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CENTERVILLE ATTORNEY IS APPOINTED A JUDGE

C. W. Vermilion Takes Hon. T. M. Fee's Place on the Bench.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

Governor Shaw Elevates Appanoose County Man to the Judiciary in This District—Will Begin His Duties January 1.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—Governor Shaw has appointed C. W. Vermilion, of Centerville, to the position of judge in the second judicial district, to succeed Hon. T. M. Fee, of the same place, resigned. Judge Fee's resignation takes effect January 1. Mr. Vermilion is one of Centerville's most able attorneys.

Sketch of the New Judge.

Centerville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—C. W. Vermilion, who has been honored with the appointment by Governor Shaw to the judgeship to succeed Judge T. M. Fee, of this city, was born and raised in Centerville. He is the son of the late Captain W. F. Vermilion, who until his death several years ago, stood as one of the most prominent members of the Appanoose county bar. He was born Nov. 6, 1866, passed his boyhood attending school and developing the character that now fits him to sit in the judgment over his fellow men, spent three years at DePaw University and afterwards graduated with honors from the law school at Ann Arbor, which he attended two years with one year intervening. Shortly after receiving his diploma and gaining admission to the Iowa bar he began the practice of law in his father's office in this city. At once he showed remarkable insight into the principles of law and began to display good results from his careful training. Twice in succession he was selected to the office of county attorney, in which capacity he served the people well and won honors for himself. Since retiring from that office he has steadily pursued the practice of his profession, turning a deaf ear to all tempting offers of political preferment, desiring that the office should seek him rather than that he should seek the office. His partner has been Attorney H. E. Valentine. The firm has enjoyed a lucrative practice which increases as time passes. With Mr. Vermilion's promotion to the bench this partnership will, of course, cease and Mr. Valentine will enter into co-partnership with Judge Fee and the latter's son, Attorney T. C. Fee.

Mr. Vermilion was married on June 2, 1897, to Miss Clara Eloise Bidde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bidde, of this city, who have relatives and friends in Ottumwa. Miss Bidde was a beautiful young woman, accomplished and a general favorite in society and she has been a charming mistress in the elegant home her husband has built in the northeast part of this city. One child, a little two-year-old daughter, completes the happiness of that home.

At thirty-five Mr. Vermilion will be one of the youngest judges on the bench but Centerville people who have known him since boyhood, believe that he is fully capable of occupying that high position and performing the duties connected therewith. There is nothing pretentious about him and he is more likely to disclaim credit due than to accept it. Of himself he would rather say nothing and he shuns publicity. It is only when occasions arise that his attainments are displayed and then he wins admiration for his deep thought, his clear, logical mind, his polished rhetoric and his eloquent and convincing oratory. He has the dignity of nobility, the sternness of uprightiness, the suavity of the gentleman and the kindness and sympathy that are based on justice. In politics he is and always has been a stalwart republican. He communes with the Presbyterian church.

[Mrs. Vermilion is a sister of Mrs. E. L. Ulrich, of 1209 North Court street.—Ed.]

"STEEPLE JOE" LAWLER DIES. Famous Character Lost to His Dangerous Profession. New York, Dec. 26.—"Steeple Joe" Lawler, the original steple climber, is dead in Governor hospital. Lawler during his time probably ascended more steeples and tutored more pupils in his dangerous trade than any other man in the country.

NEW RECORD FOR SEAT. Place on New York Stock Exchange Brings \$80,000. New York, Dec. 26.—A new record price for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange was established today by a sale at \$80,000.

Observe Pious Duke's Birthday. Gotha, Dec. 26.—The thirtieth birthday of Duke Ernest, the Pious, is being observed with great ceremony. Emperor William arrived here today and proceeded to the ducal palace in Friedenstien. The city is decorated with flags and other bunting.

REFUSES IT

John P. Reese Would Not Accept Commissionership.

WAS OFFERED POSITION

Rather, Was Sounded by Individuals to See Whether He Would Accept—Will Stand for Re-election as President of U. M. W. A. of Iowa.

