

# WOMAN TELLS STRANGE STORY

MRS. EUNICE CURRIE TELLS POLICE SHE WAS ATTACKED AND ROBBED BY UNKNOWN MAN.

## POLICE INVESTIGATING

Victim Says Stranger Came Into Her Apartments in Leighton Building Sunday Afternoon;—Room Annsacked.

Mrs. Eunice Currie has filed complaint with the police that she was attacked last evening in her apartments in the Leighton building and robbed of \$80. The police have been given a description of the unknown assailant and are now searching the city for him. Mrs. Currie was stabbed on the left arm by her assailant and a wound five inches long was inflicted. She was hit on the head by the stranger with the butt end of a revolver and knocked unconscious, according to the information given the police, and while she was in this condition the robber ransacked the room and secured the \$80 in money.

### Found by Daughter.

Miss Betty Currie, a daughter, was the first one to discover her mother lying in the corner, unconscious and bleeding from her wounds. As soon as Mrs. Currie regained consciousness she gave the details of the attack, and the case was immediately turned over to the police in an effort to capture the unknown assailant. Miss Currie this morning stated that she was down to her mother's place of business on East Second street and as her mother had been feeling ill during the afternoon, she called up the apartments to ask her what she desired for supper, and as the mother had requested that it be sent up. She called up her mother by telephone, but was unable to get any response. Fearing that something had happened, she hurried to the apartments, but was unable to gain entrance. Miss Currie became frightened, and accompanied by a gentleman friend, went to the apartments and started a search. Gaining entrance she found that the rooms had been ransacked and there were evidences that a scuffle had taken place.

Her mother's room was also ransacked, the mattress had been removed from the bed, the trunk on the floor and the contents upset on the floor. The living room was then entered and it like the remaining rooms in the house, was torn up. They found Mrs. Currie lying in one corner, unconscious, and with a deep flesh wound on her arm, which was bleeding profusely.

### Mrs. Currie Tells Story.

When Mrs. Currie regained consciousness, she gave the details of the attack. She declared that she had just taken down the receiver of the telephone to send an order to the apartment for her supper, and heard a knock on the door, but upon opening it found no one around. She then went back to the telephone, when someone came into the room and threw their arms around her neck and tried to pull her away from the telephone. She thought at first it was her daughter, but when she turned around she was horrified to see a stranger, who demanded her money. Mrs. Currie said she tried to break away from her assailant and a lively tussle followed. She tried to escape from the room, but her plans were blocked by the man, who hit her over the head with a revolver or some other weapon, knocking her unconscious. She remembered nothing after that until her daughter and her friend came into the room. She described her assailant as a tall fellow with a black mustache and wearing a soft hat. He also wore a dark suit of clothes.

### HILLSBORO.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bright Monday, Sept. 12. G. W. Bolev and John Page and families were Bonaparte visitors on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newbold were shopping in Ottumwa Monday. George Connor sold his farm a few days ago at \$90 per acre. G. W. Alto attended the reunion at Washington last week. A band of this place was also in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Graves of this place left for where Mr. Graves has another year in the dental school.

Mrs. F. P. McGowan and daughter Lucy were in Burlington a couple of days last week.

Dr. Smith of Mt. Pleasant was called here by the illness of Mrs. John Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones left recently for their home in Farmington after a week's visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoaglin ofregon left for home Thursday after a visit with his brother, C. F. Hoaglin and family.

J. W. Blackford was a business visitor at Floris the past week.

Henry McCoy has been very ill the last few days with heart failure and is family have been sent for.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Eyre and children returned the first of the week to their home in Oskaloosa.

H. P. Campbell took his goods to Farmington to ship to Bloomfield.

Mrs. Mae Boley, Mrs. Herman Davidson and Mrs. Amanda Davidson are in Washington.

### DEATHS.

LENO—Sunday, September 18, 1910, at 7:40 p. m. at the family residence 101 Finley avenue, Alfred R. Reno, aged 64 years.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter.

