

IS PLEASED OF SALOONS AT IOWA CITY BOON TO STATE UNIVERSITY. WENT WELCOMED AS END TO MANY TROUBLES.

Presence of Saloons Near University Always Considered Handicap to Growth—University Officials Declare State Could Have Acted Earlier to Put Saloons Out of Business.

Iowa City, Dec. 27.—When the Iowa City saloons closed their doors in obedience to the mandate of the five-mile limit bill, the administrative officials and members of the faculty of the State University of Iowa heaved a long sigh of relief.

With the passing of the saloons passed also the excuse for false gossip about the condition of student morals in Iowa City—a thing that has been a much more serious menace to the name of the university than have the saloons themselves.

The university has chosen consistently to disregard the wild stories of student drinking which have floated about the state at various times. No formal effort has been made to refute any of them, although in almost every instance they have given a fantastically exaggerated version of the evil, or a positively false one.

The conditions in Iowa City have been just those which the laws of the state of Iowa provided. President Machile made it plain within the first week of the legislature at any session to put such restrictions on this traffic as to prevent the existence of saloons in Iowa City, but the public sentiment as expressed in the legislature has never before set up such restrictions.

Robert Blaw, adviser of university men, is convinced that the saloons have played no important part in the life of the student body, but is glad to see their temptations removed.

Naturally, all men interested in the welfare of our students welcome the closing of the saloons with undisguised delight. It is a relief, they say, "Naturally, all men interested in the welfare of our students welcome the closing of the saloons with undisguised delight."

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quently and the plans are almost perfected. As soon as the plans are adopted and the specifications are all ready, bids will be advertised for and the contract for the building let, so that the work may commence as soon as the excavation is finished and the weather is favorable in the spring.

The building will face the west on Elm street and will be on line with the other buildings in the block and have its center on the present line of Fifth avenue south, the street which is to be vacated. There is at present no drain thru the west which will be of necessity taken up and moved before the excavating can be completed.

EDWIN LLOYD ENDS LIFE. Domestic Troubles Believed to Have Caused Rash Act. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Dec. 27.—Edwin A. Lloyd, one of the prominent young men of this city, is dead. Christmas morning, a little after 8 o'clock, the smell of creolin was noticeable to his mother, who was in the bed room door, thinking that a bottle of carbolic acid had been accidentally overturned and entered the room. Her son lay upon the bed with a gaping wound in his throat and evidence that he had taken the creolin. Physicians were summoned at once and he was rushed to the hospital. Heroic remedies were applied and early in the afternoon it looked as if his life would be saved. In the evening there was a quick change for the worse and in agony he died.

About four years ago Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage with Miss Anzonetta Moore. During the past year they lived in Chicago. At the recent term of court held in this county Mrs. Lloyd was granted a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. It is said that an agreement had been reached between Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd as to that there would be no resistance to this charge. While Mr. Lloyd was in the city he did not put in any objections to the decree, and it was granted by Judge Joseph J. Clark. Those who have been intimate with Edwin Lloyd have been several years ago that he had not given any indications whatever that he contemplated suicide. Thursday he was in usual good spirits. It is the belief that grieving over the act of his wife in securing the divorce and thinking that he would be deserted by some of his friends, caused him to become temporarily insane, and while alone he decided to end his life.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the Masonic order. Judge John C. Sherman, former member of the Iowa supreme court, will deliver the funeral address.

HAMPTON WOMAN DIES. Mrs. B. F. Ferris Passes Away at Home of Daughter in California. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, Dec. 27.—W. W. Ferris reached this city Sunday, and Mrs. B. F. Ferris had died at the home of her daughter in California Saturday, and the body will be brought here for burial.

