year, but that in food stuffs, the exports of 1909 are in many cases less in value than those of 1908."

Captain Culver Dies Suddenly.

Washington, June 24.—Capt. Abraham E. Culver, U. S. N., died suddenly yesterday evening, aged 53. Culver was born in Ulster, N. Y. During the Spanish-American war he was lieutenant on the dispatch boat Mayflower.

Bank Statements Asked For.

Washington, June 24.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call on all national banks for a report of their condition June 23.

Des Moines Man Chairman of Iowa Conservation Commission.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 24.—Al Miller, of Des Moines, has been chosen chairman of the Iowa Conservation Commission, and J. W. Kerl the temporary secretary. Daniel Hiltz and Amos Brandt are candidates for secretary.

BILLY BRYAN, JR., BECOMES BENEDICT

WEDS MISS BERGER, OF MILWAUKEE, UNDER PINE TREES IN COLORADO.

ONLY FAMILIES WITNESS THE SIMPLE CEREMONY

Wedding Takes Place in Open Air Near Summer Lodge of Bride's Relatives—Extended Honeymoon Planned by Young Couple—General Telegraphic News.

Grand Lake, Col., June 24.—William Jennings Bryan, Jr., and Miss Helen Virginia Berger, of Milwaukee, were married this morning at Kinnickinnic lodge, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Levering, on the shore of Grand Lake. The wedding was a quiet affair, and only the immediate families of the couple were present.

The ceremony was performed out of doors under the great pine trees along the shore of the lake. Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Crete, Neb., officiated. The bride-elect carried lilacs of the valley, and wore a taria of the same flower, and the maid of honor carried lavender sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Jr., will spend their honeymoon at Grand lake and will leave about Sept. 1 for Tucson, Ariz., where they expect to make their home for the next two years.

DUBUQUE MAN SHOT.

Prominent Railroad Official Wounded by Drunken Porter. Dubuque, June 24.—Henry Wunderlich is in receipt of a message from his sister reporting that Bernard H. Trumbull was shot and is feared is fatally wounded by a negro porter at Shanks, Ore.

Mr. Trumbull entered the employ of the Illinois Central in his youth and advanced in the service. When the Central invaded the territory west of the Missouri, he was selected as one of the corps to advance its interests. He has been in charge of the Illinois Central's freight interests on the north Pacific coast, with headquarters at Portland, and is regarded as one of the leading railroad men of the northwest.

A drunken negro porter on the Wool Buyers' special car, which was sidetracked in Shanks, shot Trumbull and John S. McLaughlin, traveling freight and passenger agent of the same road. Trumbull was shot in the groin, the bullet taking an upward course, and McLaughlin was shot in the side and leg. The negro porter, whose name has not been learned, escaped to the hills. A posse is in pursuit.

ELDORA GLAD OF RIDDANCE.

John Binn, Ex-Reform School Boy, Leaves for California. Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, June 24.—John Binn, an ex-reform school boy of rather unsavory reputation, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Walsh, and taken before Judge Albrock in a charge of drunkenness. He was allowed to go after paying the costs of the case, and he turned over to Sheriff Walsh sufficient money to purchase him a ticket to California.

Sheriff Walsh purchased the ticket, and Mr. Binn is now on his way to the land of sunshine and flowers and many Eldora citizens are glad of the riddance. Binn had a knack for saving money, usually carrying deposits in the local banks of \$1,000 or more, but he lived like a tramp, always sleeping in barns, both winter and summer, and taking a hand-out from some kitchen door for his meals. Lately he had taken to drink and had grown insolent, and was considered a dangerous character by many.

MAPLE GROVE WINS FLAG.

Sent Largest School Delegation to Hampton Memorial Day. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, June 24.—The flag that was promised for the country school that sent the largest delegation to the Memorial Day ceremonies was won by the Maple Grove school, two miles north of town. Miss Nettie Patton being the teacher. Miss Patton has been attending the teachers' institute here during the past few days, and advancing was taken of the occasion to make the presentation to her at the school house, and in the presence of a hundred or more of her teacher friends. Mr. John C. Ferris tendered to her and the school the stately emblem promised the winner.