"I am going to stay with the miners, and I am going to stand for a re-election as president of District 13, United Mine Workers of America." I am sorry to have to make this last declaration, but on account of the reports that have recently been circulated about me going with the operators, I am forced to ask for another opinion. In order to show exactly where I stand, I will read the words with which John P. Reese, prefaced an interview with a Courier reporter at the Ballingall hotel last evening. From their tone it can be readily seen that Mr. Reese's interests are with the miners who work deep in the earth, and that he cannot be tempted away from them by the mere promise of more salary. Of late it has been persistently reported that Mr. Reese was to accept a position with the Iowa coal operators as a commissioner at a salary over double that which he was getting from the mine workers' organization, but this declaration puts an end to that talk.

Was Approached.

"Mr. Reese, were you not asked to accept the position as commissioner for the operators?" asked the reporter. "Well," said he, "I was asked by several individual members of the association if I would accept the place, but I have never been approached in an official manner, as I told those to whom I talked that I would not take the place under any consideration. Since the matter has reached such gigantic proportions I may as well tell you just where I stand. It has always been my ambition to reach a place on the national organization of the mine workers. To this end I have directed my energies. You can readily see there is where my interest lies. I have been a laboring man all my life and I always expect to be, and just so long as I am laboring for my fellow men, just so long will I keep on trying to advance their interest. I would not resign a position before my term expires to accept another directly opposite to the interests of those I had been serving for all the money in the United States. Of course I would like to have an increase in salary, we all want all the money we can get, but the magnificent proposition that has been held up to me supposedly by the Iowa coal operators' association does not tempt me in the least.

Will be Satisfied.

"Now if I can be elected to another term as president of District 13, even though the emoluments are much less than what I should get from the operators, I shall be satisfied, and I shall have a feeling that I have done my duty.

Not be Offered.

"I have indicated to the operators that I should not accept their proposition, and it will not be offered to me at the committee meeting which will be held in Des Moines Friday. I have reason to believe that should I have not declared myself, the position would have been tendered me, as I understand every member of the operators' committee except one was in favor of me, and that one man's position was taken for the same reason that my own was, he did not feel that I could consistently leave the miners at this time.

Have Confidence.

"I will give you another reason why I would not accept the position for the operators. A man to make a success of that place must have the absolute confidence of both the miners and operators. Should I leave the former at this time, their confidence in me would be greatly shattered. I can say this much for the man that does get it, he must combine these two qualities, or he shall make a failure of his position.

Highly Honored.

"I feel highly honored that I should have been considered in connection with this most important position. It pleases me to think that after I have given several years of my life to the mine workers, the operators should have the confidence in me to trust their interests to me. At the same time I do not forget the men whose interests I have so long tried to serve and if they are willing, I am more than willing to stay with them.

Was Out of State.

"I am sorry this report has been given such wide circulation. Had I been in Iowa when it started I would have stopped it, or attempted to. As it was,

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EDGAR STANTON MACLAY IS SUMMARILY DISCHARGED

Will Take Position on Labor and Capital Committee.

PROCEEDING IS LEGAL

Historian Leaves Desk but Says He Will Return Tomorrow as Usual, Prepared to Resume His Duties—Status of the Trouble.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edgar Stanton MacLay was summarily discharged today. MacLay went to the navy yard as usual and prepared to resume his duties. Paymaster Putnam went to MacLay's desk and read him a telegram of dismissal received from Washington yesterday and told him he was dismissed. MacLay left the yard immediately. He said he would return at the usual time tomorrow, prepared to go to work.

Dismissal Is Legal.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The civil service commission today notified Edgar S. MacLay, the historian, recently employed in the Brooklyn navy yard, that his removal from his position at that point is not in violation of the civil service act. This notification is contained in a letter written to MacLay by President Proctor, of the commission, and is in reply to an inquiry from him whether the President had authority under the civil service laws to demand his resignation.

Defines the Rules.

Proctor in his letter says: "Your dismissal from the service, according to the facts in your case as they appeared in the public press, was made upon the order of the secretary of the navy, in whom the power of removal rests. The demand for your removal, followed by your removal, through the direction of the President, is not in violation of the civil service acts and rules, in view of well known facts in your case. The object of the rule requiring notice and hearing was to prevent political removals upon secret charges. No issue of this kind is involved in your case."

SALARIES ARE INCREASED.

