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INTERURBAN PROGRESS IS DISCOURAGING

COMMITTEES BECOMING JADED AND BUT FEW START OUT TODAY ON THANKLESS TASK OF SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12. Editorial Rooms Courier, Ottumwa, Ia.—Have seen H. M. Bylesby & Co. and they subscribe for \$5,000 par value of the stock of the Iowa City and Ottumwa Interurban railway.

Samuel Mahon. A. G. Harrow.

The above telegram was received at 3:45 this afternoon just as the Courier was going to press.

Somewhat jaded but not without hope for the ultimate success of the proposition a number of the committee of 112 interurban boosters again started over the city today to pursue the work of soliciting subscriptions. The committees are not so jubilant as a week ago, and this is not without reason. Few perhaps have taken the time to consider that about 100 men gave practically all of their time to this cause all of last week and a few of them began the work a week ago Wednesday. None have entirely given up the work, but only a few feel that they can give the project the time it requires when the response to their efforts is so half hearted as it appears to be in some quarters. While many of those called upon are slow to take interest in the proposition, there is a pessimist's delight in using his hammer to knock the work that the boosters give their time and energy to build up.

The race is but three-fourths run and the last stretch will demand every particle of energy and confidence that can be mustered to carry the scheme to a happy completion. A laggard in the ranks may mean the destruction of the cause. All Ottumwa is urged by the committee to put its shoulder to the wheel for one supreme effort as by concerted action only can the project be carried through. There are still a few from whom good sized subscriptions are expected, but the great bulk of what remains to be raised must be small amounts as the larger sums have been practically all gathered.

Few seem to realize that the building of the interurban will give Ottumwa a line running north and south which is uncommon in Iowa railroads. The common or usual directions taken by the roads through Iowa, are with few exceptions of an east and west course. The new line will not only take a different direction from most of the local roads, but will also penetrate a territory at present untapped by the Ottumwa railroads.

SISTER MARY FLORIN DEAD

Teacher in Corpus Christi Academy at Fort Dodge Succumbs in Colorado.

Fort Dodge, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Sister Mary Florin, known before entering the sisterhood as Catherine Sullivan of Des Moines, for eight years a teacher at the Corpus Christi academy of this city, died at Colorado Springs Saturday of typhoid fever, according to word received here. The remains will be brought here for burial.

IOWAN IS APPOINTED.

Dr. M. E. Bennett of Braddysville Assigned to Post at New Mexican Indian Agency.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Dr. M. E. Bennett of Braddysville, Iowa, today was appointed under the Indian bureau and assigned to the Indian agency at Pueblo Bonita, New Mexico.

Ely Gamblers Robbed.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 12.—As a result of a pitched battle between employes of a gambling resort at Ely, Nev., and five robbers who held up the place this morning, one man was fatally shot and two others seriously wounded. The robbers escaped with a thousand dollars.

Ex-Governor's Daughter Dies.

San Rafael, Cal., Sept. 12.—Miss Florence Pardee, eldest daughter of former Governor George C. Pardee of California, was killed yesterday in an automobile accident at Corte Madera. The machine went over an embankment and Miss Pardee was thrown out.

Boottlegging at Mason City.

Mason City, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Five men were arrested last night by the police and charged with bootlegging. At all places beer and whiskey were found. It is said that none had government licenses.

Clinton Man Dies Suddenly.

Clinton, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Chas. Schutt, aged 45, a driver for the Wilke Coal & Ice Co. of this city was found dead in his room yesterday morning by fellow workmen. Mr. Schutt was on the street late Saturday night, apparently in the best of health. Inquest was held and it was found that he died of a fatty degeneration of the heart.

Moline Man Called to Gate And Shot Down by a Gang

Davenport, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Frank Dunbar, aged 19, was called to the front gate of his home in Moline last night by a gang of ten men from Rock Island, some of whom Dunbar had quarrelled with Saturday night. After a few hot words about twelve shots were fired and Dunbar was shot through the heart. It was discovered later that he was unarmed. One of the men was arrested and the police claim to have the names of the other members of the gang. Andrew Duburg, the man arrested, was wounded through the arm. He claims the Dunbar family fired on the gang with rifles.

WATER WORKS PURCHASE MAY BE VOTED UPON

COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL AND PLANT'S COUNSEL WILL HOLD SESSION TUESDAY NIGHT AND DISCUSS SALE.

