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FINAL PLEA MADE IN BEHALF OF BALLINGER

ATTORNEY VERTREES PRESENTS BRIEF DEFENDING SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

ARGUMENTS ARE BASIS FOR PROBABLE WHITEWASH

Vertrees Attempts to Show His Client Was Honest and Sincere Servant of the People and Not the Tool of the Morgan Syndicate—Insists Garfield and Pinchot in Unholy Conspiracy.

Washington, June 13.—Briefs were filed today with attorneys for "prosecution" and "defense" with the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee today.

Brandeis, counsel for Glavis, and Pepper, for Pinchot, contend in their briefs that the evidence adduced during the investigation has shown that Ballinger is unfit to administer the affairs of public domain because of an obvious leaning toward the policy of distribution instead of conservation of the people's land. They condemn his attitude toward the champions of conservation and charge him with causing embarrassment to the president and loss to the people.

Equally insistent that Ballinger's actions in and out of the interior department have not been open to criticism, Vertrees, counsel for the secretary, declares that none of the accusations made against him have been sustained by the presentation of facts. Vertrees attempts to show by the evidence that there has been a conspiracy afoot to secure Ballinger's removal from office because he did not approve of the so-called "Garfield policies."

Washington, June 13. — Secretary Ballinger's final word of defense was presented today to the Ballinger-Pinchot committee in the form of a brief prepared byl his attorney, John J. Vertrees.

Mr. Vertrees insists that neither the official nor professional acts of his client are open to criticism and declares that none of the accusations made against him have been sustained by presentation of fact. He says the accusations are the result of a conspiracy against him and quotes freely from the evidence before the committee in an attempt to prove the existence of a plot involving former Senator Garfield and former Forester Pinchot, to secure his removal from office.

Not Interested in Coal Lands.

"First of all, it is to be borne in mind that Mr. Ballinger neither directly nor indirectly at any time was interested in any coal lands in Alaska," says Mr. Vertrees. "He was not counsel for the Cunningham claimants and others, as Mr. Glavis said. At the time he became secretary he was counsel for not one of them. The only connection he had ever had with the Cunningham claimants was the preparation of the affidavit in September, 1908. He had not been counsel theretofore; he was not counsel thereafter; he entered the office of secretary without interests of any kind. Indeed, as expressed by him, he dissolved his firm, disengaged himself and 'burned his bridges' behind him."

Defending Mr. Ballinger's "clearlisting" of the Cunningham claims as commissioner of the land office, Mr. Vertrees says the action was upon recommendation of Chief of Field Division Schwartz, the official upon whom he relied to be advised. "If that order was erroneous," continues Mr. Vertrees, "clearly the secretary would be excused, but it was not erroneous. It was proper and right as the record stood." He says that Mr. Ballinger immediately revoked the order when Glavis suggested that the claims should not have been clearlisted and that the claims had remained in "chancery" to this day.

Mr. Vertrees points out that thruout the entire time Glavis had been kept in charge and was the one man relied upon to investigate all Alaskan claims. He says Ballinger defended Glavis, assenting that the criticism which ex-Governor Moore had passed upon him because of the delay in patenting the Cunningham claims was undeserved.

Discharged Men Blaimed.

"The only persons who can be criticised," continues Mr. Vertrees, "are those who have been discharged, and have arrayed themselves against the secretary and the department of the interior. This inquiry involves the good name of a gentleman and the reputation of a member of the cabinet. It is no idle thing to assail the character of a member of the cabinet. He is one of the advisors of the president and dishonorable conduct on his part not only brings disgrace to him as an individual, but reproach upon the government itself. Consequently such an accusation ought not to be lightly brought. There ought surely to be substantial grounds. Here, it may be asserted, there are absolutely none. The prosecution is cruel and it is baseless."

Mr. Vertrees says the accusations against Mr. Ballinger relate, officially, to his policity with respect to conservation, water power sites and reclamation and to his course with respect to the Cunningham claims, and, personally, to certain acts of alleged professional impropriety committed by him as a lawyer, not as an official, but when in private life.

