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ATTORNEY GENERAL COSSON REFUSES TO AID IN CRUSADE OF DES MOINES MAN.

BIGGER THINGS THAN SUNDAY BLUE LAWS

Attorney General Shows Enforcement and Penalty Would Result in Merely Nominal Fines and Would Be Decidedly Obnoxious—Cosson Finds Larger Duties Await His Attention.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Attorney General Cosson refuses to be drawn into any enforcement of the Sunday blue laws at this time. M. S. Odie, attorney for the anti-saloon league, who is now conducting a Sunday closing crusade in Des Moines, not long since addressed a letter to the attorney general on this subject and has stated that Mr. Cosson was between "the devil and the deep sea" on this proposition. He assumes that if he takes a stand either way it will affect his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination for governor.

The attorney general issued a statement yesterday in which he declared he can render greater service to the people and promote a more wholesome respect for the law by devoting the larger part of his attention to the more serious offenses and the larger affairs of the state. He points out that the city and town councils have the authority to regulate, license or prohibit theaters and that if the attorney general's office should undertake this sort of work it would mean that the work would have to be extended through the entire state and would require a great deal of time and extra help.

Regarding the Sunday closing law the attorney general says in part:

"This law is drawn in general terms, has been on our statute books for over half a century, is similar to the very early statutes of other states on the same question, and infractions may be prosecuted in the justice of the peace or inferior court with a punishment not to exceed \$5.

"Our court shall follow Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and Minnesota in a strict and literal construction, rather than the liberal and more modern construction adopted by Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and some other states, not only theaters and picture shows but Sunday concerts, and Sunday chautauques where an admission fee is charged, the operation of street railways, passenger freight trains, omnibuses and other public conveyances, excursion boats, the transmission of telegrams, the operation of telephone exchanges and the sale of ice cream and Sunday newspapers would be held in violation of the law. As before stated, however, prosecutions may only be had before the justice of the peace or other inferior courts, with a punishment ranging from \$1 to \$5.

"The attorney general has felt that he can render greater service to the people and promote a more wholesome respect for the law by devoting the larger part of his attention to the more serious offenses and the larger affairs of the state, both civil and criminal, especially where there are more demands upon the time of the department than can possibly be filled."

SWELL CONSCIENCE FUND.

Black Hawk County Treasurer Receives \$70 From Unknown Persons. Waterloo, Dec. 28.—That there is an awakening of consciences among property holders of the county is apparent from the anonymous contributions which have been received by County Treasurer W. J. Burbank.

A few weeks ago Mr. Burbank received four crisp \$10 bills from a nameless contributor, and in the past day or two he has received two more anonymous letters containing remittances. One enclosed \$10 with the curt note: "Taxes, with interest;" the other, \$20 from an unidentified party who wrote: "Please place in county treasury. Could not afford to pay sooner."

It is surmised that the person who sent the twenty dollars is the one who recently contributed \$40 to the conscientious fund. The brief message in each letter appears to have been written by the same individual. Treasurer Burbank stated this morning:

Rheumatism

Remarkable Home Cure Given by One Who Had It—He Wants Every Sufferer to Benefit.

Send No Money—Just Your Address. Years of awful suffering and misery have taught this man, Mark H. Jackson of Syracuse, New York, how terrible an affliction rheumatism is. He has given his sympathy with all unfortunate who are afflicted with this disease. He writes: "I don't know how he was cured. Read what he says:

"I was every sufferer from this form of rheumatism, and I tried every remedy, but it did me no good. I was in a very bad way, and I was told to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I used it for a few days, and I was cured. I am now well and happy. I have given it to a number of my friends, and they are all cured. I have written a book on this subject, and it is now being published. Write to Mark H. Jackson, No. 522, Cursey Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y."

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ing that the \$10 contribution would be used to make up the shortage of a clerk in the same amount. The clerk is a careful employe of the office, and the only explanation of the shortage is that there was an overpayment of \$10 in change at the counter. In the last day or two of September there was a big rush at the counter. The crowds were large and the employes were unusually busy writing out receipts and making change.