The funeral will be held from the residence, tomorrow at 2 o'clock, and from the Sunnyside chapel at 3 o'clock.

Rev. E. J. Shook of the Willard Street Methodist Episcopal church will conduct the services. The remains will be interred in the Ottumwa cemetery.

# CHICAGO NOW FOURTH CITY

CENSUS SHOWS IT TO HAVE A POPULATION OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—The population of Chicago is 2,185,283, an increase of 486,708 or 23.2 per cent as compared with 1,698,575 in 1900.

This announcement leaves Chicago ranking in population as the second city of the United States and the fourth in the world.

Chicago has almost doubled its population since 1890, when the figures were 1,699,850. Its greatest growth, during that period was between 1890 and 1900 when there was an increase of 54.4. Its increase in population during the past decade was not so great proportionately as that of New York, the rate of increase being ten per cent less than that made by the eastern city. New York is yet ahead of its closest rival by 2,581,550.

Chicago, however, can claim distinction in having jumped from sixth to fourth place among the big cities on the globe. It is following close upon the heels of Paris, whose population by its last census in 1901 was 2,714,068. Chicago takes precedence over Tokio and Berlin by close margins. According to the census taken in each of the two cities in 1908, Tokio has 2,055,180 and Berlin, 2,040,148.

# OLD RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH

MRS. M. V. WRIGHT ANSWERED SUMMONS AT HER HOME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Death terminated an illness of two years when at 3:45 p. m. yesterday, Mrs. M. V. Wright passed away at her home, 704 Ellis avenue at the advanced age of 72 years. Her burial will take place on the fifty-fourth anniversary of her wedding, Tuesday, September 20. Her husband, three sons and two daughters survive her as follows:

W. W. Wright and Edwin Wright of Ottumwa and Tom Wright of Ft. Worth, Tex., Mrs. Celia Odobough of Osawatomie, Kan., and Mrs. Alice Fields, of Hoxsey, Kan.

Mrs. Wright has been an invalid for the past two years, but has only been seriously ill for the past week. She was a pioneer of Wapello county.

The funeral services will be held at the Wright home, 704 Ellis avenue tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. Isaac Elder.

# SUICIDE MAY BE OTTUMWAN

WOMAN WHO SHOT HERSELF IN A PARK AT DUBUQUE, THOUGHT TO BE BLANCHE HARNED.

From the information communicated between Ottumwa and Dubuque police departments, it is thought that the woman suicide at Dubuque last Friday, was Mrs. Blanche Harned, wife of Ed. Harned and formerly a resident of Ottumwa. It will be remembered that the tragedy took place in one of the public parks in the heart of Dubuque Friday afternoon and the identity of the woman was a mystery. To cover any clew to her identity, she previous to shooting herself had entered the Y. W. C. A. and penned a letter which she left unsigned, stating as an explanation of her rash act that she had failed to attain the career she started out to reach.

It is pretty well established through the work of the two police departments that the woman is Blanche Harned whose husband, Ed. Harned is now in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison and his wife has been away from Ottumwa for some time.

### MT. ZION.

Mrs. Belle Calhoun of Birmingham is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Some of the people from here attended the Presbytery in Birmingham Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Mr. Moore of Eldon visited here recently.

Joe Allen of Sacramento, Calif., is visiting relatives and old friends here and in Keosauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hootman spent a few days last week with Tom Williams and family near Winchester.

Webb Barker and family took dinner Sunday with John Nelson and family.

Lillie Work visited one day last week with Mrs. Russell Barker.

### FUNERALS

The last sad rites over the remains of Mrs. M. V. Wright, who died Sunday at her home, 704 Ellis avenue, were held this afternoon from the residence at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. Isaac Elder, pastor of the Davis Street Christian church conducted the services. The remains were interred in Ottumwa cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of Alfred R. Reno, who passed away Sunday evening at his home, 101 Finley avenue, were held this afternoon from the residence. The services were conducted by Rev. S. Isaac Elder of the Willard Street Methodist Episcopal church. The remains were interred in the Ottumwa cemetery.

