

MORE AGENTS TO WORK

ATTORNEY GENERAL COSSON TO EMPLOY LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

HARD SLEDDING FOR LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS

State Agents to Be Employed in Every Portion of State Where Services Are Needed - Situation Far Different From That of Old Prohibition Days - Insurance Boycott.

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In the past few weeks the state agents have arrested and prosecuted more than 190 bootleggers. Fifty-five liquor violators were arrested in Ottumwa, forty-four in Centerville and twenty-six in Keokuk. The state agents had also arrested bank robbers, murderers and other law violators and brought them to justice.

Iowa has the best law enforcement machinery of any state in the union, declared Attorney General Cosson yesterday. "Even Kansas, which is recognized as being a well regulated state, is not so well equipped as we are here for law enforcement. Massachusetts has recently adopted some of our law enforcement provisions."

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family were present except one son, Abe, who lives in Seattle, Wash., and could not be present.

The out of town guests were their sons, Lon, of Waterloo; James, of Win-Lake, Minn.; together with their families; and their daughters, Mrs. Newell and husband and child, of Adrian, Minn., and Mrs. Crawford and family, of Clarksville. A nephew, Frank Woodward, of North Dakota, and Charles Woodward, a nephew, of Clear Lake, were present. Their daughter Julia and granddaughter, Pearl Johnson, who make their home with them, were also present.

The only person present, who also attended their wedding fifty years ago, was Mr. Woodward's sister-in-law, Mrs. Amanda Woodward, of Clear Lake. There were about forty present, and they gathered at the Lincoln hotel, where they were served a fine dinner. In the afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock, a public reception was given at their home and many of their friends came in to congratulate them. From 4 to 5 o'clock the time was given over to family members of the C. R., of which Mr. Woodward is a member.

GENERAL DODGE NEAR DEATH.

Aged Veteran in Critical Condition and End Believed Near.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Gen. Letitia Montgomery daughter of Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, of this city stated today that the condition of the general, who has been on the verge of a collapse for weeks, is very critical and that the members of the family realize that the end is not far off. Several nurses are required to administer to him, as the general is said to be exceedingly nervous and restless. He is 84 years old.

SHERMAN FOUND GUILTY

Former Sully Banker Convicted of Fraud in Securing Large Loans on Worthless Collateral—Brother Faces Similar Charge.

Newton, Dec. 27.—L. H. Sherman, charged with fraudulent banking, was found guilty here, the jury returning a verdict after being out twenty-four hours. The case will be appealed, according to reports from the city. Sherman, a brother of the convicted man, faces a similar charge. The two are alleged to have been involved in the failure of the Sully bank several months ago.

L. H. Sherman was charged with securing a \$25,000 loan from the bank in exchange of worthless mausoleum stocks.

SWITCHES VALUABLE GEMS.

Jewel Swindler Views Diamonds, Pockets Them; Leaves Bogus Ones.

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—City detectives are looking for a person who is alleged to have robbed the Wissing & Anderson jewelry store, 625 Fourth street, of two diamonds valued at \$175 each. Some gold cuff links also were reported stolen from the Holman jewelry store, 515 Fifth street.

At the Wissing & Anderson store the man who is thought to have taken the diamonds left two imitation diamonds in exchange. At the Holman store a man selected a number of articles and asked to have them sent to C. O. D. to a local address. While making the selection he pocketed some costly cuff links, the Holman jeweler said.

When the C. O. D. packages were taken to the Martin hotel yesterday morning no one was there to claim them. The detectives have notified the post office and jewelry establishments and have cautioned them to keep careful watch for shoplifters.

News of Hansell.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 27.—Both of the basketball teams were badly defeated at Clarion Friday night, the boys 39 to 8, and the girls 34 to 4.

J. K. Allen is here from Denver, Colo., for a visit with relatives.

A baby girl is the latest addition to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Allen.

The attendance at the Farmers' club meeting was good. The president, W. H. Harrison, resigned, and B. E. Van Wert was selected for the place. Committees on executive, social and constitution were appointed. J. W. Holland, a lecturer, spoke at the meeting.

Afterwards a basketball game between the high school and the young men's team resulted in a score of 19 to 13 in favor of the latter. The next meeting will be held the 29th, and a game will be staged between the two teams.