Why there should be such an awakening of conscience at this time is not known unless the contributors wish to start the new year right. Forty-four cents in stamps, as in-terested accompanied the \$10 contribution.

STEAL HORSES AT MIDDAY.

Black Standard Bred Team Taken—No Trace of Thieves.

Shenandoah, Dec. 28.—Thursday afternoon at about 3 o'clock J. B. Hartman and Mr. Draper, of Shenandoah, driving horses were reported stolen and no trace of them has yet been found. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan had driven over from their home in Norwich to do some Christmas shopping, and leaving their team at the hitch posts just east of Hartman's store, proceeded about their business.

They found, on returning to the place where they left their team, that the horses were gone. Ed Boydston was notified immediately, and just as Mr. Boydston was ready to leave, there came a report from C. R. Draper, southeast of Shenandoah, reporting the team had been driven past his place.

With Debbys Nye as driver, Mr. Harlan and Mr. Boydston started but found to their disappointment, that the black team reported was a heavy team driven from Shenandoah to Cole by a drunken man, who was whipping the horse all of the way.

Later reports came that the lost team had left town on Maple street, turning east on the Nishna road and traveling east a few miles, went north one mile and then east again, passing the Fischer farm four miles east of the Washburn. The farmers reported a black driving team white with foam, traveling eastward.

Had Mr. Boydston known that the team had traveled eastward instead of southward, the officers could have run the horse before the youngsters could put on the roof and either fearing punishment or enjoying the amazement of their parents, they had kept silent about it.

ATTICA'S MYSTERY SOLVED.

Boys Explain Secret of Sudden Appearance of Huge Hole in Earth.

Attica, Dec. 28.—The great Attica mystery has been solved. Some weeks ago residents of this town and vicinity were startled to learn that a huge hole in the earth had appeared just west of the town limits. The hole was seventeen feet long, eight feet wide and five feet deep.

All sorts of theories were offered in the way of explanation. One was that somebody had found the secret hiding place of buried treasure and had excavated for the long lost wealth—another was that tablets bearing secrets of the Mormon church had been buried there years ago in the long Mormon trek westward and had just been dug up; still another—that a meteor had fallen from the sky and torn the big hole into the earth.

Altogether the hole furnished considerable more than a seven days' wonder for folk around here. And then the explanation came. Some of the boys of the town, desiring to have a secret meeting place during the winter, had dug the hole and intended to roof it over. The hole was found before the youngsters could put on the roof and either fearing punishment or enjoying the amazement of their parents, they had kept silent about it.

ANNIVERSARY OF THEATER.

Metropolitan Opera House, of Iowa Falls, 16 Years Old.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Dec. 28.—The Metropolitan opera house of this city celebrated its sixteenth birthday last evening, the anniversary attraction being "Under Cover."

On the evening of Dec. 27, 1899, this beautiful playhouse was formally opened to the public, the attraction at that occasion being Tim Murphy in "The Carpetbagger." The occasion was a social event of importance in Iowa Falls and many who attended this opening were present last evening and recalled the formal opening in "the nipeties."

Mr. E. O. Ellsworth has guided the destiny of the house thru the past fifteen years and has earned for it and himself a splendid reputation in the amusement world. The house is recognized by judging managers and the theatrical world in general as one of the best conducted playhouses in the country.

FIND ABANDONED CAR.

Sheriff Looking For Owner of Automobile on Highway Near Logan.

Special to Times-Republican. Logan, Dec. 28.—A 40-horse power blue, torpedo body, Auburn car was abandoned by two strangers, east bound, at the home of M. V. Hauffaker, north of Logan recently, and Sheriff McGee and deputy G. W. Atkins are looking for the owner.

In the car was a Nebraska number, 52597; on the car was an Iowa number, 49015. The engine number had been filed off. There is also a grip and a well filled tool chest in the car. The two strangers directed the Hauffaker boys to take care of the car after the axle broke; however, they neglected to give their names and residence.

Increase Teaching Force.