### MRS. I. J. BROWER.

TO ACT AS HOSTESS.

The Plymouth Congregational church will be held at the home of Mrs. I. J. Brower.

# SOCIETY

SOUTH OTTUMWA CHURCH TO HAVE HAYRACK PARTY.

The members and friends of the South Ottumwa Baptist church will give a watermelon social Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newt, two and one half miles west of the city. Hayracks will be at the church to convey all to the Newt home at 8 o'clock, everybody invited.

THE BROOKS FAMILY HOLD A REUNION.

The Brooks family consisting of these brothers and two sisters hold a reunion each year with one of the family. This year it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brooks on last Sunday at their home near Selma. A sumptuous dinner was served at the noon hour and a three course lunch was spread in the evening on the lawn. The reunion will be held next year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Crisp in Florida on the 3rd Sunday in September. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunham and daughter Inez of Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brooks and C. E. Brooks of Ottumwa, Mrs. Umphrey and daughters Elma and Lela of Selma and Mr. and Mrs. Ott Crisp and children, Marie, Marvel, Florence and Allen of Florida.

ODD FELLOWS AFTER 3,000,000.

Grand Secretary of the Order Says It Will Have This Number By 1919.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21.—The prediction that by 1919 the Independent Order of Odd Fellows would number 3,000,000 members, if it continued its present rate of increase, was made by John B. Goodwin, grand secretary of the sovereign grand lodge at the opening of the annual convention. The hundredth anniversary of the order falls in 1919.

The grand secretary reported charters issued during the year to lodges in Panama, Cuba, and Newfoundland, and to an encampment in Alberta.

A constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of a tuberculosis sanitarium was presented to the grand lodge. It was referred to a committee, from which an early report is expected.

ALL BALOONS HEARD FROM.

Three of Those Remaining in Race Starting Saturday Night Are Located Today.

Indianapolis, Sept. 21.—All of the contestants in the balloon race that started from Indianapolis Saturday night have been accounted for. The balloon New York landed at Portsmouth, Ohio, at 5 p. m. Sunday and the Buckeye came at Showalter, Va. at 7:30 a. m. The balloon Miss Sophia, the last of the racers to report, landed in Calhoun county, West Virginia, Sunday, evening, nine miles from a railroad.

OTTUMWA GIRL ACCUSED

Des Moines, Sept. 20.—(Special)—Under charges of enticing and a statutory charge filed against them by L. E. Young, East Sixth street, C. E. Campbell of Fairfield, and Grace Steele of Ottumwa, today pleaded guilty in police court and were held under bonds for trial September 26. The couple are charged with having attempted to entice 14-year-old Lela Young from her home. They were arrested at the Northwestern hotel Monday afternoon by Detective Andy Brackett, who following tips given him by letters written by the Steele woman to Lela Young and intercepted by the girl's mother, found the two registered as man and wife at the hotel.

The police have no knowledge of any Grace Steele ever living in Ottumwa. Neither is she shown in the directory or on the records of the Ottumwa postoffice.

OLD FRIENDS OF DR. AND MRS. STILSON INVITED.

It is the desire of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Stilson and the ladies of Trinity church that old friends who do not belong to the church, as well as the church members, attend the reception this evening in the crypt of the honored guests, Dr. and Mrs. Stilson, the pleasure of meeting all their old friends.

OTTUMWA GIRL WEDS IN DES MOINES.

Ottumwa friends will be agreeably surprised to learn of the marriage of Miss Margaret McGrew Bowles to Lawrence LeRoy Wolf at Yonkers, New York, last Saturday, September 17. The marriage ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Odewald, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Bowles of Keokuk, formerly of this city. The bride and groom stole a march on their many friends in Keokuk and were happily married in the eastern city. The bride is a lovely young woman, possessed of many sweet traits of character which have made her a favorite among a host of friends. The groom is an industrious young man and is employed as trimmer at the A. C. Wustrow carriage factory. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf will return to Keokuk the first of October to make their home.

