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## ROWSE VISITS CITY TO GET RIVER DATA

UNITED STATES ENGINEER LOOKS OVER DAM AND DES MOINES RIVER—AIDES WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK.

## WILL TAKE TRIP TO DES MOINES

OFFICIALS WILL WORK OUT OF CAPITAL CITY—GEIS BOTSFOUR FROWNS ON ACTION OF POLITICIANS—COMMITTEE MEETS.

Within two weeks Assistant United States Engineer Albert O. Rowse and his corps of assistants will visit this city and make their skeleton survey of the Des Moines river, preliminary to starting out of Des Moines for the mouth of the river on the regular survey. Mr. Rowse is in the city today looking over the local conditions and investigating thoroughly the first dam west of the city. While here he will pick out the proper place in the river to use as a base line, and then will return to Keokuk to join his assistants and progress north on the stream. Mr. Rowse stated this morning that he expected to reach Ottumwa with his men the latter part of next week. Considerable work will be necessary here, due to the width and alignment of the stream and the dam. The engineer made the special trip to Ottumwa today to talk over conditions with Captain E. H. Thomas and James Winans of the water works, and to accompany some local rivermen to the dam to arrange for the handling of his craft when it arrives here next week. The craft will be placed on skids and carried over the dam, and no difficulty whatever is expected to be met with here.

Mr. Rowse plans on visiting Ottumwa early next week, in advance of his aides, and going to Des Moines in a power boat or overland, in order to familiarize himself with the topography of the river.

"While I cannot say one word as to the feasibility of navigating the Des Moines river at this time, due to the fact that I am only taking a skeleton survey," said Mr. Rowse, "I can say that I am well pleased with the looks of the river below Ottumwa. We are simply selecting our base line from which to work, and when we reach Des Moines in prosecution of this idea we will start the real survey of the river, working downward to the mouth at Keokuk."

Talk Over Wallace Plan.

The Waterways committee of the Ottumwa Commercial association are meeting this afternoon to further discuss the proposition from Captain Wallace about placing on the river a fleet of boats for use between Ottumwa and Keokuk. President Dain called the meeting to decide upon something definite in reference to accepting or rejecting Mr. Wallace's proposition, and it is likely that some action will be taken on it.

Gels Botsfour, secretary of the Des Moines Commercial association in an interview in the Register and Leader this morning frowns on the attitude taken by some politicians in involving the river project.

CONFESSES WOMAN'S MURDER.

Springfield, Mass., Man Admits Being One of Masked Robbers in Teachers' Home.

Springfield, Mass., April 6.—Bertram Gage Spencer arrested last night confessed today to the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone last Thursday night. Miss Blackstone and Miss Harriet P. Dow, school teachers, were shot by a masked burglar who entered the Dow home, on the evening of March 31. Miss Dow is recovering.

GRAIN HOUSE SUSPENDS.

Declines in Grain Prices Are Given as Reason for Closing Out; Assets Big.

Chicago, April 6.—The suspension of the cash grain house of W. H. Merritt & Co., was announced on the board of trade today. Customers were notified to close out their trade. Recent declines in grain prices were given as the cause of the suspension. The liabilities are \$200,000 and the assets \$350,000.

WILL RESTORE SERVICE.

Motor Car on the Rock Island Between Iowa City and Muscatine to Be Resumed.

Davenport, April 6.—(Special)—Word was received this morning by S. F. Boyd, division agent of the Rock Island that the motor car service between Muscatine and Iowa City, which was recently discontinued, will again go into effect next Saturday.

## Husband Inquires if Mrs. Buchanan Committed Suicide

That Mrs. E. M. Buchanan who came into the public eye some time ago in her difficulties with Mrs. Agnes Michaels, had written her husband who is employed in Fort Wayne, Ind., threatening to end her life was shown in the following telegram received by Chief Peter Gallagher yesterday:

Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Peter Gallagher, Chief of Police, Ottumwa, Ia.  
Did Mrs. E. M. Buchanan commit suicide as she wrote. I hope not. Wire.  
E. M. Buchanan

Chief Gallagher answered the telegram this morning by stating that she had not ended her life as far as he knew and his answer was carried out by the appearance of the woman in question, who desired a private consultation with the chief. He gave it to her.

