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ARSON GANG BROKEN

STATE OFFICIALS DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCENDIARY FIRES.

OBJECTIONABLE ODORS GIVEN AS ONE REASON

Youth of 13 Years Arrested as Leader of Gang Which Has Caused Losses of \$250,000—Youth Makes Partial Confession and Implicates Companions—Watch Fires Burn.

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—At least a score of incendiary fires in the south part of the city, entailing a loss of approximately \$250,000, have been the direct result of an arson gang, located on the "bottoms," according to information secured by Deputy State Fire Marshal J. A. Tracy...

According to Tracy sworn evidence is at hand to show that Bud Gath, 15 years of age, living with his parents on South Wall street, is the leader of the arson crowd...

The fires regarding which partial confessions have been secured from members of the gang, are three at the warehouse of the Bales & Rogers company...

Three Fires at One Plant. According to the disclosures of the boys implicated in the first fire at the Bales & Rogers plant was set on Oct. 13, 1914, the second occurred on May 14 and the last on the night of Aug. 1, this year...

With some of the boys standing watch Gath is said to have ignited the waste and after making sure it would burn all of the boys raved up and down the street...

Pleads Guilty as Reason. In one of the confessions, the reason for the firing of this place is given as that he wanted to burn the ground and get it out of the way.

The fire at the Stevens-Kennedy warehouse, better known as the Anheuser-Busch warehouse, was set on the night of Aug. 21 this year. At this place the boys say they went for the purpose of burning and setting some beer, but when they were unsuccessful in this Gath said: "Let's burn the damn place down then" and with waste gathered from boxcars a fire was started.

See Own Destructive Work. To make sure of their work here the boys say they stuffed the waste into the building thru holes they made in the panels of the doors. In this instance they ran down to Fourth street and waited in a restaurant for the fire department to go past and then joined the crowd at the fire.

Two efforts were made to burn the Sacks barn on the night of July 23 this year. The first efforts being a failure, the boys went into the hay mow and started a second fire, which was more successful.

The evidence in the hands of Tracy shows that upon the majority of the cases the boys had been drinking beer and carousing before the fires were started.

"Our evidence," said Mr. Tracy, "shows that this gang is without doubt the toughest we have had to contend with for some time. The record looks as if they were implicated in other fires of a serious nature, and we are making a most thorough investigation."

Thursday Night Fire Investigation. Fires in three barns Thursday night, presumably of incendiary origin, would seem to show that the arson gang has not yet been broken up, say the authorities. All three fires were on the west side, between 7:30 and 11 o'clock. Two were discovered within five minutes. In answering a call to the first blaze at Ballin Bros' barn, 722 West Seventh street, J. W. Gunning, of hose company No. 1, suffered severe injuries when a ladder to which he was holding slipped from the wagon, throwing him to the street.

SERVED WITH BUFFALO BILL. Oldest Member Cedar Rapids Police Force Had Exciting Western Career.

Cedar Rapids, Oct. 15.—A funeral service for Frank Long, Sr., was held Friday at 2:30 at the family home, 716 Seventh avenue, the Rev. J. C. H. Light officiating. Burial was made at Oak Hill.

Frank Long bore the distinction of having been the oldest member of the Cedar Rapids police department in point of years of service, as he became a member in 1836 and served continuously until last spring, when he was placed on the pension list. Mr. Long still continued in the capacity of police in the Cedar Rapids parks, although he had severed active service with the department.

He was born in Pennsylvania in 1851 and when a boy was brought west by his parents, who settled in Benton county. After a few years residence there he accompanied his parents to Iowa City. After growing to young manhood Mr. Long, with the spirit of adventure strongly manifest, went to the then far west and became associated with "Buffalo Bill" Cody on a ranch in Wyoming. When employed there Mr. Long accompanied "Buffalo Bill" on several expeditions against marauding Indians, and his experience as an Indian fighter served to be a fruitful source of interesting reminiscence in later years.

These with Mr. Long's widow survive. Mr. and Mrs. Long came to Cedar Rapids immediately following their marriage and Mr. Long entered the employ of the T. M. Sinclair company in the cooperage shop. After six years of working at his trade he became a member of the police force. In late years Mr. Long was in failing health, and the illness which caused his death at 2 p. m. Wednesday had been of nearly one year's duration.

AGED MAN COMMITS SUICIDE. Grief Over Death of Wife Believed to Have Prompted Rash Action.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Oct. 15.—Insane from brooding over his aged wife's death, some months ago, John Richter, a pioneer farm hand, aged about 70, committed suicide late Friday afternoon in the Rock Island railway company's uptown freight yards.