Board of Control Raises Pay of Its Officers Force. Des Moines, Dec. 24.—The board of control employees are made happy by the announcement of a substantial increase in salaries for the coming year. The salary of Secretary F. S. Trent was increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000 a year. This is the statutory maximum limit of the salary of the secretary of the board. About a year ago Mr. Trent's salary was increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

A. B. McCowan, the accountant of the board, has been granted an increase to \$1,600 a year. His former salary was \$1,380. The salary of the storekeeper is increased from \$80 to \$85 a month, and the stenographers, Miss Cora E. Dunn \$75 to \$80. The salary of the estimate clerk, Miss Anna Sheehan, is also increased from \$55 to \$60. A new office is created, that of assistant accountant. It is filled by Miss Estella B. Combs of this city, one of the board's bookkeepers, and the pay is made \$60 per month. The salary of Miss Maude Painter as bookkeeper is raised from \$45 to \$50 per month, and that of the janitor, Harry Shoshire, is increased from \$45 to \$50 per month.

The increases add about \$1,000 a year to the salary list. All of the employees of the board's office have been in its employ for a long period and the members feel their efficiency warrants an increase of salaries.

THE ELECTRIC LINE.

Proposed Route to Buxton Has Been Located. Oskaloosa, Dec. 24.—James Wilson, chief engineer, and Robert A. Hall, right of way agent, of the Oskaloosa and Tama electric line have been over the ground thoroughly and have decided upon the route of the new road from this city to Buxton. The line will run south from Oskaloosa to a point directly west of Beacon, thence west through Beacon, and south west to the Eveland bridge, near but not necessarily on the county road. From Eveland to Buxton two routes are under consideration. One via Bussey and Hamilton, and the other direct to Buxton with spurs extending to Hamilton and Bussey.

The road over these routes can be built with no grades to exceed 2 per cent, which is considered ideal for railroad construction. The proposed route northeast of town has also been determined as far as Skunk river. The line will run directly north until it strikes one of the feeders of Spring Creek and will follow the draw down to the mouth of the creek near Glendale Mills.

Horse Kills a Judge.

Kittery, Maine, Dec. 26.—While caring for a horse in the stable, Police Judge Samuel B. Neal was stamped to death by the animal.

BRUSH WITH FILIPINOS.

American Soldiers Have Desperate Encounter in a Gorge.

WAR DOGS ON THE SCENE.

Laguaira, Venezuela, Dec. 26.—The United States battleship Indiana has arrived at Wilemstad, Island of Curaçao, the British cruiser Tribune and the Dutch cruiser Utrecht have also arrived here. The German cruiser Vineta is expected to reach this port today.

RATIO IN PHILIPPINES.

Mexican Silver for American Gold at Ratio of About Two for One. Manila, Dec. 26.—It is publicly announced today the ratio for the first quarter of 1901 was \$2.10 in Mexican silver to one American gold dollar. General Wright, acting civil governor, says though it is unsatisfactory, this is the only solution of the matter the Philippine commission thought possible. He hopes for the early action of congress on the subject.

Wright considers the situation in those parts of the Philippines where military operations are being carried on as daily important. He has the greatest confidence in General Chaffee's ability to end the insurrection in the islands, and says perfect harmony prevails between the civil and military authorities.

ALGER IS PAST WORST.

First and Most Critical Stage of Operation is Over. Detroit, Dec. 26.—Dr. C. G. Jennings, the physician in attendance upon Secretary of War Alger, who was operated upon a few days ago for the removal of gall stones this morning said his patient passed a comfortable night and has now passed the first and most critical stage of the operation it will take another week before all danger is passed.

Sewell Much Weaker.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 26.—Physicians in attendance upon Senator Sewell say today he is weaker than at any time since he returned from Asheville, N. C., nearly a month ago.

THREE KILLED, THREE INJURED.

Huge Crane Breaks at Bridge Works in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Three men were killed and three seriously injured today by the breaking of a huge crane at the plant of the American Bridge Co. The dead are: JOHN SWAN, JOHN TRAGER, ALBERT ROCKE. The injured: John Doyle, Charles Warren, Matthew Hogan.

One and perhaps two of the injured will probably die.

NEW ROAD TO BE BUILT.

