

AIR MEN OF FRANCE DASHED TO DEATH

M. LAFFORT AND PASSENGER IN TRIAL FLIGHT FALL FIFTY FEET.

BOTH FOUND DEAD IN WRECKAGE OF MACHINE

Laffort Was Preparing to Start From Paris to Brussels and Return in Competition For Prize and Was Doing Some Circling Stunts When Steering Gear Became Clogged.

Issy les Moulinaux, France, Dec. 28.—M. Laffort, a French aviator, and M. Poia, a passenger, were instantly killed when the former's machine fell from a height of fifty feet today. Laffort was preparing to start for Brussels, in competition for an auto club's prize for a flighted with a passenger from Paris to Brussels and return. A big crowd was present to witness the ascension, and, both to entertain the spectators and test his machine Laffort circled above the aviation field several times. Suddenly the steering gear became jammed and the aeroplane dropped to the ground. The occupants were caught in the wreckage and were dead before aid could reach them.

NAT GOODWIN WROTHY.

Threatens to Break Neck of Man Who Told Wife Tale.

New York, Dec. 28.—If Nat Goodwin comes across a certain young man whom he describes as "an actor, in a way," within the next few days, there's going to be trouble. The comedian arrived in New York yesterday and intimated that he proposed doing to this young man what he would do to Marquis of Queensberry, for it is because of this person's tale-bearing, he says, that the fourth Mrs. Goodwin, the beautiful Edna Goodrich, has had papers in an action for divorce served on her husband.

Mr. Goodwin was miserable when he talked about the case. He doesn't know his wife's address; he knows she is in Chicago and that she is well chaperoned by her mother and her grand mother. He hasn't made an answer to the complaint yet and he is hoping for a reconciliation.

BIG SEIZURE OF LIQUID EGGS.

Shipments Traced to Chicago Companies Declared Filthy.

New York, Dec. 28.—Nine tons of liquid eggs were seized by federal officers in the cold storage plant of the Merchants' Refrigerator Company, Jersey City.

PACKERS NOW OBJECT.

Do Not Want Trust Suit Dismissed By Government.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Attorneys for the indicted meat packers accused of having formed in the National Packing Company a trust for restraint of trade, today appeared in the United States circuit court and attacked the government's dismissal yesterday of the dissolution suit in equity against the National Packing Company.

FAMILY OF BURGLARS.

Youthful Couple and Boy Charged With Series of Chicago Robberies.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A youth of 22, his 19-year-old wife and her brother, aged 16, were arrested today, charged with eleven burglaries which netted them \$1,600 in two weeks since they came to Chicago from Springfield, Mass.

COPPER RIVER EXTENSION.

Railroad Line of 300 Miles Thru Gold District to Be Pushed in Spring.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Work on the extension of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad, from Chittling to Fairbanks, in the Tanana gold district, will be begun March 1, when the line to Kennecott is to be completed. The distance is 300 miles and the estimated cost of extension is \$30,000,000.

AMES MAN HONORED.

J. B. Davidson Chosen Secretary of Agricultural Engineers.

presidents, W. F. McGregor, of Racine, Wis., and J. B. Bartholomew, of Peoria, Ill.; secretary, J. B. Davidson, of Ames, Ia.; treasurer, E. A. White, of Urbana, Ill.

NEGRO HID FROM MOB IN VAULT.

Crowd Seizes West Virginia Station Seeking to Lynch Black.

Weston, W. Va., Dec. 28.—A large mob besieged the local railway station last night to prevent sheriffs from removing William Furby, colored, who is concealed in a vault, to the prison at Clarkburg.

State troops are reported on their way from Clarkburg by special train to prevent a lynching.

At Furby's trial Flora Anglin, a farmer's daughter, declared she was the victim of an attack at his hands.

The appearance of Mr. Anglin, the father of Miss Anglin, an aged man, telling the crowd that the story of his daughter was as true as the steel, set the crowd wild with excitement.

The mob burst open the door of the express room where the sheriffs and their prisoner had locked themselves in, but the latter was pushed into the concealed vault of the express company for safekeeping.