Through his heart and into his spine sped the bullet he fired from a .32 caliber revolver. The old man lived long enough to be borne to a hospital in an automobile, which quickly carried him from the scene of the tragedy but died, without rallying, within a quarter of an hour.

Corn Binder Accident. Special to Times-Republican.

Northwood, Oct. 15.—Two corn binder accidents which have proved quite serious have occurred in this vicinity during the past few days. Sever E. Henkeberg, west of town, had two fingers taken off in the binder while working in the field at his place. Only the ends of the fingers were lost but that is a serious enough accident for any man.

George M. Smith, east of town, suffered a similar accident one day this week but of not quite so damaging extent, he having one finger painfully chewed in the cogs of the binder.

Arm Crushed in Engine. Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, Oct. 15.—G. W. Edgar, who resides near Rock Falls, had the misfortune to have his arm caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline engine and it was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. He was starting the engine to saw wood when the accident occurred.

Former Iowan Dies in West. Special to Times-Republican.

Clear Lake, Oct. 15.—News has been received from Los Angeles, Cal., to the effect that Abe Ostingne had just died. For many years he was a prominent business man of this city and still has hosts of friends here. He was 73 years of age.

Iowa Pensions Granted. Washington, Oct. 15.—Iowa pensions granted: Almira F. Leavelle, Dayton, \$12; Minnie McKerratt, Traer, \$12; Elizabeth Gamble, Coon, \$12; Nancy E. LaVake, Montour, \$12.

MINISTER GIVES TESTIMONY. The Rev. C. M. Knighton, Havana, Fla., writes: "For three months I suffered intense pain in kidneys and back, which at times laid me out entirely. I read of Foley's Kidney Pills and after trying various remedies without result I decided to try the Foley treatment. I was relieved almost with the first dose and it is a fact that I used only 1 1/2 bottles when all of the pains disappeared. I am 55 years of age and feel like a young man again." McBride & Will Drug Co.

Southern Iowa Items

Keokuk. The local Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. have just completed a whirlwind campaign for new members, and they themselves to be live wires. The young men gained 325 new enlistments to their ranks and the young women followed them close with 225.

Shenandoah. The rank in ages for the seekers of matrimonial bliss in Pottawattamie county last week was among the blushing brides, 16 to 68. George Howard, 75, and Mariah Knight, 65, accompanied by a minister, called at the clerk's office and secured a license. The other extreme was presented by Russell M. Alpine, 17, who wished to wed Miss Hazel Taylor, 16, both of New Market.

Keokuk. Keokuk has jaded the hucker in its midst, and several women and girls have been frightened by the mysterious personage. His business appears to jump out suddenly and grab and hug a woman and get away. Sunday night a party of boys who had been laying for the hucker, discovered him at his hugging game and save chase, but he jumped over a fence and disappeared. Searchers were unable to find the slightest trace of him.

Burlington. Michael Foley, aged 83 years, a well known and highly respectable citizen of this city, lies in a precarious condition in Mercy hospital with a fractured hip, due to a kick from a horse. After stabilizing the horse Sunday afternoon Mr. Foley in some manner frightened the animal and it kicked out savagely, striking Mr. Foley in the hip. Foley fell to the floor in a semi-unconscious condition and remained there for over half an hour and was only discovered by a passer-by hearing his groans.

Shenandoah. Living along a state line often inconveniences legal matters and leads to tangles, but this time it is a love affair that was seriously delayed, all because of the imaginary border line. A minister from the Summit neighborhood, near Shenandoah, was invited over in the edge of Missouri to a wedding and was all ready to pronounce the ceremony when he examined the license. He found the nuptial knot needs must be tied by a minister of the said state. The wedding was delayed until a minister could be brought from Westboro, Mo. Partaking of the wedding feast was all the Iowa minister could do to make himself useful.

Wellman. Apparently in the heat of health when she boarded a Muscatine and Western train at Wellman Thursday morning, Mrs. J. Fretzel, a prominent Wellman woman, was stricken and died suddenly before the train had gone ten miles. Mrs. Fretzel was en route to Kalona where she intended attending a Sunday school meeting. When Conductor Hensley took up her ticket as the train was pulling out of Wellman, he noticed that his passenger was acting strangely, so he stopped the train and called the brakeman's attention to the woman and instructed him to see if he could be of

ONIONS BY TRAINLOAD

TRAIN OF THIRTY-FIVE CARS LADEN WITH VEGETABLE PASSES THRU IOWA.

FIRST OF SEVEN TO BE FORWARDED FROM COAST

Onions Being Shipped From California to Atlantic Coast—Of Australian Brown Variety and Raised in Sacramento Valley—Trains Run as Specials on Fast Schedule.

