

THREE HELD IN JAIL

ZELL WILLIAMS, WIFE AND SISTER ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN MURDER.

CORONER BEGINS INQUIRY INTO KILLING OF BEDELL

Williams Claims to Have Called on Bedell to Demand Apology For Alleged Insult to Sister—Did Not Know Blow Struck Was Fatal Until Arrested in Waterloo.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 5.—Dr. J. D. Lowry, coroner, is conducting the inquest on the killing of J. D. Bedell Wednesday night. The inquest is being held in the grand jury room.

"The inquest will be as strict as a grand jury investigation," said Dr. Lowry. "We are going into the case thoroughly. The testimony probably will be taken down to be presented at the grand jury session."

The time set for the preliminary hearing of Zell Williams and Mrs. Mae Wilson, both charged with the murder of Bedell, has not been set. B. B. Burquist, county attorney, has been busy with cases out of the city. E. E. Cavanaugh, county attorney, who has been handling some of the cases to come before the grand jury, said that Mr. Burquist will set the time for the preliminary hearing in this case.

Mrs. Mae Wilson faces a charge of murder because of her alleged connection with the killing of Bedell by Zell Williams Wednesday night. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Williams are all confined in the county jail awaiting the preliminary hearing. No charge has been placed against Mrs. Williams who is being held as a witness.

Williams returned from Waterloo to this city Thursday night with M. J. Jordan, chief of police, and S. N. Mazowian, police judge.

While coming to this city on the train Williams said he had gone to the Bedell home at 1222 Second avenue south Thursday night with his sister to demand an apology from Bedell because he declared Bedell had insulted his wife. He declared that during the talk with Bedell after the latter had been called from his home, Bedell had assumed a fighting pose as though he was planning to hit Williams. Williams then said he struck Bedell and the latter fell to the sidewalk.

Williams declared that he did not know when he left the city Thursday night that Bedell was in a critical condition. He was not aware of Bedell's death until the police at Waterloo told him of the result of his blow. Williams hid along the bank of the Cedar River Thursday when the officers first visited the home of his parents, but later thought of the possibility of trying to escape and returned home. He telephoned the police station before the detectives had returned from looking for him at his parents' home and officers came and got him. Williams was born and reared in Waterloo. He is 21 years of age and is slight of build. His weight is estimated at 135 pounds.

Bedell's brother who is deputy sheriff of Calhoun county, and Sheriff Dan Wheeler were here Thursday working on the case.

DEADLOCKED IN TRAIN SERVICE.

Likely That Railroad Commission Will Let Question Go Over to New Board.

Des Moines, Dec. 5.—The railroad commission has not agreed upon the disposal of the branch line train service matter; in fact, the commission is in a deadlock over the matter and no agreement is likely. The result may be that the case will go over until after the first of the year when the personnel of the commission will be changed and if that is done there will be a re-argument of the case.

The branch line train service matter relates to the Calmar branch of the Milwaukee, the Algona branch of the Northwestern and some others in prospect on the Rock Island. In the case of the Calmar branch into northwestern Iowa there is now but one train a day each way and the persons living along the line say this is not what the traffic demands. In the case of the Algona branch the desire is for running one train on past Eagle Grove to Algona so as to add to the accommodations in reaching Des Moines.

The railroads have taken the ground that these branch line trains will not pay and have shown statistics to prove it. But they are also prepared to insist that the legislature had no right to fix an arbitrary rule as to what shall constitute adequate train service and authorize the commission to direct that trains be run at a loss. It is certain that if an order should be issued for the additional train service the railroads would resort to the courts and fight it out.

It is of course certain that the commission is squarely divided as to whether or not the additional trains shall be ordered. There is no half way place to the case. It is either yes or no. The matter may again turn up in the legislature.

NO TRACE OF JENKINS.

Redman Resident, Who Dropped From Sight Last Sunday, Still Missing.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 5.—L. D. Jenkins, a wealthy bachelor of Redman, dropped completely out of the knowledge of relatives and friends when he came to Fort Dodge last Sunday. Nothing has been heard of him since he left his car at a local garage and all those concerned about his welfare fear foul play. When Jenkins left his home he had \$1,500 on his person and relatives fear he is the victim of murder for robbery. Although a still hunt has been in progress for days absolutely no trace is found of him. Jenkins is unmarried. His relatives live in Cedar Rapids.