Welden Retires From Board.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Dec. 27.—W. E. Welden, who retires at the first of the year, as a member of the board of supervisors, has made an exceptionally fine record in the position and it is to be regretted that his tenure of office does not continue for a longer term. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board and has proven one of the best members of the board in many years. He will be succeeded by C. G. Welmer, of Radcliffe.

Mr. Welden has given the duties of his office his unqualified attention and has proven exceptionally efficient in handling the many drainage and road improvements that have been delegated to him in his district and elsewhere about the county.

Overcome by Gas Fumes.

Special to Times-Republican. Nevada, Dec. 27.—While washing clothes at her home down near Alameda street, Mrs. M. J. Allen was overcome by the fumes from a gasoline engine. Mr. Allen was about the yard and just ready to start to town when he noticed that the engine had stopped and thinking that it needed his attention he went to the house where he found his wife lying on the floor in the wash room in a faint. She quickly recovered, however. The cause of the stopping of the engine and the escape of the fumes is not understood.

Hogs Devour Dressed Beef.

Special to Times-Republican. Glidden, Dec. 27.—A few days ago David Barber, a farmer of this vicinity, dressed a calf and hung it up in his barn to cool, when a drove of more than twenty hogs forced open the barn door and in some manner got the carcass down and completely devoured it before being discovered.

Poets are Born—therefore their ancestors should be held responsible.

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HAS PALM MADE GOOD?

RUMOR CURRENT THAT YOUNG MAN HAS SECURED POSSESSION OF BRIDE.

LEAVES MYSTERIOUSLY DESTINATION NOT KNOWN

Rumor Has It That Mrs. Vollmer-Palm is Returning Home After Being Sent West by Irate Father—All Source of Information at Davenport Closed—Palm Not There.

Davenport, Dec. 27.—Young Edward Victor Palm, the Chicago youth who secretly married Dorothea Vollmer last Wednesday, is said to have settled all his difficulties pertaining to his enforced separation from his bride and is now reported to her or en route to meet her.

A telegram was received here from Chicago Saturday night to the effect that "Young Palm left Chicago today; destination unknown."

A few moments later a report was received here to the effect that the bride had returned. This was instantly reported by each acquaintance who claimed they had seen her. Whether or not this means a reconciliation is not known at this time.

With Her Father, Henry Vollmer, Attorney Con Murphy, who admitted in the early part of the episode that he had been retained by the Palm here, was summoned by telephone sometime after the midnight hour.

Mr. Murphy declared that if the bride and groom were reunited he knew nothing of it.

"They are merely rumors, I suppose," Mr. Murphy said over the telephone.

"But Mr. Murphy, how do you account for young Palm leaving Chicago so mysteriously?" he was asked.

"Well, they won't talk up there will they? The Chicago papers said they were not going to talk," he continued.

"From which statement was drawn the conclusion that Mr. Murphy intended giving the impression that he, too, perhaps, was not saying all he knew in connection with the developments of the case?"

Several persons who had vouchsafed information on the impulse of the moment when pressed for particulars, responded with the proverbial answer, "I have nothing to say." They evidently knew something of the "inside" of the matter.

Local hotels denied that Palm was registered and declared that so far they knew no reservations had been made for him.

MORE PAVING PLANNED.

Nevada City Council Takes Steps to Improve Streets.

Special to Times-Republican. Nevada, Dec. 27.—At a special meeting the city council took preliminary action on further paving for Nevada the coming year and there is a very excellent prospect that Lincoln avenue will be paved from the east edge of the incorporation thru the city to the Grant township line near the cemetery gate on the west.

The action at this meeting was to create a paving district under the new law regarding the widening of streets entering into a city and to instruct the city solicitor to draw the necessary resolution. Under this new law not only the abutting property would be assessed for this improvement but such other property as the council may see fit to place in the work. Since their action on Thursday night was favorable to including a block and a half either way from the street in the district. This would make the district embrace all property from midway between Court avenue and First avenue south on the east side of Lincoln between Third and Fourth avenues north on the west. These limits would extend through the main part of the city but in the acreage to the east it would be widened. This property would all be assessed on graduated scale according to its distance from the improvement.