The committee of the city council which has the matter of purchasing the plant of the Public Water Co., an enterprise which has been accepted by the legal counsel of the plant to be voted upon in the council chamber. The object of the meeting is to further discuss the proposed purchase of the plant. It is practically agreed between the council and the owners of the plant that the proposition to purchase the plant shall be placed up to the voters. The sum of \$280,000 flat is the figure that the water company has been offered, and it is understood that this figure has been accepted by a sufficient number of the stock holders of the plant to assure the consummation of the deal. The voters of the city will have an opportunity of ratifying or rejecting the purchase of the plant at the fall election, as an effort will be made by all concerned to arrange all the various details of the deal by election day the second Tuesday in November.

MURDER IN KEOKUK

Charles Cutright Shot and Killed by Henry Rose—Quarrel in Gambling Den.

Keokuk, Sept. 12.—Charles Cutright (colored) was shot and killed late Saturday by Henry Rose, also colored. The two men had been gambling in a notorious resort on Main street frequented by negroes. The fight started in the dive, both men drawing knives. During the scrap Rose got hold of a revolver from some source, at present unknown.

Cutright lost his nerve when he saw the gun, and ran down the steps into the street. Rose followed and fired three shots at him, one of the bullets passing through Cutright's heart, killing him instantly. Rose was arrested almost immediately after the tragedy and claims self defense.

The murdered man was about 38 years old and was unmarried. His assailant is also unmarried.

IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

Jack Shearer, Mason City Horse Trader Arrested for Slaying Henry Lucas.

Mason City, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Jack Shearer was today arrested by Pinkerton detectives charged with the murder of Henry Lucas, who was killed on the night of June 16. Shearer is a horse trader and is 44 years of age. He was divorced from his wife eleven or twelve years ago. The detectives have been working on the case about four weeks. It is said that there were eye witnesses to the murder.

MAINE ELECTION TODAY

Hot Contest at Polls Being Fought With Both Sides Claiming Victory.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—Maine today is voting for state officers and congressmen. Governor Bert M. Fernald, republican incumbent, is opposed by Frede W. Plaisted, democratic mayor of Augusta.

The doubtful congressional district is the second, where Congressman Swaysee is a candidate for re-election and is opposed by Daniel J. McGillicuddy of Lewiston. It is alleged that Congressman Swaysee's attitude in favoring Speaker Cannon will hurt him in various parts of the district.

INDIVIDUAL PACKERS TO BE INDICTED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT CHICAGO EXPECTED TO RETURN TRUE BILLS TODAY; AFTER INVESTIGATION OF MONTHS.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The indictment of individual packers is expected late this afternoon when the federal grand jury it is believed will report. The indictments are said to have been drawn with elaborate care charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The government is said to take the position that the name of a corporation may be considered merely as the alias of its officers.

They have been prepared to conform to Judge Landis' instructions to the jurors when the inquiry was begun. His instructions were interpreted to indicate that crime was individual rather than corporate and that if the evidence warranted it, individuals instead of corporations should be punished.

Instructions by Judge Landis. Part of his instructions of the inquiry follow: "Direct your attention to an act of congress, commonly known as the anti-trust law, respecting the alleged violations of which, in connection with the dressed beef industry, evidence will be laid before you by United States attorneys.

"By that act every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade, or commerce among the several states or with foreign nations, is declared to be illegal, and it is provided that every person who shall make any such contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy, or shall monopolize or combine or conspire with any other person or persons to monopolize any part of such trade or commerce shall be deemed guilty. "It sometimes happens that a person about to violate a law takes a course other than his own. To illustrate: John Jones, undertaking to counterfeit gold dollars, changes his name to John Smith, or the Metals Fabricating company, a corporation, and under that name does the thing forbidden by law. If your investigation discloses such a case, do not indict a mere alias, but follow the trail wherever it may lead until you have located, identified, and pointed out the real offenders."

PASSING OF DAVIS PIONEER.

Mrs. Virginia Irvin Dies at Home in Marshalltown; Formerly of Bloomfield.

Marshalltown, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Mrs. Virginia Irvin, aged 88 years, a pioneer of Davis county, died at her home here yesterday of old age. Mrs. Irvin was one of the early workers in the Christian church in Iowa and had been a member of the denomination for sixty-nine years. Her husband, the Rev. Isaiah W. Irvin, was a minister of the church for eighteen years prior to his death in 1871.

The Rev. and Mrs. Irvin came to Davis county from Ohio in 1855, and lived on a farm near Drakeville until Mr. Irvin's death. Mrs. Irvin then moved to Moulton, in Appanoose county, and then to Bloomfield, and came to this city in 1892. Mrs. Irvin is survived by six sons, thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

MISS MATE MILLER DEAD.

Keosauqua Woman, at One Time Leading Musician, Passes Away—Funeral Today.