Grundy Center News Items.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grundy Center, Dec. 5.—Harm Vengas and Jennie Mulharg were married at the bride's home this week. They will make their home in Holland.

When R. J. Kuehl, assistant cashier of the Grundy County National Bank, returned from Cedar Rapids with his bride the other morning at 3 o'clock

and some of his friends met them at the station, took Mr. Kuehl in an auto to the John Cox home in the country to the home of George Morrison for the balance of the night. Both accepted the matter as a joke and enjoyed it as much as did the perpetrators.

The new opera house building will be completed and ready for use by Christmas. The new furniture has partially arrived and the proprietors expect to be able to show in the building before Christmas.

C. B. Ellis and E. D. Hoxsey, state examiners, are here going over the books of the county as a checking committee. The last examination made by the state examiners was a little over a year ago.

The Presbyterians held their bazaar and chicken pie supper Wednesday afternoon and evening and cleared up over \$525 for the day. Over 500 suppers were served.

ASSUME SALVATION IS FREE.

More Than Half the Church Members of Iowa Falls Pay Nothing.

Iowa Falls, Dec. 5.—Evidently assuming that salvation is free, it appears that over half of the members of the Protestant churches of this city do not pay a cent for church expenses and only a third of the members give anything to the support of missions and benevolences. These figures are taken from those secured by the union missionary campaign that has been in progress in this city this week. There are 1,191 members of the Protestant churches of the city. During the past year, the Protestant churches of the city have paid out for all purposes, \$22,358. The Congregational church is the heaviest contributor to foreign missions, giving \$220 to that cause the past year. For improvements, the Episcopalians paid \$4,400; the Friends, \$5,500; the Baptists, \$1,300; and the Methodists, \$1,100.

GREEKS GIVE TO BELGIANS.

One Day's Earnings of Fort Dodge Cafe Contributed to Relief Fund.

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Fort Dodge, Dec. 5.—A Fort Dodge cafe operated by Greeks, donated one entire day's earnings to charity and to the Iowa corn for Belgian movement and in addition each waiter gave a dollar to the two good causes. During the Fort Dodge campaign for the war sufferers, the local Greeks have contributed very generously to the fund.

Belle Plaine News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican.

Belle Plaine, Dec. 5.—This evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dutton, in Monticello, Mr. Earl E. Rabe of Belle Plaine, and Miss Rachel L. Dutton will be united in marriage. The Presbyterian minister will officiate, using the ring service. The wedding will be a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, personal friends of the bride and groom, attending. Miss Rachel is the only daughter of Mrs. J. M. Dutton who, for the past three years, made this city her home until three weeks ago. Mr. Rabe, the only son of Mr. Mary Z. Rabe, has grown to manhood estate and received his education in this city. He is a young man of sterling worth and is employed as clerk in the local postoffice. Mr. and Mrs. Rabe will make this city their future home and will reside on North Eighth avenue.

The ladies of the M. E. church held a Christmas bazaar at the Worley hall on Thursday. They had different trees at which you could buy various articles. They also served a very fine lunch. The ladies will clear about \$150.

Sioux Rapids Home Destroyed.

Special to Times-Republican.

Sioux Rapids, Dec. 5.—Wednesday night at about 7:30 o'clock the home of J. D. Johnson, a well known business man, was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have started from a spark from the chimney falling on the roof. When first discovered the blaze was small but there was no water on the place and it had gained such headway when the fire company arrived that attention was given getting the furniture out. Everything was saved but one bed.

It is said that about 1,400 earth tremors were felt in Japan last year.

DIFFICULTIES IN FOLLOWING WAR IN EAST LESSENED IF YOU USE THIS CLEAR MAP



This map shows the entire eastern and follow the war between Germany, Austria and Russia on this map. It is possible to grasp the situation as it is now. Read the dispatches carefully.

TEXAS IS AROUSED

THREATENS TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR GREATER IOWA ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS.

EFFORT TO KEEP IOWA MEN IN IOWA BRINGS ATTACK

Realty Association Threatens to Punish Iowa Men Who Made Statements Discredit to Texas Real Estate Agents—Admission That Crooked Agents Have Been Punished.

Clinton, Dec. 5.—Here is a hot shot for the Greater Iowa Association.