## TAFT CANCELS ENGAGEMENT IN INDIANA

IN THE LIGHT OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION'S ACTION PRESIDENT IS UNWILLING TO JEOPARDIZE BEVERIDGE'S CHANCES

Washington, D. C., April 6.—President Taft has canceled his engagement to visit Indianapolis May 5. While no statement has been issued in regard to this decision it is believed to be the direct result of the events at the Republican convention yesterday.

It was said by friends of the administration that did the president visit Indianapolis he would likely express his well known views regarding the tariff and that it might be construed as adverse to Beveridge, and this the president wished to avoid.

Regret in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 6.—Keen regret was expressed on all sides today when it became known that Taft had canceled his engagement to visit this city May 5. The invitation was extended to the president by former Vice President Fairbanks, who expressed great disappointment when informed today that the president had decided to cancel his visit here, and said he would immediately send him a telegram urging him to reconsider the matter and visit the city.

Everidge Is Silent.  
Chicago, April 6.—Senator Beveridge stopped in Chicago today on his way to Washington, but refused to be interviewed on the president's cancellation of the Indianapolis visit.

NEW SCALE IN OHIO

Miners and Operators Agree and Coal Workings Will Resume Immediately.

Columbus, O., April 6.—With National President Lewis in the city, state miners' officials and operators of the Pittsburg vein No. 8 district and Hocking Valley district late yesterday signed a wage scale for the next two years in accordance with the agreement reached last week at the Cincinnati conference.

Last night President Lewis announced that scales had been signed for the next two years also in the Guernsey, Tuscarawas and Columbiana districts, and that scales probably would be signed within a few days for the Jackson, Massillon and Crooksville districts.

The Hocking and Pittsburg vein districts comprise more than two-thirds of the coal mined in Ohio.

PLANS FOR MONUMENT

General Dodge Wants Bankers of the State to Join Movement to Honor Allison.

Des Moines, April 6.—Gen. Grenville M. Dodge of Council Bluffs, chairman of the committee appointed by the last general assembly to raise funds for the erection of a monument to Senator Allison, was in the city yesterday conferring with state officials and local bankers relative to a new plan of campaign to secure the money needed.

Governor Carroll, Treasurer of State Morrow, Curator Harlan, J. D. Whisenand of the Central State bank and Geo. Stevens of the Century Savings bank, who is president of the Iowa State Bankers' association, were in the conference. The plan is to have the bankers take up the work. Following the meeting it was stated that no definite agreement had been reached.

## MRS. SAYLER BREAKS DOWN ON THE STAND

WIFE OF MURDERED CRESCENT CITY BANKER WEEPS AS SHE TELLS OF SHOOTING; DR. MILLER ALSO TESTIFIES.

Watseka, Ill., April 6.—Dr. Miller, defendant in the Sayler murder trial, was on the stand again today. He told of binding up his wounded wrist, sending John Grunden for help, looking at the body of the slain man, stopping to the porch and seeing Mrs. Sayler and telling her what had happened.

Mrs. Sayler followed Miller on the witness stand. As she was reciting the story of the shooting of her husband she broke down and wept. She told of her husband's attacking Miller and of herself running from the house before the shots were fired.

Mrs. Sayler declared that after the shooting she saw an axe near her husband's body. She told of her husband's refusal to join in the game of cards; that he suddenly rushed into the parlor, seized the hatchet from beneath the lounge and threatened to kill Miller. She ran out and heard the shots. Later she returned and Miller told her her husband was dead.

Dr. Miller told of the shooting of J. B. Sayler, dramatically recited his version of the shooting which cost the life of his friend, J. B. Sayler, within the walls of that friend's house in Crescent City last July.

In brief, the witness said that Sayler, who had refused to join the three defendants in a game of cards, rushed into the little parlor, seized a hatchet from beneath a couch, struck at him, overturned the lamp and then in the darkness grappled in a death struggle which ended only when four bullets had pierced Sayler's body.