Keosauqua, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Miss Mate Miller daughter of John A. Miller, died at her home in this city Sunday morning at 5 o'clock after a lingering illness of several years, aged about 52 years. Miss Miller at one time was a leading musician here and a great favorite in society, but she has been afflicted with ill health for years so that she was practically confined to her home.

She leaves beside her father one sister, Mrs. Maud Manning, and one brother, Craig K. Miller. The funeral is being held from her late residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Charles E. Perkins of the Congregational church officiating. Interment in the Pardon cemetery.

PETER BURGASON DEAD.

Complication of Diseases Prove Fatal to Blakesburg Man.

Blakesburg, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Peter Burgason died at his home, one-half mile north of town, Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 o'clock, a. m. of a complication of diseases. He leaves five children, namely, Ada, Gussie and Frank living at home and Mrs. Will Tinsley of Blakesburg, Mrs. Mollie Larson and Mrs. Laura Wilcox, living near town, his wife having preceded him in death a year ago.

Michigan Banker Suicides.

Alma, Mich., Sept. 12.—Ely Brewster, cashier of the First State bank, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in his office today. Ill health was the cause.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CABINET DUE NEXT WEEK

IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO OPENING FALL GATHERING OF PRESIDENT'S ADVISERS; MESSAGE TO BE DISCUSSED.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

Washington, Sept. 12.—Beginning September 21, day of the calendar end of summer, will begin a series of cabinet meetings at which all the stages of the presidential family are expected to be present and discuss executive matters as in committee of the whole on the state of the union, as it were.

The meeting will last several days, and at it each member will make report of his achievements during the summer. President Taft, it is understood, will discuss with the cabinet the main features of his forthcoming annual message to congress.

The white house convention should be an unusually interesting cabinet event, drawing to its deliberations members from all parts of the country and from beyond its confines. Secretary of State Knox, who has been spending the warm period at his summer home at Valley Forge, Pa., will report on the international relations of the United States, particularly with reference to Nicaragua.

Secretary of War Dickinson, who is now on his way home from the Orient, is expected to be on hand with an up-to-date report on the Philippines status as well as on the Pacific Islands possessions of the United States. Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor will report their conclusions with respect to Alaska, where they have been together for some weeks investigating particularly the efficacy of the land laws for the big territory. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Postmaster General Hitchcock will report on the prospects for the successful operation of the postal savings bank system. Secretary Ballinger will be in the consultation with reference to conservation events and possibly in view of recent developments in his controversy with former Forester Gifford Inghot, something important may occur affecting his future connection with the Taft administration.

As the white house meeting will be but little over a month prior to the congressional elections, it is to be expected that the president and the cabinet will take into earnest consideration conditions of the campaign and do what may seem best to promote the election of a republican majority in the house.

Washington Comment on Burrows. The defeat of Senator Julius C. Burrows by Representative Elias C. Townsend for the term in the senate beginning March 4th next is one of the most notable events of this year's political mutations. Of the seventy-three years of his life Mr. Burrows

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COMMENCE WATERWORKS

Contractor Starts Drilling For Deep Well—To Install Sewer System.

Corydon, Sept. 12.—The contractor for the deep well for the waterworks system for Corydon started drilling the deep well for the water supply purposes Saturday. The site for the well is located close to the public square and it is expected that a depth of from 850 to 1,300 feet will have to be reached before an ample supply of water is reached.

A day and night shift will be used on the drill until the work is finished. The bond issue for water and sewer purposes, \$30,000 for the former and \$15,000 for the latter is being advertised at 4 1/2 per cent and bids for the bonds will be opened at the October meeting of the town council. The town hopes to be able to have the well completed and the sewer system installed this fall, but work on laying water mains may be delayed until spring.

RUSSELL AT POULTRY SHOW.

South Ottumwa Judge Will Distribute Premiums at Centerville Nov. 30 to Dec. 3.

Centerville, Sept. 12.—Plans are under way for the annual Poultry show which will be held this year from November 30 to December 3, and is hoped to have a larger and better show than in previous years. The dates are a little earlier this year but it was thought best by the committee are out soliciting the premiums for the different prizes which will be ordered and the merchants are very liberal in offering them.

As yet no building in which to hold the show has been secured. A large building on the ground floor is what is wanted and it is a difficult proposition to find one. This year there will only be one judge, instead of two as heretofore, and Judge W. S. Russell of Ottumwa, has been selected and comes highly recommended as an expert judge.

Stronous Congressional Fight is Now on in Illinois Districts



LOUIS J. BEHAN

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Illinois has no senatorial elections or gubernatorial fight on its hands this year. For this reason the greatest interest centers in the congressional situation which will be decided on September 15 at the primaries.