One of the big Sunday papers down in San Antonio, Tex., has discovered that the Greater Iowa Association has prevented two families from moving from Iowa to Texas. And naturally the Texas paper is sore. Here is a part of its story:

"That Texas is getting some bad publicity from commercial organizations in other states that are seeing their citizens emigrate to this country has been brought to the attention of the Texas State Realty Association. The president's office in San Antonio is in receipt of newspaper clippings from papers, principally in Iowa, in which it is charged the people are being drawn to Texas by rich promises of unscrupulous real estate agents and that once they are here they are being practically robbed of their money and are not able to get back home again."

The Greater Iowa Association is quoted as authority for these statements, which are being published broadcast.

The Texas State Realty Association was organized five years ago in this city for the specific purpose of putting a ban on real estate frauds. Since this organization there has been a marked decrease in the complaints regarding unfair dealings in land and general real estate. The state association intends to go further into the matter of misrepresenting Texas.

And the secretary of the Greater Iowa Association thinks that the Texas State Realty Association can justify itself very advantageously in busy this direction. He says:

"When Iowans understand that the greatest increase in farm values in any state in the union has been right here in Iowa, and that our increase during the last ten years is equal to the total value of farm acres in all but five states of the union (and Texas is not one of those five) they will stay at home. Iowa farm land has increased in value \$57.50 in the last ten years. The farms in every state in the union except Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey and California are not worth \$57.50 total—on the average. This is something for Iowa farmers to think about."

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, Dec. 5.—Henry Mitchellman and G. L. Miles were lucky enough to get thru with their farm sales before the embargo was placed by the federal authorities thru the state and local authorities on all sales and removal of farm stock of all kinds from even one farm to another. Auctioneers have received injunctions not to cry any more sales of livestock until given permission so to do. It works a hardship upon several men in this vicinity who had made preparations for extensive sales very soon. H. M. Bray had advertised a sale of stock from some miles northeast of this city, for today and had the lunch ordered, but must postpone the sale. So far as can be learned there is not a case of foot and mouth disease in Poweshiek county, but prevention is both better and cheaper than cure and this county is but one of more than twenty that are under such orders.

Mrs. Hazen Jackman died at the family home, 505 High street yesterday morning at 4 o'clock very suddenly

from apoplexy. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have lived here for a good many years. There are no children. Funeral services are announced for Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The officers of the Poweshiek County Medical Association, elected at the annual meeting held in this city are: President, Dr. King of Montezuma; vice president, Dr. E. H. Talbot of Grinnell; secretary and treasurer, Dr. C. E. Harris, of Grinnell.

The rumor is so general and so persistent that there is doubtless perfectly good ground for it that Will J. Nelson has been recommended by the present congressman of this district to be the next postmaster of Grinnell. As the term of the present incumbent, Capt. A. C. Norris, expires in January, it seems likely that the change will be made soon. If a change is to be made it is probable that one could have been selected that is better known to the community or that would give better satisfaction than Mr. Nelson. As a clerk of several years experience in the office he has become very familiar with the inside and outside workings of the government machine and can run it from the start without having to serve an apprenticeship.

C. A. Rawson offered a prize for the best kicking done on the football field of Iowa College and in the contest recently held on Ward field. Freshman Augustine won it, while Sophomore Mace came out second and Freshman Parker held third place. Augustine receives a gold football watch charm and Mace a silver one. Augustine's record was as follows: Straight kick, 37 yards; punt from behind scrimmage line, 52 yards; placement kick, 42 yards; field goal, 32 yards and within two yards of the target.

At a meeting of the varsity football team on Thursday George Nelson, who has earned promotion by consistent play as center for the two years past, was elected captain of the team for next year.

E. E. Cook is suffering from a broken bone in the right arm just above the elbow and a dislocation of the elbow as the result of a fall with a heavy timber and two men coming down upon him. He was at work for J. P. Skinner at the nursery east of the city.

Mr. B. S. Johnson, Iowa College, class of 1900, and Mrs. Whitney, formerly Miss Helen Leach and also of Iowa College, class of 1902, now living in Clinton, announce the birth of a daughter recently.

Horse buyers in this section report all classes of horses fallen off in price very considerably in the past year. The war has not quickened prices here in the least. At the G. L. Miles sale the other day his fine bred Shetlands went for \$40 to \$50, where a few years ago they would have brought double that price or more.

News of Algona.

Special to Times-Republican.

Algona, Dec. 5.—News has been received here of the marriage of an Algona boy, John Edward McEnroe, to Miss Katherine Leon Solon, of Larchwood. The wedding was a very elaborate church wedding. Rev. S. P. Roth reading the nuptial mass in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. The bridal pair are spending their honeymoon in the Twin Cities.