Council Bluffs, Oct. 15.—Thirty-five carloads of onions, all in one train, passed thru Council Bluffs Wednesday en route from Sacramento, Cal., to Fort Wayne, Ind., where they are to be used for making pickles. The train—known among railroad men as the "Onion Special"—arrived from the west over the Union Pacific and left the Bluffs for the east over the lines of the Rock Island.

This train was the first of seven train loads of onions which will be shipped from the Sacramento country thru Council Bluffs at the rate of one train each week for the next seven weeks. The trains are run as specials from the originating point to the destination and in this manner there are no delays in shipment.

The onions are of the Australian brown variety and were raised for the most part in the Sacramento river delta. Reports from California are to the effect that the onion crop there this year will amount to about 4,500 carloads. It is estimated that between 1,500 and 1,800 carloads of the product will be shipped east from California, and if this is the case, the majority of the traffic will be handled thru the Council Bluffs rating yards—because Council Bluffs has railroads to every

IOWA HORSES LEAD WORLD. Plainfield Breeder Carries off Prizes For Morgans at Exposition.

Waverly, Oct. 15.—J. J. Lynes, of Plainfield, this county, and a breeder of Morgan horses, has a number of them on exhibition at San Francisco, and word has reached here that he won every first prize in each of the classes entered. In all his horses won about fifty prizes, including premier championship for breeder, and special prize for Morgan horses awarded by the Morgan Club of America.

HEAVY SHIPMENT OF POULTRY. Greene Produce Company Handles 16,000 Pounds of Fowls in Week's Time.

Greene, Oct. 15.—The Greene Produce Company, which operates here, buying poultry and other produce, in the past week bought and shipped 4,000 head of poultry of different kinds,

service to her. Going back to the seat where the woman was the brakeman was horrified to find her dead. Either through trouble or a paralytic stroke is believed to have been the cause of the woman's death. She did not utter a sound and few of the passengers' attention was attracted to her until after the brakeman had made his tragic discovery and believing that a woman might still be revived, he endeavored to find a physician in the coaches. When the train arrived at Kalona, the woman's body was taken off and her relatives and the railroad authorities notified.

Muscatine. A most remarkable case of transposed heart and intestines, became known last evening when Dr. A. B. Clapp, of this city presented Werner Axel, of 1091 New Hampshire street, before a clinic of the Central Iowa Homeopathic Medical Society, held at the Geneva Golf and Country Club. A microscopic examination of the heart and other organs of the trunk disclosed the fact that these functions were on the right, instead of the left side of the body. The young man who is 25 years old is in perfect health, has never had any serious illness to speak of and does not look any different than those of us whose "heart is in the right place."

Clarinda. Donald Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Craig, of this city, last summer was employed in the egg department of the Swift & Co. plant in Clarinda, and when he was engaged one day wrote his name and address on the shell of an egg he was packing. The case in which the egg was packed was sent away from Clarinda and in due time, vacation over, Donald returned to his studies in the Clarinda high school. A short time ago a letter came all the way from Miss Tillie McMullen, of Paisley, Scotland, to Donald Craig, Clarinda, Iowa. Miss McMullen over there in Scotland, had come across the egg bearing the name of the young American citizen, Donald Craig, and had written to him. It was a nice lady-like letter, too, one that the recipient could be proud of. In her letter Miss McMullen said that she knew from his name that Mr. Craig was a Scotchman.

Muscatine. An unusual confession was heard in the district court Thursday when the Hon. Judge Knapp, in a day of leniency at the hands of the court by declaring that he was so drunk when he burglarized the Morris store at West Liberty that he did not only fail to realize the seriousness of his offense, but that his brain was so numbed that he did not even know who assisted him in the theft. Knight, who was working on the street paving work, being done in West Liberty, admitted of perpetrating the crime but stated to the court that while a negro was in the store he could not establish his identity. "I don't remember anything I did that night Judge. I was just that drunk," he said. The evidence submitted before the grand jury indicated that the job was too neatly done for a bungler and hence the Judge was not much impressed by the confession. The court imposed a sentence not to exceed ten years in the state reformatory at Anamosa.

which weighed 14,000. This was all bought from local people. Every year they buy much poultry, eggs and cream. They have operated here a great many years, under the management of J. E. Ayer.

IOWAN HEADS STANFORD. Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Native of Booneville, Succeeds Branner.

Pal Alto, Cal., Oct. 15.—Appointment of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, 40, as president of Leland Stanford university was announced here today. He will succeed Dr. John Casper Branner Jan. 1, in accordance with Dr. Branner's desire to retire. Dr. Wilbur is head of Stanford's medical department and was president of the American academy of medicine in 1912-13. He was born in Booneville, Iowa.