Mrs. Ferris had lived until New Year's day, would have been 66 years old. She has been in poor health for some months, and last fall she and her husband went west in the hope of benefiting her health. Her condition became worse during the trip, but they reached the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Carey, where she has received every attention that means and loving regards could bestow. A few weeks ago her three daughters, Mrs. Joe Barry, Mrs. Robert Saley and Mrs. Dovey, were called to her bedside. The funeral party will probably leave there today and reach here Wednesday or Thursday, and the burial will be here.

ROCKWELL CHURCH BURNED. German Lutheran Edifice Destroyed by Fire Christmas Eve. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Dec. 27.—The German Lutheran church at Rockwell burned Christmas eve, and had been in the building practicing their exercises for Christmas. Flames broke thru the floor as they were leaving the building and it was with difficulty that a panic was averted. No one knows the origin of the fire but the supposition is that the furnace became overheated. The church was built about twenty years ago but had recently been remodeled. The fire company responded but the fire was under such headway that the building could not be saved. The west end of the building was pulled down and some of the most valuable furniture and rugs were saved. The use of the Methodist church was extended and accepted.

Business Change at Iowa Falls. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Dec. 27.—In a business transaction of considerable importance, closed here, Turner and Crippen Company, Inc., took over the bus, transfer business of M. Hogan, who is retiring from business. Mr. Hogan is an old railroad man and was for many years in the train service of the B. C. R. & N. After retiring from railroad work, he and C. Dillon purchased the business that was founded by William Burgess, a pioneer of this city, who started the first dray line when he was retired from his position of stage driver by the advent of Iowa Falls first railroad in 1856. Later Mr. Hogan purchased the interests of his partner and has conducted the business for a number of years. The new owners have operated a similar line of business here for some time.

DENIGAN IN CUSTODY. ALLEGED WRITER OF BLACK HAND LETTERS ARRESTED AT PARK RAPIDS. THREATENED LIFE OF CHARLES HOWELL. Demanded \$500 in Cash of Iowa Dairyman, Promising Vengeance if Howell Fails to Comply—Howell's House is Mysteriously Burned, After Letters Have Been Sent to Authorities.

Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Dec. 27.—Charles Denigan, alias E. H. Lewis, is in the custody of federal authorities. Denigan demanded \$500 or the life of Charles Howell, and his letter was placed in the hands of Inspector D. A. Collier, of Moorhead. Denigan was first at Truman, Minn., but was finally picked up at Park Rapids. At Truman the last threatening letter was received, demanding the \$500 or if it was not paid his life would be taken. In August last Charles Howell, who operates a large Jersey dairy herd, asked of a Chicago agency to send him a suitable man. He had hired several good men thru this agency. When the man giving the name of Denigan arrived Howell did not like his look, and said that he was provoked with the company that would send him such a man. He told Denigan that he did not want him and this incensed Denigan not a little. He replied to Howell that he didn't care to work for such a man. A few days ago Howell received his first threatening letter from a man demanding the \$500. Mr. Howell at once placed the letter in the custody of Postmaster W. F. Muse, who turned it over to the inspector.

Second Letter is Received. While the inspector was working on the case a second letter was received demanding the \$500 immediately, and if he did not send it that he would "get him." He also threatened to kill some of the Jersey cattle owned by Mr. Howell. A few nights after this Mr. Howell's house burned to the ground and no one knows the cause of the fire originated. Just as Inspector Collier picked Denigan up the latter had started for Mason City. In one of the letters in the possession of Inspector Collier is the threat that "I will do you the same as was done by that man in England. It is a few days ago that Denigan is unbalanced but if he is it is only on this and kindred subjects.

WOUNDS MAY BE FATAL. Ira Conklin, Shot by Relative, Now in Critical Condition. Special to Times-Republican. Griswold, Dec. 27.—Word comes from the hospital that the condition of Ira Conklin, who was shot by his uncle, O. S. Mundorf, at the latter's home near the county line of this and Pottawattamie counties, is serious, and he may not recover. The shooting occurred in a dispute over the collection of a note.