JOICE CASE GOES OVER

Former Lake Mills Banker Said to Be in Critical Condition and Trial in Federal Court is Delayed—Now Set For June Term.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 28.—Because P. M. Joice, the Lake Mills banker charged with fraudulent banking, is too ill at his home in St. Paul to stand trial here Jan. 3, the trial was today postponed to the June term of the federal court. The trial was assigned for last November but was postponed because of his illness then. He is said to be in a critical condition now.

Joice was indicted last June on sixty-two counts in the federal court here. The case attracted much attention because of Joice's prominence and because depositors suffered no loss.

GARY OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Mayor, Police Chief and Eight Others Charged With Conspiracy.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 28.—Charged with conspiracy to prevent a true register of the ballots cast in the election of Nov. 8, Mayor Thomas E. Knotts, Chief of Police J. D. Martin and eight other public officials of this city were arrested last yesterday on indictments by the county grand jury. They were released on bonds ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 pending a hearing in court. All of the men are leading democrats. The republicans were victorious in this county at the election, but Gary was carried by the democrats.

Election day here was marked by rioting near the polling places because of charges that efforts were made to intimidate voters. Others of the indicted men are Emmett N. White, president of the board of public safety; Street Commissioner Patrick Finerty and Police Captain Mulcahey and Gustav Newman.

With the exception of the mayor and Finerty, all are charged with attempts to incite riots or unlawfully to enter election booths, in addition to conspiracy to commit a felony.

MANY WORKMEN BURIED

Dynamite in Pit Where Score of Men Were Employed Explodes—Nearly All of Men Buried By Debris.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—While workmen were blasting slag in the El Paso smelter today dynamite stored in a pit where a score of men were at work exploded. Nearly all of the men are believed to have been buried. Much surrounding property was damaged.

Between eighteen and twenty-four workmen are known to have been killed.

GRANT NOW HAS RAILROAD.

Speeches, Music and Fireworks Follow Driving of Last Spike.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 28.—The people of Grant, Iowa, for fifty years without a railroad until yesterday, last night celebrated the completion of the Atlantic Southern and Northern railroad thru their town with speeches, fireworks and music.

The last spike in the road was driven yesterday, when the thirty-eight miles of road was graded and track laid over it in four months' time, regarded as fast time in railroad building. Extra speed was put on during the last two weeks, as the line had to be completed before Jan. 1, 1911, in order to insure certain bonds voted in its aid.

The road now has a mileage of fifty-five miles, all of which has been built by the farmers and citizens of the towns thru which the line passes. It extends from Atlantic, Iowa to Villisca, Iowa. Extensions to St. Joseph, Mo., on the south and Sioux City on the north are planned to be built in the same manner.

Bedouins Driven Out.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Turkish troops sent against the bedouins have driven the roving out of the Elikarak district in the vilayet of Syria, near the Dead sea, after a sanguinary engagement. Official advices received here today state that in the battle the bedouins lost 450 killed and 600 prisoners. Turkish losses were seven officers and seventy-seven men.

Observe Messina Anniversary.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Special masses were said in all the churches of Rome today in memory of the thousands who perished in the earthquake by which the city of Messina was destroyed. It is the second anniversary of the disaster.

MOISTURE FALLING IN MANY STATES

HEAVY SNOWS IN NORTH AND RAINS IN SOUTH AND WEST BREAK DROUGHT.

KANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND MISSOURI BENEFITED

Longest Drouth in History of South-west Finally Ends—Storm in Northern States Breaks Message Lines and Service is Crippled—Trains More or Less Delayed.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A storm of wet, heavy snow, melting in the south into a heavy downpour of rain, swept the north central states today. Telegraph and telephone wires are broken and message service was almost closed down in the northern part of the district. Trains were more or less delayed.

Serious Drouth Broken.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The serious drouth in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma was broken by a general rainfall last night.

The rain here broke the longest drouth in the history of the Kansas City weather bureau, established twenty-two years ago.

The rainfall here was greater than that of the preceding three months.

DROPS PACKERS' CASE.