Defending Mr. Ballinger's conservation policy, Mr. Vertrees cites numerous cases in support of his contention that former Secretary Garfield was wrong in his view that the secretary of the interior, in dealing with the public lands, had authority to do that which he may conceive advisable and for the public good, unless it be forbidden by some statute, and this necessarily without regard to the usage of the past.

The brief deals at great length with the evidence before the committee relative to the Cunningham claims in defense of Mr. Ballinger's connection with them as a government official. Then his conduct while out of office is discussed, particularly his preparation and presentation of the Cunningham affidavit to interior depa ment officials in September, 1908. In answer to criticisms of Mr. Ballinger's conduct in this matter, Mr. Vertrees says:

NEWTON BOY BURGLARS.

Eleven-Year-Old Lads, One a Negro, Break Into C. & N. W. Depot.

Special to Times-Republican.

Newton, June 13.—Leonard Hudson, colored, the 11-year-old-son of Richard Hudson, and Harold Morgan, aged 11, son of W. H. Morgan, both of this ciey, broke into the Newton Northwestern depot yesterday afternoon, broke the lock of the cash drawer and stole two checks, one for $5.30 and the other for $118. They cashed the former other for $1.18. They cashed the former at Townsend's candy kitchen, and attempted to cash the latter at Neel's bakery, but were suspected and later confessed. They will be taken to the juvenile court. The crime was committed during the Odd Fellows' parade. The boys broke a glass, then unlocked and entered thru a window.

LEARNING TO SHOOT.

Two Hundred I. N. G. Officers Taking Instructions at State Rifle Range.

Des Moines, June 13.—Two hundred officers of the Iowa National Guard arrived here today to attend a school for officers, being conducted at the state rifle range for one week. The instructions will be by Major D. B. Devore, of the United States army, and six assistants.

DOLLIVER RAPS TAFT

SENATOR SERVES NOTICE THAT HE WILL NOT BE BOUNCED FROM PARTY.

IOWAN CAUSES OLD-TIMERS TO GASP IN SURPRISE

Doesn't Mince Matters in Discussing Insurgency and So-Called Party Regularity—Comes to Defense of Appropriation For a Tariff Board — Says He Must Either Quit or Fight, and Fights.

Washington, June 13.—"When it is said that I fight against the republican party I deny it; I fight for the party."

This was the keynote of Dolliver's speech in the senate today, in continuation of the debate on the appropriation of $250,000 t oenable the president to collect information concerning the operation of the present tariff law. The speech was a reply of the insurgent senators to the charge of party disloyalty. Frequent reference was made to the president's name and speeches. Dolliver declared there was no longer any freedom of conscience such as had once made public life honorable.

"I never dreamed that within a little more than a year I would be called upon to defend myself and the little group of men with whom I stand against charges of taking seriously the president's speeches and party platform pledges," he exclaimed. He had no intention of leaving the republican party and would continue to defend his position and the interests of the people.

President In Error.

"The president is in error," said Dolliver. "It is not necessary for men to swallow ecery tariff bill set before them, and it will be difficult to get me out on such a charge. It can not be done by lying about me or calling me names, such as free trader or democrat. The rest of it can't be done by taking from my neck the millstone of political patronage. I share universal disgust of making a great executive department the headquarters of the awkward squal of politics."

Dolliver said he was not boasting that he could "live thru a warfare in which so many have perished."

Quit or Fight.

He added that "he must either submit, or quit, or fight." He said the republican platform did not promise downward revision of the tariff, but that if he had a promise that could easil yhave been compiled with by reducing articles protected by patents or controlled by an international trust, "when the tariff bill could have been defeated plausibly," said Dolliver, "just as it was at Winona, when the president presented a grotesque table of reductions prepared by a paymaster in army." He referred to Major Lord, who assisted the senate committee in drafting the tariff bill. During the speech Dolliver referred to "two great hoaxes of the past year." "Discovery of the north pole by Cook and the revision of the tariff downward by Aldrich." This sally was greeted with general laughter.