Couldn't See His Victim.  
As he told his story, Dr. Miller leaned far back in the rocking chair, placed before the jury box, almost overturning it, and, away from side to side, pictured the combat.

"He came at me like a madman, brandishing a hatchet," said Dr. Miller. "He stumbled against the table, overturning the lamp and the first blow struck my upraised arm. He lurched upon me, and I could not escape. I grabbed for his arm with my right hand and he pulled away; again I caught it. It was dark; his hand was on my throat. I drew my revolver and shot quickly. I could not see him."

"The third shot struck my wrist. After the fourth he drew away, and I could dimly see him stagger back, stand upright, and then topple over against the wall."

"The overturned lamp still burned feebly. John Grunden took my gun. We bound up my wrist and I looked at the body."

"Out on the porch I met Mrs. Sayler and told her by was dead. 'My God, what shall I do?' she said, and knelt beside the body of her husband."

MRS. MILWARD ADAMS DEAD.

Former Keokuk Resident Passes Away at Home in Chicago—A Brilliant Woman.

Chicago, April 6.—(Special)—Mrs. Milward Adams, wife of the manager of the Auditorium theater died yesterday at her apartments in the hotel where she has lived for many years. At her bedside when she passed away were her mother, Mrs. James, her husband and F. Willis Rice, an old friend of the family.

Mrs. Adams before her marriage was Miss Florence James and came here from Keokuk, Iowa. She was educated in Boston and came to Chicago in 1880. She was married to Milward Adams on Aug. 25, 1883, and from the time of his appointment as manager of the Auditorium shared with him his successes and was the friend of his friends. She was unusually brilliant. Not only her friends in the world of the stage and of art came to her for advice, but her counsel was often sought by clergymen and business men.

The funeral services, which were simple, were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the parlors of the Auditorium hotel. Rev. Joseph Milburn, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, officiated and the church quartet sang. The interment at Rosehill was private.

DEACONS IN PRIZE FIGHT.

Baptist Minister Resigns Because of Announcement of Sporting Event.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—Rev. Allen Shuler, pastor of the Western Heights Baptist church, has resigned because a week ago two deacons of his church advertised that they would put on a prize fight in the pulpit before services. When the time came they confessed that they made the announcement to draw a crowd.

Wins Australian Championship.  
Sydney, N. S. W., April 6.—Johnny Summers of England, knocked out H. Mohegan today in the nineteenth round for the lightweight championship of Australia.

## ROOSEVELT IS BUSY ON LAST DAY IN ROME

FORMER PRESIDENT AND WIFE WELL ENTERTAINED TODAY—DINNER TENDERED BY MUNICIPALITY TONIGHT.

Rome, April 6.—The final day of Roosevelt's stay in Rome was quite as busy as the two preceding days. After devoting two hours to his mail and telegrams, he called upon Professor Ciccomoni, the archaeologist. At noon he received a visit from Baron Fava, formerly Italian ambassador at Washington. Historian Guglielmo Ferrero entertained the former president and a few other friends at luncheon. At the same time Mrs. Roosevelt was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Lelshman, wife of the American ambassador. Later Roosevelt went to the embassy and met Mrs. Lelshman's guests, as well as a few other friends. At 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Roosevelts attended a tea given in their honor at the Capitoline museum. The tea preceded the dinner tendered Roosevelt by the municipality of Rome. At midnight they leave for Spezia.

Archbishop Ireland Assailed.

St. Paul, April 6.—Following the publication Monday of a statement from Archbishop Ireland regarding the Roosevelt vatican incident and the Methodist propaganda in Rome, the Pioneer Press requested a statement from Bishop Robert McIntyre of the southern Minnesota conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, who is visiting in Saratoga Springs. An interview with McIntyre was received last night. The bishop's reply to Ireland said:

"He calls my people vile, dishonest, callous, I bore the Fairbanks slander from him without reply, but my patience is exhausted. I hereby brand John Ireland, a double-tongued falsifier of God's people, a cowardly accuser of men better than himself, who are offering the Italians the free grace of God without any terms of priestly monopoly."

"I also challenge him to debate the question in American fashion in open forum when I reach St. Paul. I have a great Christian love for the Roman Catholic people, but the papal machine has a blood red record that stains the centuries of history."