District Attorney Seeks Dismissal of Dissolution Suit to Clear Way.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The dissolution suit against the National Packing Company that has been pending in the United States district court since last March was dismissed by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat yesterday, after District Attorney Edwin Wilson had asked that the suit against the corporation be discontinued.

The move of the government's attorneys in having the suit dismissed was not unexpected by those in close touch with the "beef trust" investigation.

"We can now go ahead with the criminal proceedings against the packers unhampered by any civil suits," Mr. Sims said, after the order dismissing the suit had been entered.

The grand jury investigation into the "beef" matters has been successful and the government will go ahead with the criminal prosecution of the packers, as the cases against them are far stronger than in the civil suit."

FIGHT ON CORPORATION TAX.

Former Senator Foraker Leader in Contest to Have Law Held Invalid.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The legal contest over the constitutionality of the corporation tax provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act was renewed yesterday in the supreme court when former Senator Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio, filed a brief attacking the law.

The brief argues that the tax is neither laid on the corporation itself and its franchise nor on the entire net income. The senator designates it as a "corporation income tax" and holds that it is unconstitutional for the same reasons that the income tax was declared unconstitutional in 1895.

The feature of the tax which provided for publicity of the returns on which the tax is ascertained is attacked, despite the amendment to the law last summer.

ASHLAND GETS NO RELIEF.

Wisconsin Town Must Stand Lake and Rail Rate Discrimination.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In a decision of the case of the city of Ashland, Wis., against the New York Central and Hudson River railroad and other carriers, both lake and rail, the interstate commerce commission held today that the maintenance of lake and rail rates from eastern points to Ashland higher than similar rates to Duluth, Minn., is not prohibited by law. The city of Ashland contended that the defendants unduly discriminated against it in favor of Superior and Duluth.

WOOD ALCOHOL VICTIMS.

Man and Woman Dead and Two Others in Critical Condition.

New York, Dec. 28.—A man and a woman are dead and two other men are seriously ill today in hospitals of this city as a result of drinking liquor said to have contained wood alcohol at a lower west side Christmas celebration Monday night. The dead are Mrs. Mary Del Cudica, aged 22, and Romeo Del Marco. The condition of the other two men is said to be serious.

ROOSEVELT SCORED BY JUDGE.

Michigan Official Says Executive Should Not Bowbeat Courts.

it. A decision which can be said to be in the interest of any one or any class is wrong. It panders to clamor, defers to the mob. Neither the executive nor the legislative power should be allowed to browbeat the courts.

M'CANN ASKS HABEAS CORPUS.

Claims Jury Was Illegally Drawn and is Conspiracy Victim.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Former Police Inspector Edward M'Cann, facing imprisonment in Joliet prison for conviction on charges of accepting bribes, today asked Judge Carpenter, of the United States district court, for a writ of habeas corpus. M'Cann claims that the jury was not drawn as to conform with the equal rights clause of the federal constitution; that M'Cann has not been sentenced to a definite term of imprisonment, and that he is the victim of conspiracy. The judge reserved his decision.

CUSTOMS FRAUDS GROW

Government May Refuse to Compromise "Drawback" Frauds on Basis of \$700,000 Offered by Sugar Trust.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Recent disclosures in the "drawback" frauds against the government have put the treasury department in a position practically to dictate the terms of compromise with the sugar refining companies. The American Sugar Refining Company's recent offer of \$700,000 may not be accepted in view of the fact that the government is said to have evidence to compel the return of no less than \$1,000,000. It has just become known that in a recent conference with Attorney General Wickham, attorney for the sugar company offered \$500,000 in settlement and declared that it "was the last cent." The offer was declined and a \$700,000 offer came on soon after. One of the officials of the customs service is authority for the statement that the frauds appear to grow in every day's investigation.

INDICTMENTS PILING UP.

Another Batch of 159 Returned Against Ohio Electors.

West Union, O., Dec. 28.—The grand jury today reported 145 additional indictments against electors accused of selling votes at the November election. A total of 359 indictments have already been returned.

CARRIERS LOSE CASE

Mail Toters Can Secure No Relief From Railroads Because of Failure to Grant Reduced Rates to St. Paul Convention.