A Remarkable Speech.

In some respects it was the most remarkable speech of the session. Senator Dolliver talked about the president in a manner that made some of the august old timers of the senate gasp. He made it clear he did not intend to be driven from the party either by the reflections of the president on him and the attacks of Cannon, or by the "muddy" literature of the republican congressional committee, he added, by "a multi-millionaire owner of street car franchises," alluding to Chairman McKinley.

Appropriation Allowed.

The senate, 13 to 44, today rejected the motion to strike out of the provisions of the sundry civil service bill the appropriation of $250,000 for a tariff board. The bill then passed the senate.

TEDDY PREACHES TO EMIGRANTS

ROOSEVELT CHIEF FIGURE IN NOTEWORTHY SCENE ON VOYAGE HOME.

TAKES PART IN SEVERAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Priest Interpretates His Speech in Steerage to Russian and Galician Poles—Talks to Germans in Second Cabin and to Crew and Stokers Today—Reception to Passengers.

On board Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, June 12—Via wireless to Crook Haven, Ireland, June 13.—Roosevelt was the chief figure in a noteworthy scene in the steerage this afternoon, when he attended a Catholic service held for 1,200 emigrants, Russian and Galician Poles. The emigrants surrounded an altar draped with the American flag, chanted the litany and then Roosevelt spoke briefly, a priest interpreting.

Roosevelt welcomed his hearers to America and gave them some good advice on the necessity of avoiding association with strangers upon landing. He exhorted them to be mindful of the duties of citizenship and to protect the rights of women. At the end of his remarks the emigrants crowded about him, trying to kiss his hands. Later a service in the second cabin, at which a German priest officiated Roosevelt spoke in a similar vein to a gathering of Germans, who cheered his remarks.

This morning Roosevelt attended a protestant service in the saloon. Monday he will address the crew and stokers. Tuesday, with French, German and Polish priests and protestant clergy, he will give a reception to the first and second cabin passengers.

BRIBERY CASE RESUMED.

First Session of Court in Lee O'Neil Browne's Case Since Thursday.

Chicago, June 13. — Lee O'Neil, Browne's trial on charges of bribery, in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer, was resumed today. There has been no session of court since the jury was completed last Thursday.

State's Attorney Wayman made the opening statement for the prosecution. He told of Browne asking White over the telephone in the Southern hotel, St. Louis, May 24, 1909, if he (White) could vote for a republican for senator. White answered in the affirmative, said Wayman, and White's name was checked off in Browne's note book. Wayman told of the alleged payment of $100 by Browne to White and another payment of $850 in Chicago. All thru the state's attorney's story there was no deviation from the confession of White as published when the scandal became public. Asked by Attorney Forrest if the state had any new witnesses, Wayman replied: "The only one I recall is George W. Meyers, of Paris, Ill., representative from the Twenty-second district."

Judge McSurely this afternoon ruled out as inadmissable testimony concerning the alleged distribution of the legislative "jackpot" at St. Louis. Testimony in the present case must be confined to the alleged bribery of White to vote for Lorimer.

BIG DAY AT WALL LAKE.

Five Thousand People Attend Opening of New Summer Resort.

Special to Times-Republican.

Webster City, June 13.—The opening of Wall Lake as a big summer resort Saturday was one of the largest celebrations held in this part of the state in a good many years. The venture was promoted by Mr. Jameson, of Dows, who owns the property upon which the resort is located. Probably 5,000 people attended the celebration. It was the fortieth anniversary of a big Sunday school picnic held at the lake shore when this part of Iowa was wild, unsettled and without railroads. Mr. Jameson has fitted the place with many amusements and will continue to improve it with the ultimate idea of making the place famous as a lake resort.

SHELLSBURG'S MURDER CASE.