Special to Times-Republican. Sheldon, Dec. 28.—Mitchell Briggs, of LeMars, graduate of Morningside College, has been selected as the new special teacher in the public schools here. The schools are increasing so in numbers that a new teacher had to be added to the present force. A. M. Lockwood, of St. Paul, has been selected as architect for the addition to be built to the present building. The improvements will probably call for a bond issue of near \$75,000 as much room is needed. At present every available foot of space in the building is used, including the basement.

Christmas Treat for Children.

Special to Times-Republican. Wesley, Dec. 28.—Two hundred and twenty-five children partook of the annual Christmas treat given by Julius Kunz. Twenty-five sacks of apples, oranges, nuts and candy were given to the little folks. Mr. Kunz is in California, but acting under his instructions, relatives and friends here had charge of the affair.

NEW SCHOOL DAMAGED

FIRE AT TAMA PUTS RECENTLY-COMPLETED BUILDING OUT OF COMMISSION.

ROOMS OF MAIN FLOOR BADLY WATER SOAKED

Plastering Ruined and Floors Will Have to Be Re-laid—Defective Electric Wiring Believed to Have Started Blaze—Toledo Department Called Upon For Aid.

Special to Times-Republican.

Tama, Dec. 28.—Tama's new school building, recently completed at a cost of more than \$60,000, was seriously damaged by fire, smoke and water at an early hour this morning. The main floor of the three-story structure suffered most, and it will be some time before all the rooms can be made ready for school purposes and classes resumed.

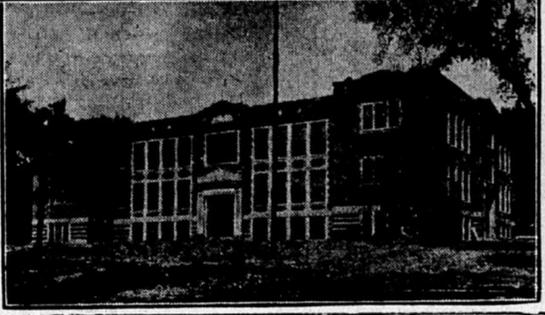
The fire is believed to have started from defective electric wires, and probably smoldered all night. As this is vacation time there was only sufficient fire in the furnaces to keep the temperature above the freezing point. Last evening the basketball team met in the gymnasium for practice, and at that time the boys thought they detected the smell of burning varnish. The fire was not discovered until shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, however, an hour's time was required before the seat of the blaze was located. The Toledo firemen were summoned to assist the local company. The walls are badly damaged by smoke and water and some may have to be plastered. The floors are water-soaked and will have to be re-laid. The board is meeting today to plan for a continuance of school work, and it may be that some of the grade rooms can be put in shape for immediate use. The loss is estimated between \$5,000 and \$6,000, but there was only a small amount of insurance.

The building was formally opened for school purposes last fall, and is one of the most modern in the state. Officers of the Iowa Railway and Light Company wired donations of \$50 to each of the Tama and Toledo fire departments in appreciation of their good work.

Rockwell City Woman Dead.

Special to Times-Republican. Rockwell City, Dec. 28.—J. A. Groves,

FIRE DAMAGES TAMA'S NEW SCHOOL BUILDING



one of our most esteemed retired farmers is mourning the loss of his mother, Mrs. Lucas, who died Saturday. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon and the body was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Groves has the sincere sympathy of the entire community in this his great loss.

MOST ACCEPTABLE GIFT.

Rockwell City Merchant Seeks Round Trip Ticket to Coast.

Special to Times-Republican. Rockwell City, Dec. 28.—M. L. Bingham, proprietor of the Variety store, of this place, received a most delightful Christmas present from his daughter in San Diego, Cal. The present was two round trip tickets, not expiring till spring, and accompanied with an urgent invitation to spend the winter in the mild and sunny climate of the famous winter resort. Needless to say the invitation was accepted, and this week will see the store closed for a considerable time, after its biggest holiday trade, and the popular business man and his wife away to the coast for an indefinite stay.

HEADED FOR WAR ZONE.