Congressman James R. Mann is be-



HENRY SHERMAN BOUTELL

ing opposed by a young athletic westerner, Mr. Behan, who has adopted novel means of advancing his cause by appearing nightly on the street corners where he addresses the crowd which gathers to hear him. His campaign methods take one back to the early days when this system was popular. Six nights a week he makes from five to eight speeches, after having attracted a crowd to his stand by a singer who mounts a box and offers a program of popular songs.

Mr. Behan is an insurgent and is opposing Representative Mann on this platform.

Henry Sherman Boutell, who is representing the ninth Illinois district in congress, is opposed by two candidates who are also basing their hopes for election upon insurgent principles. One of these, Arthur West, challenges Mayor Busse to a joint debate, claiming Busse and not Boutell to be the real candidate.

ESTRADA PLANS NEW GOVERNMENT

PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA ASKS AID OF UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—A definite program for the establishment of a stable government in Nicaragua and for the financial rejuvenation of the country was set before the American government today for its approval in a cable dispatch from Provisional President Estrada. Estrada wishes to re-establish friendly relations with the United States and suggests that the American government appoint a high commissioner to visit Nicaragua, with full powers to negotiate, if necessary, a treaty covering all claims the United States now has against Nicaragua.

In the matter of re-establishing the government of Nicaragua upon a firm basis the provisional president stated that a constitutional convention would be called soon to recognize him as provisional president and fix a date upon which a national election will be held. It is expected that within a few days Acting President Estrada will issue decrees providing for the election of a constitutional assembly as the initial step for a stable government.

TOLD FUNNY STORY; ROBBED.

Cedar Rapids Grocer Meets Up With Pleasant Stranger, Who Robs Him.

Cedar Rapids, Sept. 12.—(Special)—J. W. Custeoka, a grocer, was the victim of a robbery yesterday. Two strangers enlisted themselves in his good graces and after filling him with liquor all day robbed him last night. One stranger induced him to tell them a funny story while the other went through his clothes and secured \$500 in cash and checks.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Special Car Collides With Hand Car on Iowa Interurban Line; One Dead.

Clinton, Sept. 12.—(Special)—A heavy fog obscuring the tracks on the I. & I. interurban line, early this morning was responsible for a fatal accident when a special car northbound collided with a handcar on which were several section men. An Austrian, whose name is unknown, was instantly killed, his body being badly mangled. The coroner was notified and an inquest is being held.

BIND WATCHMAN; ROB BANK.

Four Robbers Crack South Dakota Safe, But Secure No Booty.

Watertown, S. D., Sept. 12.—After binding and gagging the night watchman of the town of Henry, four robbers demolished one side of the vault of the state bank of that town today. They got no money and left hurriedly stealing a team and buggy. Posse is in pursuit.

NO CHANGES ARE MADE IN LOCAL PASTORS

METHODIST CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON MAKES ASSIGNMENT; C. L. TENNANT IS MADE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

Pella, Sept. 12.—(Special)—The Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church adjourned this afternoon. In the assignment of pastors for next year, which was the last business to come before the conference, no changes were made in the Ottumwa churches. J. M. McClelland was assigned to Okaloosa First church, Eugene Allen to Burlington First, L. M. Grigby to Muscatine and Thomas Osborne to Fairfield. C. L. Tennant was made district superintendent of the Burlington district. The appointments were made at such a late hour that it was impossible to telegraph them all in time for this afternoon's Courier.

A conference board of home missions and church extension, nominated by the cabinet, was elected as follows: C. L. Tennant, Fairfield; H. B. Scoles, West Liberty; T. W. Jeffrey, Ottumwa; H. F. Gilbert, Montezuma; the four district superintendents and the following laymen:

C. E. Ward, Fairfield; H. M. Havner, Marano; C. P. Astell, Newton; J. C. Calhoun, Keosauqua; H. W. Van Dyke, Winfield; E. H. Gamble, Knoxville; S. W. Neal, Washington and Chris Haw, Ottumwa.

E. A. Brinton was reported transferred to the East South American conference, where he is serving as a missionary.

E. R. Graham, of Jennings & Graham, publishing agents of the Western Methodist Book concern, Chicago; Homer C. Stuntz, D. D., secretary of the board of foreign missions, N. Y., and H. J. Coker, D. D., field secretary of the board of home missions, Kansas City, all addressed the conference.