Railsback Taken Before Insanity Commission at Vinton — Local Indignation.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, June 13.—John Railsback, supposed murderer of Mrs. Railsback, was taken before the insanity commission at Vinton this morning. There is considerable indignation at Shellsburg because Railsback was not placed under arrest for the murder before the insanity charge was preferred. It is probable that a murder charge will be filed today.

FRIAR LAND FRAUDS.

Congress to Investigate Charges Against Philippine Officials.

Washington, June 13.—As a result of information disclosing that alleged fact that Frank W. Carpenter, executive secretary of the Philippine government, and E. C. Worcester, had bought and leased "Friar lands" in the Philippines, Representative Martin, democrat, of Colorado, today introduced a resolution demanding an investigation and charging malfeasance in office.

MUCH JEWELRY STOLEN.

Burglars at Montezuma Steal Watches, Chains and Cash.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montezuma, June 13.—Burglars made a successful raid on the postoffice building during the night, but were wise enough to not disturb any of the property of the government. The stock of jewelry owned by L. A. Bryan, located in the lobby of the postoffice, was sorted over and a large number of watches and other articles were taken, with $22 in cash.

Entrance was effected by cutting a panel from the rear door, thus enabling the lock to be unfastened. Nothing in the postoffice was disturbed, but from the Bryan stock, aside from the cash, five new watches, with gold-filled cases, twenty-two rings, twelve ladies' fobs, one watch chain and four watches left with the jeweler for repair, were appropriated. Mr. Bryan estimates his loss at $175.

Simultaneously with the theft several suspicious appearing strangers who had been loafing about town disappeared, and the sheriff is working on the clue thus furnished.

KEPT PACE WITH TRAIN

American Aviator Makes Remarkable Flight From Governor's Island, N. Y., to Philadelphia—Feat Amazes Sightseers.

Philadelphia, June 13.—Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, today traveled in a biplane from Governor's Island, N. Y., to a point on the outskirts of Philadelphia, eigthy-six miles, in 113 minutes. He flew from Governor's Island, N. Y., to South Elizabeth, N. J., where the Pennsylvania fast train was awaiting his appearance from that point. Town after town along the line reported the amazing fact that a train had passed "with Hamilton flying directly over it."

Occasionally, with the probable desire to give variety to his journey, he diverged a little. At Princeton, for instance, he went up near the old college town so that those gathered there for commencement week might have a chance to see him.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Hamilton announced he would start on the return journey to New York within an hour.

Mishap on Return Trip.

New York, June 13.—Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, ended his sensational flight today when he landed on the south shore of Raritan river, two miles from Perth Amberl, N. J. No direct reports have been received from Hamilton, but it is reported that his engine had broken down and compelled him to alight. He left Philadelphia on the return trip at 11:30. He raced for many miles with a special train and passed it. The train then increased its speed, for a time going seventy-five miles per hour, and caught up with the aviator, the two racing together until Hamilton left the line of road for more direct route to Governor's Island.

GOVERNMENT TO SUE.

Great Lakes Towing Company Accused of Being a Monopoly.

Washington, June 13.—The government is collecting evidence intended, it is said, to form a basis of a suit against the Great Lakes Towing Company, under the Sherman anti-trust law, on the ground that it is a combination in restraint of trade.

INCREASE IN IMPORTS

High Record For Fiscal Year to Be Reached in Manufacturers' Materials, Increases Ranging From 10 to 100 Per Cent — Will Exceed "Banner Year" of 1907.

Washington, June 13.—A high record of imports of manufacturers' material will be reached during the current fiscal year, which will displace 1907 as the "banner year" in the importation of such articles. This is the opinion of the bureau of statistics, based upon figures for the ten months ending April 30, 1910.

In cases of all important articles, with the exception of fibres and cotton, which showed a light decrease compared with 1907, the importations materially exceeded those of 1907 in quantity, the increases ranging from 10 to more than 100 per cent.