Washington, Dec. 28.—By a decision of the interstate commerce commission today the National Association of Letter Carriers lost a notable case which it had instituted against a large number of railroads.

The defendant roads filed tariffs with the commission providing for special round trip fares, in connection with the national convention of the association at St. Paul, in 1909, such reduced fares being conditioned on the presentation of 1,000 certificates. Less than 1,000 certificates were available to be used, and therefore reduced fares for the return trip were denied.

The railroads were willing to give reduced rates providing they could do so without violating the provisions of their tariffs. The commission holds that the tariff provisions are binding and must control. It will be recalled that many of those who went to St. Paul to attend the convention found themselves in a serious financial predicament because they could not get reduced rates to their homes. Subsequently the letter carriers' association filed complaint with the commission. The decision expresses sympathy for those who suffered in the situation, but does not see its way clear to accord relief.

Cobalt Central Property Sale.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Cobalt Central property owned by the Cobalt Central Mining Company, which has a large number of stockholders thruout the United States and Canada, will be sold here today by E. R. Clark, auctioneer. The sale is largely a matter of form as the property will be bought back by the persons holding large interests in it. There are 240 acres of mining land owned by the company, which is capitalized at \$5,000,000 and has paid \$122,485 in dividends.

One Man's Views. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Bad farming, high tariff and expensive agricultural methods are the chief causes of the high cost of living, according to J. L. Laughlin, of Chicago, in an address to the American Economic Association today. He said that speculation and general extravagance had caused a difference between the cost of production and the selling price to be absorbed, giving rise to monopolies and trusts.

Puccini Goes Home.

New York, Dec. 28.—Signor Puccini, the Italian composer who came to this country for the express purpose of seeing his latest opera, "The Girl of the Golden West," proceeds at the Metropolitan opera house, sailed for Italy today. It was his original intention to see his opera produced for the first time in Chicago and Boston, but he changed his mind at the last minute.

Want Teachers For the Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A special examination for teachers in the industrial schools of the Philippines is being held today in all parts of the country under the direction of the United States civil service commission. Teachers in carpentry and forging and machine shop practice are in great demand, according to the commission.

CHICAGO SUBURBS ARE UP IN ARMS

FIND THEMSELVES CUT OFF FROM CITY'S STREET CAR SERVICE BY NEW RULING.

FARE RAISED TO 10 CENTS; RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN

Order of Federal Court Separating City and Suburban Lines Makes 10 Cent Fare Possible for Side Residents Shut Off From Street Car Service by New Ruling.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Definite retaliatory measures by suburbs of Chicago which this morning found themselves cut off from the city's street car service by a new rule making the fare 10 cents for inter-city passengers were taken by the Forest Park. Street cars from Chicago were stopped by the village authorities when they sought to enter Forest Park, and turned back. The village claims that under its franchise ordinance the company, taken over yesterday by the Chicago Railways Company, under a federal court order which separated the city and extra-city lines, thus making a 10-cent fare possible, was bound to charge no more than 5 cents, and in demanding 10 cents it violated the ordinance and the franchise was forfeited. The village west of Forest Park thereby found its car service shut off except over the steam or elevated lines.

Situation Summarized. The situation in brief is this: The Chicago Railways Company, John M. Roach, receiver, foreclosed the bonds of the Consolidated Traction Company, John M. Roach, receiver, because of a default in the payment of interest.

The property of the Consolidated company was sold to Andrew Cooke under the foreclosure decree for \$1,425,000 on Nov. 30.

Andrew Cooke yesterday sold to the Chicago Railways Company all the lines of the Consolidated company within the city limits for \$1,500,000 or more.

Andrew Cooke yesterday sold to the County Traction Company, a \$100,000 corporation, the charter of which was filed during the day, and which is entirely controlled by Mr. Cooke, the remainder of the property which he bought from the Consolidated.

Second Fare at Limits. Most vehement assertions were made by all parties concerned that the Chicago Railways Company and the County Traction Company are not connected, directly or indirectly, in any way, shape, or manner, and that they will be operated in every particular as separate entities.

