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A MODERN FAGIN

SIOUX CITY MAN IN CUSTODY FOR SCHOOLING BOYS IN GRAFT AND CRIME.

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One of Youngsters Finally Exposes the Graft—Boys Were Put Thru Regular Course of Training for Nefarious Work—Taught Various Tricks to Obtain Money From Public.

Sioux City, May 3.—A tale that rivals the description of the beggars of Paris in Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" and recalls Fagin and his boys in "Oliver Twist" was revealed in police court yesterday when M. J. Smith and his wife were arraigned on the charge of vagrancy.

Two small boys, Fay Dunkelberger, aged 14, and Oscar Pohl, aged 16, the latter of Chicago, were used by Smith in an alleged nefarious scheme to defraud a sympathetic public. Each boy carried a letter as follows:

"To whom it may concern: This will introduce an orphan boy, who is trying to help an invalid sister and care for a baby brother. Please help him by buying his clothes cleaner and you will be rewarded in the hereafter.

Smith Got the Swag. The little fellows say they were sent to various towns thruout South Dakota and forced to turn in their receipts each evening to Smith. The latter's arrest was brought about by the act of the Dunkelberger lad in trying to run away. Leaving Smith at Tabor, S. D., he started for Sioux City, but Smith telephoned to Yankton and the boy taken from the train. When arrested the youngster exposed the whole scheme and the Yankton officials communicated with Chief Richardson, who asked that the boy be sent here. Smith followed Sunday and was arrested at his home.

Instructed in Graft. According to young Dunkelberger's story, Smith kept him at the Jones street house for three weeks before starting on the road, showing him how to short change the unsuspecting and also how to shake dice, running in the loaded dice whenever Smith had the throw. Pohl's version of the affair is a repetition of the other's story. He tells how Smith taught them various tricks, running a regular school of instruction in grafting before starting for the rural districts and gave alluring promises of reward for their work later on. Smith was formerly proprietor of a saloon here. In the police court his wife secured continuance until today.

A ROAD THAT IS GOOD.

Eighty Miles of Best Highway in State Building Along Rock Island. Adair, May 3.—Notwithstanding the fact that the north route has been designated as the "official river-to-river road" and that some work is being done along that right of way, the business men, commercial associations and township trustees along the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway from Atlantic to Des Moines are building eighty miles of the finest road to be found in the state. During the month of April work that will cost upwards of \$15,000 has been planned and partly completed. It is proposed to build and keep in condition the best route for across-the-state travel.

It is not merely a grandstand play this spring for the people along the road, realize now as never before the value of well kept highways. Atlantic and Wota have joined hands in road work between the two towns, while Anita has been doing her part magnificently. Perhaps the finest strip of road in Iowa is to be found between Anita and Wota. Adair and Anita are working well to produce the best possible results, and Casey and Menlo are especially active. Menlo put up over \$500 this spring. Stewart, Dexter, Earham and De Soto have already got their roads in good condition, but the work is being carried on every day. Nearly every mile of the road has had some tilling, steam grading and dragging.

GREAT WESTERN CHANGES.

New Master Mechanics for Western Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, May 3.—Circulars have been issued from the superintendent's office announcing several changes in the mechanical departments of the Chicago Great Western. J. W. Johnson is appointed master mechanic of the western division, with headquarters at Clarion and A. J. Isaaks is appointed master mechanic of the southern division, with headquarters at Des Moines.

STATE K. C. CONVENTION.

Carroll to Entertain Knights on May 10 and 11. Special to Times-Republican. Carroll, May 3.—On the 10th and 11th of this month, Tuesday and Wednesday, the state convention of the Catholic Order of Knights of Columbus will convene in annual session. There are thirty-five councils throughout the state and each council will have present two delegates, besides the

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many visitors, including some national officers. The local council has a membership of 325 and is one of the most active in the country. Attorney J. Meyers is district deputy of the western part of Iowa. The court room in the court house has been secured for the occasion. The Citizens' Club has offered to provide automobiles to escort the visitors over the city on the afternoon of the 11th. K. C. initiation will take place on Sunday, the 8th.

PASTOR ON THE FORCE.