Escaped Convict Writes to Warden Sanders From New York City.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 28.—H. M. Rothery, notorious pennyweighter, an honor man who escaped from the Flynn custodial farm six weeks ago, has been heard from. He wrote to Warden Sanders from New York City, a letter which reached the warden on Christmas day. Rothery enclosed two diamond pins, presumably a present to the warden, and a \$1 bill with which to pay back

Northern Iowa Items

Worthington.

Recently the Keve hardware store at Worthington, was broken into by burglars and \$35 in silver taken from the safe. Two dozen pocket knives of the best grade and other articles were missing from the store. It is believed that the burglars forced their entrance by the use of a skeleton key.

Dubuque.

Henry Wylie, of this city, has just received the medal awarded him some weeks since by the Carnegie hero fund commission, of Pittsburgh, Pa. In recognition of the heroic act of rescue, Quincy H. Wylie, who lost his life Jan. 12, 1914, when attempting to rescue a companion who had skated into an air hole.

Bellevue.

Perry Damon, a farmer living near Green Island, met death in the flames that destroyed the home of Charles Mangies Monday night. His charred body was found in the cellar on the springs of his cot which had fallen thru the floor. It is presumed he was overcome by the smoke before he could be awakened. Other inmates of the house had narrow escapes.

Coggon.

The double funeral service for Mr. and Mrs. C. Nietert was held at the E. church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended. Mr. Nietert was nearly 87 years old and died Friday morning. Mrs. Nietert was almost 85, and died Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nietert were married at Tippecanoe, O., Oct. 26, 1853, and were married sixty-two years last October. They have been residents of Iowa since 1858, and of Linn county since 1875.

Fort Dodge.

Judre Fry overruled the motion in the Coffin will case asking for a change of venue. The motion was argued at great length during the November term of court and a large number of affidavits were filed by both sides to support their contentions. The case will probably be called for the January term of court but will hardly reach trial as there are a number of dispositions of the defendants in the suit wish to procure before coming into court.

Manchester.

George A. Newman, who has been county treasurer for eight years, and prior to that time served in the same office as deputy, has been elected as assistant cashier in the Delaware county bank, and will retire from the office in the county building Jan. 1. The supervisors will appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Newman. M. A. Richardson, who has been deputy treasurer for several years, is to be appointed by the board, according to reports at the court house.

Manchester.

Gerald, the 15-month-old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of near this city, was burned to death last week. The little tot set his clothes on fire while the mother was doing the family wash in an adjoining building. Practically all of the baby's clothes were burned from its body and no hope was entertained for its recovery from the very hot flames. Funeral services were held from the family home on Thursday forenoon and the body laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery.

Monticello.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company will put on a gasoline motor car to make the run between Monticello and Calmar, daily, beginning Monday. The train will leave Calmar in the morning, reaching Monticello at 9:10 a. m., thus making connection with the Farley morning train on its way to Cedar Rapids. This train will lay over in Monticello all day and return to Calmar in the evening, leaving at 6:30. The train consists of one car with the motor compartment, a compartment for ladies and another for gentlemen, and will accommodate

Kober, till spring at least. She has not decided whether she will then return to Traer or purchase a cottage and make Waterloo her permanent home.

Death of Tama Pioneer. Special to Times-Republican. Tama, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Hattie Martin, one of the pioneers of Tama county, died at her home here Monday afternoon. She was 60 years of age. Funeral services probably will be held Wednesday.

The re-export coffee trade leaped this year from almost nothing up to \$1,491,900 pounds.

Advertisement for 'Here is Proof' featuring a testimonial from 'Father John's Medicine' and a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for 'FURS' by H. Willard, Son & Co., featuring an illustration of a woman in a fur coat and text describing their products and services.

Advertisement for '7% Preferred Stock' by Iowa Railway and Light Company, detailing the benefits and security of the investment.

Advertisement for 'FACE DISFIGURED WITH PIMPLES' treatment, featuring a testimonial and a small illustration of a person's face.

Advertisement for 'Semi-Anthracite' coal by Gregory Coal, Coke & Lime Co., highlighting the quality and availability of the fuel.