This means that there will be no other route extending beyond the city limits and no transfers at the city limits on the lines in question. It means that on reaching the city limits on Clark street, Madison street, Ogden avenue, Lake street, or Chicago avenue, passengers must alight, wait for another car, and pay another fare.

It also means, according to one of the officers of the County Traction Company, that all the franchises inherited by that corporation from the Consolidated are now invalid, as they require the operation of cars on tracks now controlled exclusively by the Chicago Railways Company.

Immediate application will be made for new franchises, eight of them, from the suburbs involved. If they are not forthcoming in the time, according to Attorney Allen C. McIlhenny of the County Traction Company, will be "scrapped," tracks and equipment sold as junk, and the suburbs deprived of street car communication with the city.

TARIFF DELEGATES NAMED.

Governor Appoints Iowans to Attend Commission Convention.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Governor Carroll appointed as delegates to the national tariff commission convention in Washington Jan. 11 the following: Charles F. Junkin, Fairfield; J. A. Dearman, Davenport; George W. Dunham, Manchester; H. R. Palmer, Hawkley; W. G. Kerr, Grundy Center; John Wilson, Hedrick; J. G. Berryhill, Des Moines; W. P. Hepburn, Clarinda; G. W. Cullison, Harlan; J. F. Lavender, Rockwell City; E. P. Hoiser, Cherokee.

HEAD MASHED TO PULP.

H. M. Rohrer, Young Illinois Central Switchman, Meets Tragic Death.

Port Dodge, Dec. 28.—H. M. Rohrer, aged 22, a switchman for the Illinois Central, was killed instantly at Turon early this morning while he was coupling the air hose between cars in a long train. The drawbars of the cars came together, mashing his head into a pulp.

CONDUCTOR WAGNER DEAD.

Pioneer on C. & N. W. Runs Victim of Pneumonia at Boone.

Boone, Dec. 28.—Conductor Frank Wagner, a pioneer employe of the Chicago Northwestern, died here this morning, of pneumonia.

Employee Blamed For Wreck. Mexico, Mo., Dec. 28.—The coroner's jury investigating the collision on the Alton railroad near Farber yesterday returned a verdict today holding Harry Flora, freight flagman, who was killed and Russell Thompson, telegraph operator in Vandilla, responsible for the wreck. Three persons were seized.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather. Sun rises Dec. 29 at 7:28, sets at 4:36.

Illinois—Unsettled, but generally fair tonight and Thursday; colder in the east. South Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; colder in the east. Missouri—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; colder tonight and in the east Thursday.

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Markets and General.

Wheat Rallies on Decreased Supply. Firmness in Corn. Break in Hogs. Better Sale For Choice Steers. Congress Must Go on Record.

OSKALOOSA AGITATED

Town Agitated Over Ruling Declaring Saloon Petition Ineffective—No Appeal to Courts Yet Taken But Probably Will Be.

Special to Times-Republican. Oskaloosa, Dec. 28.—There is only one topic of conversation here today—the insufficiency of the petition of consent as canvassed by the board of supervisors. The failure of the petition obviously was due to the attitude of the business interests, as men feared to sign on account of the threatened boycott by farmers in the country and organized opposition to the petition. According to the ruling of the supervisors the petition lacks twenty-three signatures.

Attorneys for the petition claim a majority of twenty-seven votes. No notice of appeal has yet been given, but the general belief is that the saloon interests will take the case to the district court. The petition contains a total of 1,448 names and was secured in twelve days' effort. The opposition in thirteen days secured 232 signatures. From this number sixty-seven reinstatement affidavits were secured, but were ruled out by the board of supervisors. The petition supporters claim that if a signer has a power to withdraw his name he may also place his name back on Saloon place. This power, by reason of fraud, intimidation and misrepresentation in court actions are likely to grow out of the case.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

Politicians and Others Present at Convention in Des Moines—Deer Tells Delegates Inadequate School System is Responsible For Loss in Population.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The good roads conference brought to the city a large number of politicians who have taken the opportunity to discuss the senatorship. Congressman Hubbard had a conference last evening with Senator Cummins and others. He is not a candidate himself, but favors a good progressive for the senate. Nearly all the legislators who are here are simply talking for a good man for the senate and are not discussing individuals, and the talk is increasing for Funk, Smith, Byers, or Garst.