Measuring the entire group of manufacturers' articles in dollars, the bureau of statistics figures showed importations for the first ten months of this year valued at $728,000,000, against $629,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1907, an increase of 16 per cent. There are indications, it is said, that the total importation of these materials for the entire year will aggregate $900,000,000.

CHARLTON'S COAT FOUND

Garment Belonging to Missing American Taken From Lake Come, Italy, Near Where Wife's Body Was Recovered.

Como, Italy, June 13.—Part of a man's coat, declared by some of his fishermen neighbors to have belonged to Porter Charlton, was found today in Lake Como, from the waters of which the body of his murdered bride was recovered last Friday. The torn garment was fished up from the bottom of the lake near the spot where the trunk containing the body of the woman was found. Today's discovery strengthens the theory that a double murder was committed.

HOPE FOR RAIL BILL AGREEMENT

House and Senate Conferees Meet President at White House.

Washington, June 13.—The senate and house conferees on the railroad rate bill spent several hours in conference with the president today, and at the conclusion expressed the hope that a complete agreement on the railroad bill will be reached tonight.

DOOR COLLECTIONS UNDER POPE'S BAN

ANCIENT CUSTOM OF CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCARDED BY ORDER FROM VATICAN.

HOLY FATHER WIELDS BIG STICK OVER PRIESTS

Bishops Ordered to Report on Conduct of Parish Heads in Their Dioceses, and as to Disposition of Funds, Use of Perquisites and Amount of Fees Collected at Funerals and Weddings.

New York, June 13.—The latest reform document of Pope Pius X., as interpreted in the Ecclesiastical Review, the official organ of the clergy in this country, will do away with the practice of collecting a fee at church doors at services, which now prevails in this and other countries. The custom had been condemned from time to time by the laity of America, but had not been abolished because it was realized that in many parishes there were persons who shirked their part of responsibility for the support of their churches.

Too Much Like Theater.

In his latest document the pope says this collection savors too much of demanding of money at a place of amusement, and therefore is not becoming for the church. The papal document also requires of the bishops a statement of the exact use made of the money so collected.

The bill also makes it obligatory upon the bishops to make full reports of conditions of things, both temporal and spiritual, in their dioceses. They must define geographically and nationally their jurisdictions. In addition, they must make reports of conduct on every priest, of his sources of income and the use he makes of his perquistes. The bishop must answer this question concerning the priests of the diocese.

Fee System Under Scrutiny.

"Are there any methods which give rise to complaints on account of exorbitant fees demanded at funerals and marriages or on account of the rigor with which such fees are demanded?"

The pope, thru the sacred congregation, has developed a full report of the zeal which prists answer sick calls at all hours of the day. The bishops will all be required to report whether the priests shirk confessional work or any other duties of their office.

DR. GUTHRIE TRIAL CALLED.

Woman Accused of Dynamiting Prairie City Home Faces Court.

Newton, June 13.—Dr. Ida M. Guthrie, who has been charged with the dynamiting of the Jesse Quick residence near Prairie City on Sunday evening, April 24, will appear in court for trial before Judge Willcockson late this afternoon. The trial promises to attract as large a number of court listeners as any trial that has been heard in Jasper county for several months.

PIONEER MERCHANT STRICKEN.

Charles McFarland, Newton's Oldest Business Man, Dead.

Special to Times-Republican.

Newton, June 13.—Charles McFarland, the oldest business man in Newton, died at his home in this city at 9 o'clock last night, from a sudden attack of heart trouble. He was stricken while going to church in the morning, but his condition was not considered serious. He was born in 1847 and came to Newton in 1856. He was made a partner with his father in the dry goods business, the firm name being McFarland and Son, in 1857. The business is still conducted under the same name. He was married to Anna Norris in 1873, who survives him. Three children were born to them, all of whom are deceased. No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

BOOKBINDERS' BROTHERHOOD.

Twelfth Bionnial Convention of International Association at Cedar Rapids.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, June 13.—One hundred twenty-five delegates are attending the twelfth biennial convention of the International Bookbinders' Brotherhood, which met here today for a week's sessions, mostly executive. Robert Glockling, of New York, is president. A number of national officers of various printing trades unions will be among the speakers.