Eldon & St. Louis Railway Files Articles With Secretary of State. Des Moines, Dec. 24.—The Eldon & St. Louis railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Its capital is \$100,000. S. H. Sawyers, of Eldon, is president of the new company. G. D. Crego, of Centerville, is vice president. J. E. Houghland, of Eldon, is secretary and Charles S. Bierce, of Eldon, is treasurer. The company will build its line from Eldon in Wapello county, this state, through Pulaski, Iowa, and on south into Missouri, touching Memphis, Edna, Shelbyville, Shelby, and on to St. Louis. It is understood that a large part of the right of way in Missouri has already been secured and that the new line will push the work of building in the near future.

BORROWED IN ONE LUMP.

Fifty Men Give \$25,000 to Iowa Wesleyan University. Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 24.—Dr. Hancher and Rev. Myers have succeeded in finding fifty men of the territory of the Iowa conference who have endorsed for the sum of \$25,000, and have found bankers who are willing to carry the notes at five per cent. The proceeds from these notes will be used to pay off all the claims against the college, and the indebtedness put in the shape of this one large obligation at reduced interest rates. It is expected that the debts will be paid with this in a short time.

Melrose Man Points Gun at Marshal and Dies.

Was Compelled to Shoot to Save His Own Life—Daniel Garrity Plays Wild West on Streets of Iowa Town and Runs Amuck.

LATTER A QUICK SHOT

Melrose, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—City Marshal Thomas Knowles, while making an arrest and to save his own life, shot and killed Daniel Garrity, twenty-two years of age, son of a well known resident of this place. Garrity was intoxicated and was shooting promiscuously on the streets of this city when called upon to submit to arrest by the city marshal. He refused to acquiesce and leveled his gun at the official's head. The latter pulled his weapon quick as flash and fired, the bullet felling his victim who died in a few minutes. The affair has created much excitement. Knowles will probably be exonerated.

Story of the Affair.

A few days ago Daniel Garrity returned to the home of his parents here to spend the holidays. He met some of his friends and indulged in a social glass. Finally he became involved in an encounter with Stephen McCarty, a farmer residing three miles east of here. The latter was worsted in the fight that he was rendered unconscious and was badly cut about the head. A warrant was issued for Garrity's arrest and he was fined \$20 and costs which relatives paid. After his release from custody he commenced to again imbibe freely of whiskey and finally drew his revolver and began to terrorize the town by shooting at everything in sight. He was implored to desist by City Marshal Thomas Knowles and replied by leveling his gun at the marshal's head, telling him that he would blow his head off. Knowles seeing him raise his revolver drew his gun and quick as a flash came the two reports. Garrity fell to the street and died in a few minutes. The shots aroused some of the town people who had by this time arrived on the scene and the sad news was conveyed to his relatives and the body of the unfortunate man taken to the parental home where the family was nearly overcome with grief.

The sidewalk in front of the Gettinger store, where the tragedy occurred, and the walls of the building presented a gruesome aspect, and a large crowd viewed the blood bespattered planks, walls and other evidences of the awful tragedy.

Garrity, who was a handsome young man, had a sweetheart who lived south of town and it is said that she is nearly prostrated over her lover's horrible and untimely end.

The affair was quite a shock to the people of the entire community as both the Garrity and Knowles families are well known and highly respected. Knowles will, in all probability, be exonerated from all blame in the affair as it will no doubt be proven that the shooting was done in self defense. Officer Knowles is greatly excited and naturally regrets his part in the awful deed.

The burial of the dead man took place today.

CELEBRATE HISTORIC BATTLE.

Trouble at Trenton 125 Years Ago Is Brought to Mind. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 26.—The one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Trenton was elaborately celebrated here today. Auspicious weather had the effect of bringing out large crowds, which lined the streets along which a sham battle and a subsequent parade took place. In doors the celebration took place this afternoon in the opera house. Governor Voorhees presided. The principal speaker was Prof. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, who delivered an address on the battle of Trenton. The day's celebration will close with fireworks this evening.

LIBERTYVILLE WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. William Needler Expires After Lingering Illness. Libertyville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Needler died last night at 12 o'clock after a lingering illness of two or three months at her home in Libertyville.

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