Conklin had been working for Mundorf for several months. He was recently divorced from his wife and now has a suit pending in the federal court against James McNutt, charging the alienation of his wife's affections. He asks \$15,000 damages. Young Conklin is a son of Jesse Conklin, of Griswold. The shooting has caused much feeling.

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TO BLUE-PENCIL BOOKS. Educators of State to Continue Campaign Against Useless Material in Text Books—State Association Committee Made Up of Strong Educators. Special to Times-Republican.

Several Weddings Mark Christmas Season in Town and Country. Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Dec. 27.—The wedding docket was somewhat cleared in the days immediately preceding Christmas. Caspar Y. Barnes, who with his chosen one, came to the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes some days before but failed to give any one the satisfaction of knowing whether they were married or not, went to the United Presbyterian parsonage on Thursday afternoon and Pastor W. R. Lawrence united him in marriage with Miss Edith Mahlin, of Omaha. Only immediate relatives were present. Miss Pauline Lanphere of this city and Dr. Frank Lee, of Kansas City, stood up the ceremony with the bride couple. After the holidays spent here the young couple will return to their home in Omaha where the groom has a position with the Bell Telephone Company.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnham, Miss Edith R. Burnham and Henry M. Ashby, both of Richmond township, were made husband and wife by the ministrations of the Rev. A. M. Courtney, of Bussey. The bride has been a music teacher in that vicinity for several years. The groom is the son of Robert Ashby living south of this city, and was prominent in high school football, playing basketball and football, and graduating from Grinnell high in 1909. The newly wedded pair will make their new home together on Mr. Ashby's farm, southwest of the city.

Miss Lela Beeler and Frank Wells were married on the 22nd instant, by Rev. C. L. Rubottom, pastor of the Methodist church at Ewart. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Beeler at whose home the ceremony was performed. The young couple will be at home on the Press Lambert farm after the first of March. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fritz southeast of this city, near the Bethel church, Miss Elma Fritz was joined in marriage to Elmo Briggs, of

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The committee intends to do some investigating this year and probably the next; but is expected to make a report to the state association next year that will form the basis of very material changes in the school work list. The preliminary report is to be printed and distributed and all possible publicity be given to the entire subject.

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LYNNVILLE, by Rev. Mr. Clements, pastor of the Lynnville Methodist church. The groom is in the grocery business in Lynnville, in partnership with his father, and the young couple will make their home in that town.

MERRILL SMITH TO WED. To Take Miss Calla White, of Mason City, as Bride. Special to Times-Republican. Osage, Dec. 27.—Ex-Senator James A. Smith and wife have returned from California to attend the wedding of their son Merrill, to Miss Calla White, which will be celebrated at Mason City Wednesday evening, Dec. 29.

THINK OF "DIE HEIMAT" AROUND CHRISTMAS TREE. Germans being the fathers of the Christmas tree, they do not forget it even when fighting. Wherever the attacks of the enemy permit, they set up the beautiful "Weihnachtsbaum" and assemble about it with song and comment that bring tears to the eyes of men parted from their homes in the fatherland.

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Visit Washington en route to New York. This is the gayest season in many years in Washington, with Congress in session and the social life of the capital at its height. The shortest line to Washington, and the only one running solid all-steel, electric-lighted trains without change between Chicago and Washington is the Baltimore & Ohio.

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Excavate for New School. Nevada Directors Lets Contract for Basement of New Building. Special to Times-Republican. Nevada, Dec. 27.—The school board has let the contract for the excavation for the basement of the new high school building to P. E. Shugart, of this city, and Mr. Shugart will have a force of men and teams on the job within a few days. While it may seem that this work is being started early, the board decided that it was better to have it done during the winter months while there would be no trouble in getting men to do the work and there would not be the trouble with spring rains and other difficulties which usually attend early spring excavation. The board has not adopted the plans for the new building but will do so within a few days. Architect Lockhart has been with the members frequently and the plans are almost perfected.