C. H. Montgomery, D. C. Bevan, C. R. Norton, W. N. Groome and E. L. Schreiner were granted superannuate relation. J. A. Taylor and G. B. Barber were made effective. The list of superannuate preachers was called, twenty-seven in all. Those present, several in number, made short addresses and letters were read from others. G. W. Byrkit has a record of fifty-three years in the conference and never missing roll call. After an appropriate song, Bishop Wilson made a short but very tenderly appreciative address regarding the work of these men, and Dr. Schell offered prayer. The report of Chris Haw, treasurer of the permanent fund, was read by J. C. Kendrick. The fund now amounts to \$20,142.84, which is an increase of \$5,157.33 for the year. Bishop Wilson and the district superintendents retiring for their work, T. B. Hughes took the chair, and after hearing a number of reports, the conference adjourned to meet jointly with the Laymen's association at the Second Reform church.

Here J. M. Beck, president of the Laymen's association, and A. N. Jarvis, its secretary, were elected president and secretary of the joint session at which Dr. Fayette L. Thompson, D. D., of New York, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Brotherhood, was the principal speaker.

The Laymen's association held a short session and perfected their organization by the appointment of committees. In the absence of the secretary, L. H. Morgan of Burlington, A. N. Jarvis was elected president. Papers were read as follows: "Paying the Preacher"—E. L. Stickney, Moulton.

"The Layman's Responsibility Toward Great Church Enterprises"—A. N. Jarvis, Burlington.

"The Country Church—What Can the Laymen do for It?"—H. M. Havner, Marano.

"How I Came to Systematize My Giving, and the Results"—E. H. Gamble, Knoxville.

This last paper was deemed of such merit that it was ordered printed.

Laymen Elect Officers.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President—J. M. Beck, Centerville. Secretary—A. N. Jarvis, Burlington. Treasurer—C. E. Ward, Fairfield. Vice presidents—J. H. Schmidt, Muscatine; T. G. Harper, Burlington; E. H. Buchanan, Grinnell; E. L. Stickney, Moulton.

There was a large attendance of laymen, fifty-two of whom enrolled as accredited delegates from various churches of the conference.

The speaker at the anniversary of the Methodist Brotherhood Saturday at 7:30 p. m., was Dr. Thompson, previously mentioned, and W. H. Perdue, president. Dr. Thompson is a man among men and has a message that men enjoy and appreciate. Dr. Thompson was in Burlington Thursday night and spoke to the great delight and profit of the men of the Methodist churches there. He went to Okaloosa for the Sabbath services.

Report on Temperance.

The conference also went on record strongly endorsing the work of the Anti-Saloon league of Iowa, and favoring the same.

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BOSTON IS STILL THE FIFTH CITY

CENSUS GIVES IT 670,885 POPULATION, INCREASE OF 109,693.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—The population of Boston, Mass., is 670,885, an increase of 19.6 per cent as compared with 560,821 in 1900, according to a census bulletin.

Boston still remains the fifth city in point of population in the United States. A decade ago St. Louis outranked Boston by only 14,346, and the present census leaves St. Louis ahead by 16,444.

Grows Shade Faster Than St. Louis. There was but slight change in the progress of the two cities. St. Louis' increase from 1900 to 1910 being 19.4, and Boston beating that by two-tenths of 1 per cent.

Boston's population twenty years ago was 448,477. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 122,418 or 25.1 per cent.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has 27,935. Other bulletins issued give the population of three New York cities as follows:

Poughkeepsie, 27,936, an increase of 3,907, or 16.3 per cent, as compared with 24,029 in 1900.

Kington, 25,908; an increase of 1,373, or 5.6 per cent as compared with 24,535 in 1900.

New Rochelle, 28,867; an increase of 14,147, or 36.1 per cent as compared with 14,720 in 1900.

WRECK NEAR INDIANAPOLIS

Two Killed and Several Injured When Passenger Crashes Into Special.

Indianapolis, Sept. 12.—Two persons were killed, two severely injured and a dozen slightly hurt near Brightwood, a suburb of Indianapolis, in the wreck of a Big Four train from Louisville carrying the Kentucky national guardsmen to Ft. Harrison. The dead are: IKE G. C. Anderson, Indiana, fireman. DENSMORE, SAM'L, Indianapolis, engineer.

None of the soldiers were injured. The collision was caused by an open switch, the passenger train crashing into the special standing on a side track.

PRESIDENT AT FUNERAL

Taft Attends Services in Boston For the Late Solicitor General Bowers.

Boston, Sept. 12.—With President Taft and other distinguished men offering respect by their presence the funeral service for the late Solicitor General Bowers was held here today. The burial will take place tomorrow at Westfield, Conn. President Taft arrived in this city at 10:45 a. m. He will return to Beverly immediately after the services.