DREW MONEY, SKIPPED.

Operator of Produce Company at Cedar Rapids Rounded Up $700.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, June 13.—The police are looking for one M. A. Crittenden, who operated a produce exchange here. Crittenden bought produce to the amount of $700, giving checks on bank account, then drew his money from the bank before the checks were presented and skipped.

A JASPER COUNTY SUICIDE.

O. Adams, Deranged Since Last Fall, Shoots Himself.

Special to Times-Republican.

Newton, June 13.—O. Adams, living eight miles southeast of here, committed suicide at 9 o'clock this morning. He used a shot gun, which was discharged by a stick with a hook in the end. The charge entered his head. His age was 75 years. Adams had been mentalyy deranged since he had a stroke of paralysis last fall.

Cedar Rapids Residence Burglarized.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, June 13.—Burglars entered the home of Ira Stanley and secured $88. There is no clue.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

Weather.

Sun rises June 14 at 4:24, sets at 7:35.

Iowa, Illinois and Missouri—Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

South Dakota—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

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Telegraphic News:
Affairs of P. M. Joice Probed.
Much Bad Paper Sold to Be Outstanding.
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Priests Must Make Accountings.
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Markets and General:
Grain Prices Decline.
Wheat, Corn and Provisions Lower.
Bad Break in Livestock.
Receipts Too Heavy For Demand.

TWENTY DEAD IN FIRE

COLLAPSE OF IMMENSE WATER TANK CAUSES EXPLOSION AT MONTREAL.

EMPLOYES OF HERALD OFFICE CARRIED DOWN TO DEATH

After Being Buried in Wreckage Victims Are Roasted to Death—Thirty Others Injured, Some of Whom Will Die — Dead Are Bindery Girls and Linotype Operators.

Montreal, June 13.—The Herald building burned today. It is reported that fifteen or twenty persons are dead in the ruins. The loss on the building is $200,000.

Montreal, June 13.—Latest reports are that thirty-five people are dead in the fire that swept the ruins of the Herald building.

Water Tank Wrecks Buidling.

Montreal, June 13.— The bodies of propably twenty bindery girls and linotype men are buried beneath tons of wrecked machinery and heavy debris in the basement of the Herald building, which was wrecked by fire today. Many of the dead met their death in slow torture. The flames crept slowly upon them as they lay helpless and as a rescue party was fighting near by to penetrate the building.

The victims were swept downward thru the building by the huge water tank which plunged from the roof to the cellar. Almost instantly there was an explosion of gas from the severed pipes, which hung about the sides of the immense jagged hole, and the debris caught fire. Flames swept to the upper floors and scores of persons had to fight for their lives thru smoke and wreckage. Cries of the buried victims were heard, but it was impossible to reach them, and they perished where they fell. Thirty others were injured, many of them fatally.

KNOWS, BUT ASKS TAFT

Representative Kendall Seeks for Official Reason of Withdrawal of George Clark's Nomination for Ottumwa Postmastership—Clark An Insurgent and Friend of Cummins and Dolliver.

Special to Times-Republican.

Washington, June 13.—Representative Kendall called at the White House to find why it was that President Taft had withdrawn the nomination of George Clark for postmaster at Ottumwa. Mr. Kendall said he was not at a loss to know.

The report is being published in eastern papers that it was done because Clark is an insurgent. It is said that when the administration learned he was a friend of Cummins and Dolliver his name was withdrawn.

New Manager for Clinton.

Special to Times-Republican.

Clinton, June 13.—John Mammen, of Sterling, Ill., succeeds Tod Sullivan as manager of the Clinton club of the Northern Association, assuming the management today. Hays will strengthen the team immediately.

BAD PAPER FLOATED? COURTS INQESTIGAT

TRANSACTIONS OF P. M. JOICE WEALTHY LAKE MILLS BANKER, BEING PROBED.