Rev. H. L. Houghton Given Special Police Powers at Sioux City. Sioux City, May 3.—It is now Special Policeman H. L. Houghton, the bustling and versatile pastor of the Wall street mission, who recently was appointed secretary of the humane society, has been given police powers on recommendation of Councilman R. S. Whitley, and Rev. Mr. Houghton has filed a \$2,000 bond with the city clerk. The action of the council will enable the minister to make arrests when he discovers violations of the law.

ROBERTS TO SPEAK.

Former Director of Mint to Address Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, May 3.—George E. Roberts, formerly director of the mint and now president of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, will speak before University of Iowa students and citizens of Iowa city next Thursday evening. He is to speak on the subject of a new open lecture course planned by the new state board of education. An address by James C. Davis, of Des Moines, state counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, was the first number of this course.

Commander Julius A. Pratt Post No. 143 Dept. Ill, G. A. R.

Mr. Isaac Cook, Commander of above Post, Kewanee, Ill., writes: "For a long time I was bothered with backache and pains across my kidneys. About two months ago I started taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon saw they were doing just as claimed. I kept on taking them and now I am free from backache, and the painful bladder misery is all gone. I like Foley Kidney Pills so well that I have told many of my friends and comrades about them and shall recommend them at every opportunity." McBride Will Drug Company.

Southern Iowa Items

Shenandoah. Catholics here have completed arrangements to institute a Knights of Columbus council in Shenandoah. The initiatory work is to be held on May 8, and councils from several cities are to be on hand to co-operate.

Sidney. The hotel at Sidney is opened again, the new landlord being Rev. Mr. Broyles, who accidentally lost one eye last summer. He has had to give up speaking on account of the accident, so he and his wife will run the hotel.

Swan. Miss Dollie Kise, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer V. Kise, residing about two miles east of Swan, hanged herself in the chicken house at the family home. In committing the rash deed the girl used a quarter inch rope that had previously done service in strapping a trunk.

Keokuk. Life with a big muscular wife is too strenuous, at least so thinks Walter Orton, of Denmark township. He has been but a toy in the mighty grasp of his better half during twelve years of married life and after that lengthy try-out has come to the conclusion that his life is in danger if he continues this meteoric existence. Hence he has fled suit for divorce.

Woodward. Little Abigail Staker, aged about 3 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Staker, met with a peculiar accident. She was playing with a stick and in running about the yard she placed the stick in the mouth of a dog. The dog drove the stick into the roof of her mouth, making a painful wound. It is thought the accident will not cause any lasting serious results.

Fairfield. Captain and Mrs. John A. Spellman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here. The captain is 75 years of age and Mrs. Spellman is 69. And they are two of the most prominent pioneers in Jefferson county. They are the parents of six living children, five of whom with their families made glad the hearts of their parents on this occasion.

Burlington. Charles Ebner was seriously injured by an infuriated cow. The cow attacked a dog, and then charged upon Mr. Ebner, who was thrown to the ground. The mad animal went the prostrate man several times, until Mr. Ebner's hired man came to the rescue and succeeded in driving the animal away. One of Mr. Ebner's arms is broken and he may have suffered internal injuries.

Essex. Malley Mathers was painfully not seriously bitten by a dog while on his mail route. He rides a motorcycle and just as he was riding in front of John Northwall's place the Northwall dog ran out and sank his teeth into his ankle and foot. The dog refused to let go until Mathers' foot was badly lacerated, and it was necessary to phone to town for a doctor. He had to give up his trip for the day.

Cedar Rapids. Reports in regard to the condition of Anton B. Svoboda, who was injured Friday at the Quaker Oats mill, are that his injuries are proving to be serious. He fell and injured his head internally and the outcome is in doubt. Mr. Svoboda had been working at the mill scarcely an hour before the accident happened. For several years he had been in the employ of the street car company and was well liked.

Cedar Rapids. Sheriff Loftus is hunting for the man who started the camping yarn that he had allowed some unknown persons to steal the larger part of the liquor which was seized in a liquor raid at Fairburg. He declares that it is a campaign life pure and simple. Sheriff Loftus says that if any party or parties has any evidence of persons stealing any liquor he will give \$25 reward for such evidence and he will at once proceed with the prosecution of such parties.

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