It is the purpose of the council to pave between the Birch street intersection on the west and half way between Maple and Spruce on the east between the gutters which is a width of forty feet while the outlying stretches would be a width of eighteen feet without curbs and gutters.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Dec. 27.—Rev. Charles Bauerel, pastor of the Nazarene church, gives notice that revival meetings will begin at the end of the year, on the first of January and continue two weeks or more, depending upon conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Huff had the pleasure of entertaining as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. James Swan and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Inne, all of Minneapolis, and Theodore Swan, of Hinkley, Minn., and they were quite sick for the past few days, is better.

Rockwell Woman Dead.

Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, Dec. 27.—Mrs. P. J. Monahan, formerly a resident of this county, died Saturday at her home at Rockwell. She was about 55 years of age, and had lived in various parts of this county.

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"Yes," replied the benedict, "but a man's better half never tires of trying to find out the tricks of the other half."

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who would not be a candidate, has just taken charge of a restaurant at 1909 Cottage Grove avenue, Des Moines. His contract is for four months, and he has handed in his resignation of the Grinnell membership. It is not yet known who will take the vacant position. Thackery has been in the restaurant business here for a good many years.

Senior Clark Graham, of Iowa College, went to his home recently in Montezuma, with a case of appendicitis, and there underwent an operation which gave him relief and from which he is reported as making safe recovery.

The mild weather has favored Contractor Horrabin and with a few days more of it he will have the last of the bituminous covering of the concrete base now laid in this city.

A delightful occasion it was on Thursday last when relatives and friends did honor to Mrs. Adam Coutts, "Grandma Coutts," as everybody calls her, on her 95th birthday. Mrs. Coutts was born in Scotland, was married here and there her children were born. At the age of 55 years she, with her husband and family came to this country to make their home and met almost immediately with sad bereavement in the death of the husband and father within two months of their landing here. Seven of the children are now living to rejoice with their mother on good general health and a clear mind at this advanced age. Mrs. Coutts is living at present with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Lincoln, near Westfield. One son, Ex-Mayor Coutts, lives in this city, does a daughter, Mrs. John Lee. To especially gladden this anniversary Harry Coutts, a grandson, came from Atlanta, Ga., with his wife.

News of Aiden.

Special to Times-Republican. Aiden, Dec. 27.—Frank Morrour, a young married farmer living near Buckeye, died Tuesday in a hospital in Iowa Falls of typhoid fever. His wife has the disease and has not fully recovered. They were married only a few months.

Jim Jackson has leased about 4,000 acres of land near Birchwood, Wis., for a term of four years, and will use it to pasture stock on. Mr. Jackson sold his 600 acre farm in Franklin county a few months ago and will give possession March 1, 1916, when he will set up his residence in Wisconsin. Mr. Jackson rented his farm for 1915 in Franklin county and when the new owner takes possession Mr. Jones expects to go to Wisconsin to help Mr. Jackson, and in the meantime improve a 150 acres which he bought recently at the nominal sum of \$11 per acre.

Mr. William Everhart is home from Grinnell college to spend the holidays with Mrs. Elizabeth Everhart and daughters.

Charles Ackerman, who was operated on at Iowa Falls hospital a short time ago, is gaining favorably.

The town of Aiden unloaded a carload of new watermains Wednesday which will be used to extend the city water system the coming year. These mains were bought with the surplus fund from the water receipts.

The real estate office of the community were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Steve Davis, formerly a resident southwest of Vincent church, last Monday forenoon in southern Minnesota.

Two Deaths at Hampton.

Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, Dec. 27.—Mrs. George F. Sargent died at her home on South Franklin street Sunday afternoon at the age of 48 years. She leaves a husband and two sons, Charles and Fred, a brother, Fred Schermer, of California, and a sister who resides in Chicago.

Mrs. Sargent had been in poor health for several years, and for a time her ailment, diabetes, responded to treatment. She was a member of the Baptist church and when health permitted was prominent in the work. She was also an honored member of the Rebekahs, the Royal Neighbors and the Mystic Workers.

Mrs. W. F. Schulz died at her home here Saturday morning.

New Sharon Items.

Special to Times-Republican. New Sharon, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Maud Serville, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived Wednesday to visit at the parental David Rouley home and to be here for the golden wedding of her parents the last of this month.

Mrs. Ratchewsky celebrated her 90th birthday, Dec. 23. Her children came to help her celebrate the occasion.