Ireland, when shown a copy of the interview last evening in a statement said:

"The message received from Bishop McIntyre is beneath my notice. He need not trouble himself about a debate with me on his arrival in St. Paul. I stand upright and straight before men who deal in facts or arguments. I run away from mud slingers."

"Bishop McIntyre ought to go to Rome. Judging from his present message he is an expert in the line of the Roman Methodist preacher."

TO RAISE THE RATES

Railroad Managers, It Is Said, Have Decided to Increase Tariffs.

Chicago, April 6.—Progress toward an advance in the freight rates on many commodities on the part of the railroads running west of Chicago which has been feared by the shippers for several weeks, was made, it is believed, at a meeting of the presidents and chief executive officers in charge of traffic of the western lines yesterday afternoon.

## DR. BANNISTER TAKES UP WORK

OTTUMWA MAN NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF CONTROL IN HARNESS

The state board of control, with Dr. Murdock Bannister of this city in the chair left vacant by the resignation of John Cornwell, was organized at Des Moines this morning. After the organization the three members got down to the mass of business which lay before them. Dr. Bannister went to Des Moines yesterday and visited the state house in the afternoon. He visited Governor Carroll and later went to the offices of the board of control, where he met the board members and was initiated into the workings of the department. Judge G. S. Robinson of Sioux City becomes chairman of the board by the provision of the state law creating the board. This board provides that the member of the board whose term expires first shall act as chairman. Senator Wade and Dr. Bannister are both new men with six year terms ahead of them, if the state senate confirms their appointment, while Judge Robinson's term expires in two years. Hence he heads the board until he leaves it.

## It Ape on the Door But Stockings and Neighbors Were Relieved

Fairfield, April 6.—(Special)—The reported death of Mrs. Katherine A. Barndollar, 120 East Broadway, is, like that of Mark Twain, considerably exaggerated. The report arose from the fact that, following a protracted illness, long black streamers appeared beside her front door. Mrs. Barndollar lives alone, and when the signs of death appeared at her residence, neighbors, conscience stricken because they had not given the sick woman more attention, hastened to the Barndollar home to perform any possible service. To their amazement Mrs. Barndollar herself met them at the front door quite alive. A closer examination revealed the fact that the supposed craps were a pair of long black stockings attached by the toes to the newspaper clip at the bottom of a mail box, where the gentle zephyrs were drying them quite as well as if Mrs. Barndollar had hung them on a clothes line after washing them.

## HOLDS PRIMARY IS NOT BINDING

WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT HOLDS LEGISLATURE IS A FREE AGENT.

Madison, Wis., April 6.—That the members of the legislature are neither up nor legally bound to abide by the result of the primary election in their choosing of a United States senator, but are to use their own judgment, is the opinion of the Wisconsin Supreme court handed down yesterday afternoon.

The court reaches its decision after reviewing the history of the clause relating to the election of United States senators as embodied in the United States constitution, which clause, it holds, was incorporated after a thorough discussion to safeguard the government against the wild passions of the hour. The court holds that the primary election of United States senators, as a result, is not mandatory, and does not contravene the provisions of the federal or state constitution.

The opinion was written by Justice John Barnes. Justice Marshall in concurring opinion, brings out the point more forcibly.

Opinion of Judge Barnes.  
In commenting on the fifth point, which held that the primary law violated the federal constitution, Justice Barnes says:

"The constitution and the first ten amendments thereto, adopted early in 1791, show a well defined purpose to protect the right of the individual against a tyrannical and arbitrary government. That the government of and by the people, as well as by despotism, might become arbitrary, seems to have been taken for granted."

"To secure a house of congress, not so remote from the people as to be accountable to them and yet distant enough to be able to withstand popular outbreaks of passion and vindictiveness and assault upon the right of the citizen, was the problem which confronted the convention."

WILL NOT BE CONSOLIDATED

Negotiations May Be Resumed in Future—Oskaloosa Men Declined They Have Not Authority Now.

Des Moines, April 6.—That Penn college of Oskaloosa will not purchase Highland Park college was indicated by the members of the board of trustees of the former institution following a conference of several hours in the Y. M. C. A. last night.