Justice Deemer, before the good roads convention, opened up the fight for better roads in Iowa by pointing out that failure to maintain the school system up to the highest standards was responsible largely for the loss of population, and improvement of schools should go hand-in-hand with better roads. He advocated a graduated tax on automobiles and narrow tires in the interest of good roads.

Senator Young presided at the convention and 300 were present. Representative Whitney, of Sioux City, discussed dragged roads and advocated county engineers. W. G. Raymond, of Iowa City, also spoke for making surveys into county engineers and requiring them to be experts. Other addresses were by J. C. Manly, of Grinnell; Harvey Ingham, of Des Moines, and M. O. Eldredge, of Washington, D. C. Discussion of all papers was put off until afternoon.

STATE HEALTH BOARD GETS A SCORING

FORMER SECRETARY THOMAS SAYS IT IS FILLED WITH PETTY MEDICAL POLITICIANS.

MEMBERSHIP RETROGRADED AND MONEY SQUANDERED

Dr. Thomas Issues Public Statement in Which He Charges That All the Income is Absorbed in Extravagant Charges and Per Diem—Asks Legislation For Change in System.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Louis A. Thomas, former secretary of the state board of health, is out in a circular letter exposing the weakness of the present board system, and pointing out the necessity for an entire change in the method of handling state health matters.

He says the present board is too large and cumbersome, has no head authority, is filled with "petty medical politicians," that the average standing of the membership has notoriously retrograded, and that the members absorb all the income in extravagant charges and per diem. He asks the legislature for an investigation and change in the system.

THIRD DEATH IN WRECK. Engineer Norton, of Great Western, Succumbs to Scalds.

Special to Times-Republican. Dubuque, Dec. 28.—As a result of the head-on collision on the Great Western at Stockton, Ill., near here on Tuesday night, Wilbur Norton, engineer of Dubuque, as well as Otto Kraft, fireman, of Dubuque, and Louis Mericle, brakeman, of Chicago, is dead. Norton was placed under both engines which tumbled over the other, but managed to crawl out. All the skin on the upper part of his body was burned terribly with steam and he inhaled steam, which caused his death later at Mercy hospital, where he was removed. An open switch caused the disaster.

TO PROBE LORIMER ELECTION. Cummins Declares Progressive Will Make Complete Examination.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Progressive republicans in a general assembly yesterday will insist on a thorough probe of the election scandal in which Senator Lorimer is involved, Senator A. E. Cummins stated. He also indicated that he would take a prominent part in the probing.

"Four or five of us will go to the trouble of making a thorough and complete examination of all the evidence in the case," said Senator Cummins yesterday. "and in the event we find that Senator Lorimer holds the seat he now occupies thru corruption we will do all in our power to see it vacated."

BEHALF OF RIVER CITIES. Attorney General to Appear Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The railroad commission today gave a formal order to the attorney general to appear before the interstate commerce commission on behalf of the Mississippi river cities of Iowa in their effort to secure St. Louis rates to and from eastern points. The case will be brought immediately.

BUSINESS MAN ENDS LIFE. Suicide of Secretary and Treasurer of Cedar Rapids Ice Company.

Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, Dec. 28.—Edward H. Meyers, secretary and treasurer of the Hubbard Ice Company, and one of the most prominent and respected citizens of the city, committed suicide this morning in a toilet room near his office. He used a revolver and shot himself in the head. No cause is known, unless it was temporary mental aberration.

TERRIBLE HUNTING ACCIDENT. Young Man of Glidden Receives Double Charge From Shotgun.

Special to Times-Republican. Council Bluffs, Dec. 28.—Lynn Sylvester, son of Alvin Sylvester, living near Glidden, while out hunting sat down on a railroad bridge to rest. His gun slipped between the ties and in pulling it back both barrels were discharged, the young man receiving the contents in the side and one arm. It is not believed that he can live.

BOARDMAN FUNERAL SUNDAY.