GRUNDY POTATO CROP. Shipments Now Being Made—Average Yield of 200 Bushels Per Acre.

Special to Times-Republican. Grundy Center, Oct. 15.—About fifty car loads of potatoes have been shipped from here this season. They are yielding about 200 bushels per acre and the buyers are paying 30 cents for them. They are a good paying crop this year.

News of Carroll. Special to Times-Republican.

Carroll, Oct. 15.—Charles Elliott, who for the past few years has been the business manager and editor of the Carroll Times, the leading democratic paper of the county, has resigned that position and on Nov. 1 will go to Mankato, Minn., where he will assume editorial charge of a daily paper. He came here from Waterloo, Iowa, where he had been associated in newspaper work, and at one time was county superintendent of schools of Black Hawk county. He is a very able newspaper man. His successor has not yet been selected. When he came to Carroll he succeeded C. H. Rees, now of Marshalltown.

William Fritz has sold his farm of 120 acres, one mile southwest of Carroll to George Scheebinger, for \$117 per acre. Mr. Fritz has not lived on the farm for years. It is now occupied by Hosea Heath, who will continue to live there. Mr. Scheebinger owns the land across the road east and Mr. Fritz bought a part of the land in early days for about \$50 per acre, and part of it he purchased later for \$80, and while the land is worth every cent paid by the purchaser, it shows the great profit that can be made in Iowa land.

The opening number of the Citizen's Club lecture course will be next Wednesday evening at the opera house. Weatherwax Brothers male quartet will be the attraction. The 1915-16 course will be an exceptionally strong one.

Grundy Center News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Grundy Center, Oct. 15.—Dirk Harberts, one of the old-time German residents of our county, passed away at his home here Tuesday and was buried Friday. He had been ill of jaundice since last spring.

Dan Fritzel died at his home near Weilsburg very suddenly this week and was buried here Thursday. He had eaten dinner with the family and was taken sick immediately after an hour. His mother lives here in this town and he was buried in the local cemetery.

Gottlieb Ickner died at the Gafney hospital from cancer. He had been in the blacksmith business in this town when the present day, and his men were boys. He had one daughter living but no other relatives. The Orren Miller grocery store changed hands yesterday. C. R. Parks, of Reinbeck, having purchased the business. Parks is an experienced grocery store manager and will continue the business in person. Mr. Miller's future plans are not known. He had been in the business less than a year.

Senator Joe Allen spoke to a fair sized audience in the M. E. church Thursday evening on the present day temperance movement. He had a very appreciative audience and they were much impressed with what the senator had to say.

C. M. Sprague, John Lynn and S. H. Knapp are some of our citizens who have just started for California, two of them for the winter and one to take in the sights and visit his brother at Los Angeles.

Masonic Event at Ames. Special to Times-Republican. Nevada, Oct. 15.—A large delegation of master Masons of Nevada were over at Ames Tuesday evening in attendance at a meeting which was held by the lodge of that city, to which a large number of guests from out of the city had been invited. There were probably about 350 master Masons in attendance at the meeting. Of the visitors there were about twenty-five from Nevada, fifty from Boone, thirty from Madrid, fifteen from Colo, and smaller delegations from Maxwell, Cambridge, and other nearby towns.

Among the state officers present were Grand Master Frank Moses, of Clinton; Grand Secretary Newton S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, and five past grand masters. The work was conferred by District Lecturer Frank Thompson, of Cambridge. Upon the arrival of the guests they were seated at a splendid banquet at 6 o'clock, which occupied their attention until the time for the work came.

News of Scranton. Special to Times-Republican. Scranton, Oct. 15.—At the public sale of the farm known as the Anslie Arch farm of eighty acres, lying about five miles southeast of town, the land brought \$150 per acre. This was considered a good price, as the farm does not have very good improvements. Mr. Charles Arch, of Mitchell, S. D., was the purchaser.

Messrs Marchant & Son have their new furniture buildings well under way. The March Construction Company, of Davenport, has dredging machinery here preparatory to do a large amount of work in this part of Greene county this fall.

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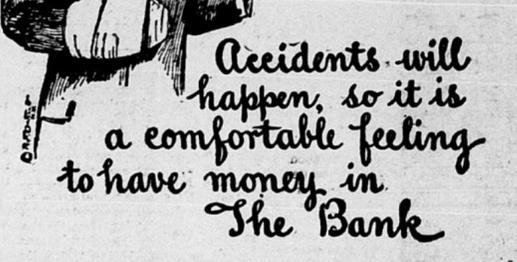
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