President D. M. Edwards and the trustees of the institution controlled by the Friends church came to Des Moines yesterday afternoon to open negotiations for taking over the local school, but at the close of their meeting they had practically decided that they have not the authority to bring Penn college to Des Moines and unite it with Highland Park.

MACLEAN TO ATTEND.

President of State University Will Be Speaker at Big Frat Meeting in Minneapolis.

Iowa City, April 6.—(Special)—President George E. McLean of the state university of Iowa delivered the address at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian church at Cedar Falls Tuesday and from there went to Minneapolis where he will attend the banquet celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity of which he is a charter member.

Assyrian Is Indicted.

Cedar Rapids, April 6.—(Special)—The federal grand jury today returned an indictment against Joseph George, king of the local colony of Assyrians, charging him with the fraudulent use of naturalization papers.

Minister Is Extended Call.

Cedar Rapids, April 6.—(Special)—Rev. Walter White of Mexico, Mo., has been called to the First Christian church. It is not known whether he will accept or not.

Little Mabel Tilton Dies.

Eddyville, April 6.—(Special)—Mabel, aged two years, the little daughter of A. P. Tilton, died this morning of pneumonia. The funeral services Thursday at 2 p. m. Burial at Schafer cemetery.

## DRAGNET OUT FOR BANDITS

FOUR MEN WHO KILLED TWO PENNSYLVANIA BANKERS SOUGHT BY POSSE.

Pittsburg, April 6.—With the local police working desperately to round up the quartet of men who last night entered the Victor Banking Co.'s building at McKees Rocks and shot and killed the general manager and bookkeeper, wounded several citizens and escaped with less than \$500 in cash, a state-wide dragnet has been thrown out today and as a result five suspects are locked up in the Stowe township police station and more arrests are expected hourly.

Samuel Friedman, general manager of the company, was killed; his assistant, Isaac Schwartz, was wounded in the head and died while surgeons probed for the bullet, and Robert King, a passer-by, was seriously shot in the groin.

Friedman and Schwartz were alone in the bank, which does a foreign exchange business on the outskirts of McKees Rocks, counting the day's cash, which was spread upon the counter, when four foreigners invaded the place with guns. Friedman was shot twice while one of the men scooped up the money, but as they escaped Friedman followed them, shouting for help, only to fall by another volley from the robbers.

YEAGER IN POLICE CHIEF OFFICE

Liberal Element Wins Victory at Des Moines in the Appointment.

Des Moines, April 6.—(Special)—The liberal element won a big victory in the reorganization of the city council today when George Yeager, claims agent of the street car company, was made chief of police and C. W. Riddle, secretary of the Consolidation club, which wants the lid taken off, was made police clerk. William Burnett was re-elected fire chief.

J. H. BROWN IS DEAD.

President of Farmer Grain Dealers' Association Passed Away Last Night.

Mason City, April 6.—(Special)—J. H. Brown, president of the Farmer's Grain Dealers' association, died at his home in Rockwell at 7 o'clock last night, after a week's illness. He was one of the most prominent men in this section. He was a prime mover in the farmers' co-operative movement.

WANT LAWS ENFORCED.

Public Morals Committee Promises Cedar Rapids Administration Support in Action.

Cedar Rapids, April 6.—(Special)—Representatives of the different church organizations of the city have formed themselves into a public moral committee and today delivered an address to the city council urging the strict enforcement of the law and pledging the new administration hearty support if this is done.

FARMER DIES SUDDENLY.

Luther Sly Drops Dead From Heart Disease While Plowing in Field.

Manchester, April 6.—(Special)—Luther Sly, a prominent farmer was found dead in the field near his home where he has been plowing. Death was due from heart disease. He was sixty-five years old and left a wife and three children.

AFTER STREET CAR LINE.

Congressman McKinley, Illinois Magistrate, May Buy Marshalltown Electric System.

Marshalltown, April 6.—(Special)—Congressman McKinley, of Illinois, is visiting Marshalltown today with a view of purchasing the local street car system. He tried to buy the Des Moines system last summer.