EGG MEN ACCUSED.

Charged With Juggling Prices for Personal Gain. Chicago, June 24.—In a bill for an injunction filed here today it is alleged the Chicago butter and egg board, thru two committees, arbitrarily fixes and gives out for publication as official figures prices for butter and eggs which are from half to one and a half cents under the prices actually paid by dealers.

MILLER HEADS IOWA BRANCH.

Des Moines Man Chairman of Iowa Conservation Commission. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 24.—Al Miller, of Des Moines, has been chosen chairman of the Iowa Conservation Commission, and J. W. Kerl the temporary secretary. Daniel Hiltz and Amos Brandt are candidates for secretary.

T.-R. ULLETIN Noticeable News of Today

Sun rises June 25 at 4:30, sets at 7:34. Iowa, Ill. and Missouri—Partly cloudy, with probably local thunderstorms tonight or Friday; not much change in temperature. South Dakota—Partly cloudy, with probably showers tonight or Friday; warmer tonight.

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Telegraphic News: Aldrich Will Accept Corporation Tax. Beveridge Flays Tobacco Trust. Actor Farnum Heard in Gould Case. W. J. Bryan, Jr., Weds Miss Berger. Out-of-Doors Ceremony in Colorado. State Bar Association in Session. Steel Prices Advanced. Hot Wave Prostrates Easterners. Exports Show Decrease. PAGES TWO AND THREE.

Iowa News.

State Fair to be Biggest Ever. Clondburst in Central Iowa. Officer Shoots Negro. Veterans in Reunion at Eldora. PAGES FOUR.

Editorial.

Bunco Business. "Can Tying" Decency and Democracy. Topics and Iowa Opinion. Farmers' Column. PAGES FIVE.

Iowa News.

Ames Gets Government Summer School. Price of One Meal \$350. PAGES SIX AND SEVEN. City and County News: County Attorneys Elect Officers. Turn Down Committee's Slate. Fine Program for Veterans' Reunion. General News of County Towns. News of the City. PAGES EIGHT AND NINE.

City News.

Terrific Accident Near State Center. Explosion Kills One, Hurts Another. Miss Gratreks Dies From Injury. "Jack" Parker Is Fatally Ill. Think Fire of Incendiary Origin. Epworth League to Iowa Falls. General News of the City. PAGES TEN.

Markets and General.

Variation in Wheat Prices. Profit Taking Causes Corn Weakness. Best Steers Higher. Strength in Best Hogs. Making Issues for 1910.

HEINZE' LAWYER GUILTY

Sanford Robinson Convicted of Attempted Misdirection of Justice—Jury Recommends Mercy—Alleged Mutilation of Books Involved. New York, June 24.—Sanford Robinson, personal counsel of F. Augustus Heinze, was convicted in the federal court today of impeding the administration of justice, in advising a grand jury witness to evade the service of a subpoena.

The jury brought in a recommendation for mercy. Sentences to be imposed tomorrow. The charge against Robinson grew out of the alleged mutilation of some books of the United Copper Company while the grand jury had them under subpoena in the Heinze investigation and their subsequent disappearance. The witness whom Robinson is charged with having tampered with was Tracy S. Buckingham. Heinze's clerk, who was wanted in an effort to locate the missing books and place the responsibility for their mutilation. In his plea for the prisoner today, counsel for Robinson declared that if an offense had been committed, Robinson was not the real offender.

HAMPTON MASONS ENTERTAIN.

Largest Gathering There of Members of Fraternity in Years. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, June 24.—What is declared to have been one of the largest gatherings of members of the Masonic fraternity that has been held here for many years was enjoyed Tuesday evening at the rooms of Anchor lodge, where the local members entertained visiting brethren from the lodges at Ackley, Bristol, Sheffield and Geneva. Harry Arthur, of the drug firm of Arthur & Anderson, is said to have been an important figure in the program part of the entertainment. About 100 members were present, and at the close of the program a bounteous luncheon was served.