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# COURT ASSIGNS CRIMINAL CASES

TIME OF HEARING GRAND JURY FINDINGS IS FIXED BY JUDGE ANDERSON.

The assignment of the criminal cases was made today by Judge D. M. Anderson in district court and the docket fixes the time of hearing to commence Monday, September 26. There are fourteen persons to be tried although all of them were not indicted by the last grand jury which recently returned several true bills. A number of the persons indicted by the grand jury in the January term appear among those to be tried and two are cases that have come up on appeal from the justice court.

The docket shows the following cases assigned:

Monday—John Russell on the charge of sodomy. Two counts. Clara McConahay, Sophia Harris, Ida Hohl and Mrs. Babb on the charge of prostitution.

Mart Albertson and W. Buchanan on appeals taken from the justice court.

Harry Davis on four counts charging forgery and uttering forged checks.

Bennie Junkin and Otto Barker for jumping from train in motion.

Tuesday—Will Cowan, charged with wife desertion, Thomas Mackay on charge of larceny from the person.

Charles Bowan on charge of larceny in the night time.

Friday—N. Friedman, charged with operating a gift enterprise contrary to law.

Jim Cason's hearing has been laid over until the next term to prepare for defense by defendant. Cason is charged with larceny.

BIDWELL.

Mayo and Herald Morgan of Blakesburg were guests at the Frank Yenger home Friday afternoon.

Jesse Jones and family of Charles City are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson and Mrs. William Dixon of near Munterville visited Tuesday at the Mrs. Margaret Dixon home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Grooms of Chillicothe visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Harvey Grooms with a force of men has begun work on the new residence for Chas. Lewis.

The old residence formerly occupied by Mr. Lewis is being moved to the James Grooms farm and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurts of Kirkville.

Mrs. Katherine Johnston and son Frank visited at the Samuel Bowen home in Chillicothe recently.

Miss Nellie Johnston of Mystic is visiting relatives here.

Miss Mollie Hall of Columbus, O., is visiting relatives here.

Millard Upm and children of near Blakesburg were entertained at the James Johnston home Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Harlan of Pleasant Hill visited Sunday at the Henry Oswald home.

HOPEWELL.

Chas. Black and family were Sunday visitors at the Frank Sample home.

Jesse Helmick and family were business callers at the Hunter home Saturday afternoon.

Chas. Worrell and family and E. Hunter, Jr. and family were among the callers in this vicinity who attended the Bloomfield fair.

Mrs. Emma Walker and son Goldson called on Mrs. Emma Jones Saturday afternoon.

Abb Walker called on J. W. Johnston last Saturday on business.

Little Hilda Worrell visited her grandparents a few days last week.

Ed Ballard and family were Sunday visitors at the parental Sammons home.

ALBIA.

Deputy Sheriff W. R. Pierce of Buxton seized two wagon loads of beer at that place yesterday and arrested the drivers also. There will be an attempt to make an example of the men who attempt to transfer the forbidden stuff to its destination. Incidentally there were 17 cases of beer dumped into the city sewer yesterday.

Mrs. Sam Page of Hamilton was in Buxton one day last week.

Mrs. Wm. Jones is making an extended visit with a brother in Colorado Springs who is in very poor health.

John Jones received an injury to his hand last week which will keep him from work for a while. He was driving in the mine and caught his hand in such a way as to bruise it.

Rev. M. D. Cox was in Oskaloosa on business Friday.

Chas. Stone has moved from Third street to the house recently vacated by Mr. Courter on First.

Chas. Carlson who lived in No. 1 A street have moved to Oskaloosa and Chas. Blackstone's have moved into that house.

Ed Vance and wife have gone to housekeeping in No. 8 A street.

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

Ethelrhue, Sept. 22.—(Special)—Ed Donahue, a workman on the new postoffice building here, was electrocuted yesterday by touching an electric light wire. He had climbed an electric light pole and was in the act of throwing a rope over it when his arm touched the wire, killing him instantly. He was about 40 years old and single.

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