TO BUILD AN ARMORY.

Vinton Company Will Erect \$10,000 Building to Save Militia From Being Mustered Out.

Vinton, April 6.—(Special)—The Vinton company of the national guard is planning the erection of a \$10,000 armory. It is either to do this or be mustered out.

## "WETS" SCORE OVER "DRYS" IN ILLINOIS

ELECTIONS IN 260 CITIES AND TOWNS HELD YESTERDAY AND REVERSAL OF FORMER RESULTS IS SHOWN.

## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WIN IN MILWAUKEE

EMIL SEIDEL ELECTED MAYOR ON THAT TICKET BY RECORD PLURALITY AND COUNCIL IS ALSO CONTROLLED.

Springfield, Ill., April 6.—Elections in 260 cities and towns in Illinois yesterday on the saloon issue show a decided reversal of the vote of two years ago. Reports today show that thirty-nine "dry" towns went "wet" and that nineteen "wet" towns went "dry." Seventy-two "wet" towns retained the saloons and 110 "dry" towns remained true to their colors.

Rockford was recaptured by the liquor men by a small majority. Decatur, Dixon, Dekalb, Belvidere are among the places where "dry" victories of two years ago were reversed. The "drys" failed to gain an entrance into Danville, Aurora, Joliet and Bloomington.

Galesburg went "dry" by a small majority, while "wet" majorities were reduced at Rock Island and Moline. At Bloomington the "wet" majority of two years ago was doubled. Decatur, which gave the "drys" a 1,020 majority two years ago, joined the saloon column by 500 majority. Matteson is another city claimed by the "wets," election day being marked by riots and charges of fraud.

Chicago Republicans Lose Majority.  
In the election of one alderman from each of thirty-five wards in Chicago, the Democrats elected 21 candidates, Republicans 12 and Independents 2. The new council will be composed of 29 Democrats, 29 Republicans and two Independents, the Democrats thus knocking out the Republican majority. Alderman John Coughlin of the First ward was re-elected by a large majority.

The Result in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 6.—The Social Democratic party, which swept Milwaukee city and county yesterday, gave Emil Seidel, its candidate for mayor, 7,109 plurality, according to the complete returns. Seidel's plurality is the largest in the history of Milwaukee's municipal elections, with the exception of 1898, when David S. Rose, Democrat, had 7,849.

The new council consists of 21 Social Democrats, ten Democrats and four Republicans.

The new board of supervisors has eleven Social Democrats, three Republicans and two Democrats.

The Social Democrats elected two out of the seven city judges.

Five other candidates were elected on non-partisan tickets.

Topeka Is Swept by Wets.

Topeka, Kas., April 6.—In the election for mayor of Topeka J. B. Billard, so-called "wet" candidate, defeated Mayor Green, the law and order candidate, by over 2,000 majority. It was a landslide for Billard, who is a Democrat, and is considered a rebuke to Governor Stubbs, insurgent Republican, who mixed in the campaign.

"Wets" Win in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., April 6.—Returns received Tuesday from 120 cities and towns in Nebraska which held municipal elections indicate that 71 went "wet" and 51 "dry." The changes were slightly favorable to the wets numerically, but Havelock, one of the most important towns, on which Lincoln has drawn for its supply of liquors since the latter city voted out the saloon, was one of those changing to the dry column. Beatrice, Ashland and Auburn, all important cities, changed to the license side.

Kansas City Republican.

Kansas City, Mo., April 6.—One hundred and sixty-five precincts out of a total of 195 gave the vote for mayor as follows:

Darius A. Brown (Rep) 18,663.  
Andrew F. Evans (Dem) 16,845.

The Republicans have made a strong fight against certain Democratic aldermen because the latter worked at the last special election for what the Republicans term the "infamous" forty-two year franchise grant sought by the Metropolitan Street Railway company.

Shoots Himself With Revolver.

Massena, April 6.—(Special)—Jake De Vore, aged 50, attempted suicide by sticking the barrel of a 22-calibre revolver to his temple and pulling the trigger. He is still alive, but the doctors are unable to locate the bullet. Ill health caused him to commit the act.