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REPUBLICANS AWAIT DEMOCRATIC ACTION

Reception of Administration Program on National Defense by the General Public to Go Far Toward Shaping Republican Platform—Early Convention Believed Good Move.

[Special Correspondence.] Washington, Dec. 27.—What will be the attitude of the republican party on preparedness in the next campaign?

This is a question which is being widely asked by both republicans and democrats in congress. It would not be easy to find a correct answer. As a matter of fact, though a great deal has been said about the division of the democrats on the issue of national defense, the republicans of house and senate are about a widely divided.

Partly because the democrats are in power and have the responsibility in the case of the nation, and partly because so conspicuous a political figure as Bryan is leading the revolt against preparedness in his party, the democratic factionalism has been much more emphasized than has the republican difference of view over the wisdom of increased army and navy and enlarged armaments.

Opposition From Middle West.

It is doubtful, too, whether the progress of the debate over the military bill and the navy bill will serve to unite the republicans in congress on the proposition of how far the government should go in way of preparedness. The general situation is that the eastern republicans and those from the far west are strong for preparedness. But the republicans from the middle west are either lukewarm in most cases or are opposed to increased preparation, though there are some exceptions to this. Among the democrats one finds the opposition to preparedness chiefly among members from the middle west and south.

But in one respect, the republican party chiefs think they are going to have a big advantage over the democrats. In the convention beginning next June 7 at Chicago, they will have to adopt a platform dealing with the national convention beginning June 14. Necessarily their convention will be forced to stand by what they do in congress, the nobody knows yet what that will be. Knowing this, the republicans think they can strike a note at first which will meet the approval of the country.

Republicans Have First Say.

Much wonderment has been expressed as to why the republicans put their convention ahead of the democratic convention, the majority party usually following the minority party. The chief reason, it appears, was that the republicans thought it would be advisable to say the first platform word on preparedness and say it in a fashion that would emphasize the faults of the democratic preparedness legislation in congress. If, as expected, it is found to be faulty when put thru.

Congress just now is considerably in the air as to what the public really wants on national defense. But by next June it will probably be better understood what is the public temper.

The republicans think that when their convention is held, knowing the public mind as they expect to by that time, they can declare themselves, thru their platform, in a way to meet the approval of a large majority of the voters.

If there is too big an outcry against preparedness, they can speak accordingly. If the country is demanding more preparedness than the democrats provide for, the republican platform can be so shaped.

Politics to Figure Prominently.

It may be said this is applying politics and nothing but politics to a vital public question, that both the majority and the minority are showing more disposition to try to catch the public opinion on national defense than they are to the consideration of a strictly strategic and international standpoint.

Much talk has been going the rounds that preparedness would be considered by congress in a non-partisan spirit, so it will, to a certain extent. It is going to prove impossible to keep politics out of this issue and the discussion both of national defense and of revenue legislation will find the air thick with political parties. The average member will not hesitate to trim his sails to suit sentiment in his state or district. By the same token, the defense question will go into the conventions and will be a conspicuous subject for the 1916 campaign.

Sometimes a fight is decided by the first blow.

Sometimes, it isn't. Anyhow, republicans think it won't be amiss next June to get in the first verbal lick on preparedness.

New York has 4,500 hotels and restaurants.

YOUR BRONCHIAL TUBES

When a cold settles in the bronchial tubes, with that weakening, tickling cough, immediate treatment is very important. The breath seems shorter because of mucous obstructions; usually fever is present, your head jars with every cough and your chest may ache.

This is no time for experimenting or delay—you must get Scott's Emulsion at once to drive out the cold which started the trouble, and it will check the cough by aiding the healing process of the enfeebled membranes.

If you have any symptoms of bronchitis, or even a stubborn cold, always remember that Scott's Emulsion has been relieving this trouble for forty years. It is free from alcohol or drugs. Refuse substitutes.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

FORESTS NOT MUTILATED IN ANNUAL HARVEST OF CHRISTMAS TREES

When you light the candles on your Christmas tree Friday evening if you are one of those people who still defy the "safety first" rules and use candles on your trees will you give a thought to where the tree comes from? When you sit around, after the excitement is over, and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it into the alley or street and let your mind idly dream will you conjure up the picture of the big forest and the little tree ruthlessly slaughtered to furnish you a few hours pleasure? Maybe the thought will not strike you until you take it down a few days later and cast it