CHARGED WITH SELLING BAD NOTES TO BANKER

Lake Mills Bank Not Involved Transactions—Rumors of Weeks Cu minate in Federal and County Off cers Taking Matter Up—Joice Invested Heavily in Northern Lands.

Special to Times-Republican.

Lake Mills, June 13.—A few months ago the leading citizen of this town, to whom a grand farewell reception was tendered when he left, president of the town's largest bank, worker for everything that seemed for public goo prominent member of the Method church—on the whole a man who every man, woman and child in t whole country around liked and spected—now under fire on seri charges, involving the alleged circu tion of fraudulent notes, which he so to his brother bankers and othe totaling from $100,0000 to $150,000 d ing the past ten years. That is t situation in which P. M. Joice, wh also had offices in Minneapolis and Paul, finds himself, at this time, w investigation pending by the fede grand jury, and under considerati by the state authorities.

According to the best advices ob tainable, Joice, who was until last winter president of the Lake Mills National Bank, has floated bad paper, some forged and some valueless for other reasons, to the amout of over $100,000. County Attorney Beisheim of Winnebago county, is authority for the statement that the total amount involved will approximate $100,000.

Grand Jury to Investigate.

The matter is to be investigated, it is understood on June 15, by the grand jury of the district court of the United States. H. M. Martinson, one of the officials of the bank of which Mr. Joice was formerly president, has been served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury on that date, to give testimony in regard to the alleged crooked dealings of Mr Joice. It is also reported that a South Dakota creditor has brought suit against Mr. Joice in federal court, upon a note he holds endorsed by Joice, which is said to be fraudulent.

It is understood that the deals of Joice were not coarse enough to involve his own bank. All his paper was sold over his personal endorsement, to bankers in other towns. They were only too glad to handle an occasional note for a few thousand dollars, payment of which was guaranteed by P. M. Joice, who was considered one of the most stable men, financially, in the northwest. Such was his reputation, that for even ten years back, banks everywhere have been handling the paper presented by him without question.

Real Estate Speculation.

Real estate operations in the northwest, which required more ready funds than he had at his own command, are said to be the primary cause of the downfall of the man who was always supposed to be one of the foremost financiers of this section. In order to prevent loss, he had to secure more money than he could honestly command. It started by using accommodation notes signed by some of his friends, and ended by using such notes, it is alleged, without the formality of having the genuine signature of the supposed banker. Well grounded reports are to the effect that the name of J. B. Keeler, vice persident of the Lake Mills bank, was used to the amount of about $30,000. This claim, however, has been taken up by the friends and relatives of Mr. Joice. So also have the claims of a great many banks who held his paper. It was authoratively stated Sunday morning, by an official in position to be fully conversant with all the facts in the case, that there are several unsettled claims still outstanding. What disposition will be made of them is not known, for Mr. Joice's friends are exceedingly reticent about divulging their plans.

Under Suspicion Some Time.

For several months back, many rumors to the effect that all had not been as it should in Joice's business methods have been in circulation, but it is only within the past few days that any definite information on the subject has been procurable. Even now, when real facts are known, it was impossible for reporters to get any statements of facts from residents of Lake Mills. Joice was the friend of every man, woman and child in the vicinity, and had probably done more to build up the town than any other citizen the town ever had. Where inquiries were not met with curt refusal, the questioners were made to understand that Lake Mills feels the blow keenly, and deeply regrets the ill-fortune which has befallen her foremost citizen. Even men who would have lost by his manipulations, had their claims not been secured, say that they have only kindly feelings for Mr. Joice, and feel that he was largely a victim of circumstances.

It had been charged that the funds of the Methodist church, of which Mr. Joice was treasurer, had suffered, but a careful auditing of the church accounts for years back showed that to that trust he had remained true. Such was not the case in the matter of the estate of of Rev. Mr. Dahl, a former Lutheran pastor in Winnebago county, who had a parish near Leland. Joice was executor without bond, and had not prompt action been taken to have

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