KEPT SECRET SIX WEEKS.

Prominent State University Students Announce Recent Marriage. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 24.—Kept a secret for six weeks, the marriage of Miss Katharine Marz, of Centerville, and G. L. White, of this city, both prominent university students, was announced today. The marriage occurred in Chicago in May.

ESCAPE STORM; LOSE BY FIRE.

Family at Blairstown Emerges From Storm Cave and Finds Home in Flames. Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, June 24.—During the storm last night, Frank Wandling, a farmer near Blairstown, took his wife and children to a storm cave, and on emerging after the storm found their house in flames. The building and contents were destroyed.

Kensett to Observe July 5.

Special to Times-Republican. Kensett, June 24.—Kensett will celebrate the national birthday on July 5. Although the decision to observe the day was reached rather late, the business men are putting forth great efforts, which promise the largest event of this kind which has happened in this section of the country for a number of years.

Ex-Mayor J. H. McConeogue, of Mason City, will deliver the address of the day.

BAR ASSOCIATION GOES INTO SESSION

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE LAWYERS BEGINS WITH 100 PRESENT.

SHORT MORNING MEETING USHERS IN GATHERING

Members of the Bar Cordially Welcomed by Judge J. M. Parker—Committee Report—Association Has Plenty of Money—Two New Members Join the Organization.

While the State Association of County Attorneys was adjourning in the west court room, the Iowa State Bar Association opened the first session of its convention, which lasts until Friday afternoon, in the east court room. There were about 100 lawyers present when the convention was called to order by the president, J. W. Bollinger, of Davenport.

Following the invocation, with which Rev. M. N. Smith opened the convention, Judge J. M. Parker, of this city, cordially welcomed the members of the bar of the state. "Your presence on this occasion," he said, "affords the people of this community gratification. As your hosts they open their gates and thrice welcome you to come in. As your auditors they are more than gratified to sit at your feet and listen to your teachings." Mr. Hazen I. Sawyer, of Keokuk, responded for the association by facetiously referring to the Sunday revival and the closing of local saloons, in preparation for the study of law, and that law schools should raise the standard of education demanded for admittance to the study of law.

Iowa City Professor Reads Paper.

The only paper of the forenoon session was on "Tendencies in Legal Education" by Prof. H. Claude Horack, of the law school of the state university. His principal argument was in favor of a more thorough preparation for the study of law, and that law schools should raise the standard of education demanded for admittance to the study of law.

Association Has Money.

According to the annual report of the treasurer, W. C. Wilson, of Des Moines, the state association is in excellent condition financially. It has a balance of cash on hand amounting to \$409.32. The receipts since the last convention, which include a cash balance of \$281.71 carried over from the preceding year, were \$1,120.71. The expenditures were \$678.79.

J. H. Ebermeyer, of this city, chairman of the membership committee, proposed the names of thirty-two applicants for membership. They were voted in. Of them nine are county attorneys.

Plans for the Day.

Following a short meeting of the convention this afternoon, the members of the association were taken on an automobile ride about the city at 5 o'clock. This ride was finished at the County Club, at about 6 o'clock, where lunch was served. The day's program ends with a banquet at the Elgrium at 8 o'clock this evening.

The telegram voted this morning that a telegram of greeting be sent to the Illinois State Bar Association, which is in session at Peoria.

BIG SHIP CRIPPLED.

Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse Loses Blade of Propeller in Mid-ocean. New York, June 24.—While making twenty-one miles per hour in the Atlantic ocean, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse lost a blade of her propeller yesterday, according to a wireless dispatch. The weather is fine and no excitement prevailed on board. The vessel expects to arrive in Plymouth Monday.

BIG HOTEL BURNED.

Resort on Lake George Totally Destroyed—Loss