Mr. J. W. Devereaux, a former resident of Algona, died at Haven, S. D., Nov. 23, of Bright's disease. He had been a resident of Algona for thirty-five years and had only moved to Haven about a year ago, and was conducting a meat market there. He leaves a wife and five children.

Mrs. Laidley will appoint her daughter

LEO FRANK'S CASE NOW BEFORE HIGHEST COURT IN THE NATION



LEO M. FRANK

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States has received the brief prepared by Louis Marshall, of New York, in behalf of the request presented by Henry A. Alexander, of Atlanta, Ga., for leave to file a petition for a writ of error in the case of Leo M. Frank, who has been sentenced to death in Georgia for the murder of a factory girl in 1913. Mr. Marshall's brief asserts that danger to the court and country that might result at the time of Frank's conviction prevented him from receiving the protection of due process of law. Not only was Frank himself absent in jail, on the suggestion of the presiding judge that his presence might subject him to rough treatment if the verdict should be in his favor, but the two lawyers then of his counsel were also absent and for the same reason. They had been told by the presiding judge, says the brief, that they as well as the prisoner would be in danger of violence if they should be in the courtroom when a verdict of "Not guilty" was rendered. Frank's fight for liberty has been remarkable. He was convicted largely on the evidence of a negro janitor.

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en, Margaret, as her deputy for the next term as recorder, and Sheriff-titist Sampson will appoint Roy Moulds as his deputy. The other officers-elect will retain the deputies already in their offices.

It is reported that Miss Inez Millen, daughter of Mrs. Lou Millen, had undergone an operation in Des Moines at one of the hospitals. She is a nurse in that city.

Mrs. B. F. Kessler has returned to her home after spending the past week visiting to the home of her parents in Grundy Center and also with friends at Marshalltown.

Brief News of Ackley.

Ackley, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Arthur Harold and daughter, Helen, went to Riceville Monday, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Morrison and son, Walton, returned to Osage Wednesday after visiting in the F. A. Snyder home since Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rath left on Wednesday for Chicago, where they will spend a month with their daughter Mrs. Lichty. From there they will go to California, where they expect to enjoy the balance of the winter.

Henry Lucks of White, S. D., is visiting at the homes of his brother, Ben Lucks, and sister, Mrs. Joe Troy.

Miss Marie Doecke returned this week from Chicago, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. O. G. Sublet, of Logan, arrived Wednesday and is visiting at the E. S. Black home.

Miss Margery Scales, who has been

attending school at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, found it necessary to come home to recuperate after a recent illness.

D. H. Bonacher, of Sioux Falls, S. D., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Will Bush.

Mr. Herman Schultz is enjoying a visit from his daughter, Mrs. H. Bissel, of Eagle Grove.

The stork left a baby daughter on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Poesler.

Mrs. Frank Campbell and baby returned to their home in Dows Tuesday after visiting here the past two weeks.

Mrs. A. L. Heath of Waverly is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Dentel.

Urge School Consolidation.

Special to Times-Republican.

Odebolt, Dec. 5.—A meeting of the committee appointed by the board of education and the parents and teachers' association to confer and further the project of consolidating the rural schools in this vicinity with the Odebolt high school was held on Tuesday evening. After a thorough discussion it was decided to proceed with plans looking toward the consolidation of thirty-two sections in the vicinity of Odebolt.

It is quite probable that a get-together meeting with the people residing in this territory and outside of Odebolt will be held in the not distant future for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment.

Bellingham, Wash., has a municipal employment bureau.

Glad to See Them Get Patients—"I see a London railroad station has been equipped with penny-in-the-slot machines for the sale of tickets to persons who wish to accompany friends to the train platform." Patrice—"That's too cheap. I know I'd give more than a penny to see some of my friends leave the town."

Therefore Smile. Surely happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven; and every countenance, bright with smiles and glowing with innocent enjoyment, is a mirror, transmitting to others the rays of a supreme and ever-shining benevolence.—Irving.

Handicap Approved. "Your daughter is rather near-sighted," said the doctor. "Well," replied Mr. Groucher, "I don't know as we will regard it as an affliction when she gets old enough to want everything she sees."

Daily Thought. Education is the only interest worthy the deep, controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man.—Wendell Phillips.

Truth. We are born to inquire after truth—it requires a greater power to possess it.—Montaigne.

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