

SUSPECT HELD FOR MURDER OF FOUR IN KANSAS

BLOODY PAIR OF OVERALLS AND SHIRT HELD AS EVIDENCE AGAINST MAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING BERNHARDT FAMILY.

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—A bloody pair of overalls and shirt were found by Chief of Police Zimmer of Kansas City, Kas., today concealed in a closet in the home of John Feagle, who was arrested today in connection with the quadruple murder on the Bernhardt farm in Johnson county, Kansas, last week.

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—John Feagle, a hunter and trapper, whose home is a half mile west of the Bernhardt farm in Johnson county, Kansas, where Mrs. Emily Bernhardt aged 75 George Bernhardt her son aged 40, Thomas H. Morgan, a trapper, and James Graves, a hired man, were murdered, was arrested in connection with the crime today and placed in the Kansas City, Kas., jail. It is said he told conflicting stories regarding his relations with the Bernhardt family and that he attempted to cast suspicion on another man. It is also alleged he and George Bernhardt had quarreled several times recently because Feagle objected to Bernhardt and Morgan hunting on his farm.

According to James Little, county attorney, none of the murdered persons had been seen by neighbors for several days. It was decided to make a search of the farm. When the searching party reached the farm Saturday night, the body of Mrs. Bernhardt was found in the house and the bodies of the three men were found several hours later in a manger in the barn.

All Died Alike. The victims evidently had met their fate in the same manner, the heads of all having been beaten as by a club. All had been dead for several days.

From the condition in which Mrs. Bernhardt's body was lying, it is believed by officers that she was in the barn at the time of the assault and after being beaten about the head ran to the house and going up stairs, hid in a closet, where she died.

For two or three days people living in the vicinity say a stranger has been near the farm house.

An old fashioned clock weight was found in the barn. It was covered with blood and evidently was used by the murderer.

Tom Morgan, the trapper, was only seventeen years old. His home was at Rosedale, Kansas.

EMPLOYEES AID ROADS.

Petitions Filed With State Railroad Commission Ask Higher Wages.

Des Moines, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Long petitions signed by the Chicago & Northwestern and Illinois Central railroad employees were filed with the railroad commissioners today asking that the freight rates in Iowa be increased. They were signed by employees in Des Moines, Marshalltown, Boone and Waterloo. It is supposed to be the start of a movement to revise Iowa freight rates upward.

MAY DIE FROM FALL.

Des Moines Carpenter Sustains Probably Fatal and Two Others Serious Injuries.

Des Moines, Dec. 12.—(Special)—George Peppard, a carpenter may die and Harry Kirsley and Frank Bailey received serious injuries when a scaffold on which they were working on the new brick factory on South Ninth street broke and threw the men to the frozen ground. Peppard received internal injuries from which he may die.

SHOOTING IN DES MOINES

Miner Shoots Companion in Saloon and Pleads Not Guilty to Causing a Riot.

Des Moines, Dec. 12.—John Loski, a coal miner, pleaded not guilty in police court where he was arraigned, charged with causing a riot in an East Side saloon Saturday night, firing a volley of shots at Joe Agzima, with whom he had quarreled. Agzima was shot in the back and Joseph Guma, aged 13, who was passing the saloon, received a bullet in the arm.

Open Interurban Extension.

Boone, Dec. 12.—(Special)—According to announcement made this morning by General Manager Blake, the Rockwell City extension to the Boone interurban will not be opened until next Thursday.

Church Dedication at Jesup.

Jesup, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The new Presbyterian church occupying the site of the structure which burned down a few years ago, was dedicated yesterday.

Clinton Merchant Dead.

Clinton, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Henry Newberry, a well known Clinton hardware merchant, died here last night at the age of 79.

Lorimer Charges "Not Proved" Says Senate Committee

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on privileges and election, which investigated the charges against Senator Lorimer, today voted unanimously to report to the full committee that the charges had not been proved.

DEMOS TO STAY ON JOB

Chairman N. F. Reed and Publicity Agent Will Be in Charge of Permanent Headquarters.

Des Moines, Dec. 12.—The democratic state central committee will maintain a permanent organization in the state of Iowa from headquarters to be opened Jan. 1, in Des Moines.

This was decided by the state committee and prominent democrats in session in Des Moines yesterday. N. F. Reed, of Ottumwa, chairman of the state committee, will have direct charge of the permanent organization and he will be assisted by a publicity man, who in all probability will be Col. I. T. Jones of Des Moines, who acted in an efficient manner as publicity agent for the democratic state committee in the recent campaign.

NO SALOME FOR KEOKUK

After Burlesque Show Saturday Night Aldermen Pass Censorious Ordinance.

Keokuk, Dec. 12.—(Special)—There will be no Salome exhibitions for the good people of Keokuk. At the meeting of the council this morning a resolution was adopted suppressing anything suggestive in the theatrical line. Saturday night there was a burlesque at the opera house which offended some of the councilmen and which resulted in the passing of the ordinance.

CONVERTS NUMBER 2,544

Success Attending Sunday Revival Meetings at Waterloo Shown By Results.

Waterloo, Dec. 12.—(Special)—There were 280 conversions at the Sunday revival meeting here yesterday making a total of 2,544 up to date. Representatives of three generations in one family were among the converts last night. Rev. Sunday will go to Cedar Rapids tonight to deliver his famous lecture "Booze."

BREAKS WRIST.

Fall in Front of Y. M. C. A. Causes Severe Injury to Harry Kimball.

Falling on a slippery sidewalk this afternoon about 1 o'clock, caused Harry Kimball, a Milwaukee engineer residing on Marion street, to break two bones in the left wrist. The accident occurred in front of the Y. M. C. A.

AN EFFICIENT INSTITUTION

SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT FEATURES YEARLY REPORT OF OTTUMWA HOSPITAL.

The report of the Ottumwa hospital for the year ending July 1, 1910, which has just been returned from the printer, tells a few things that are of interest to persons who watch the high character of this institution. A feature that stands out prominently in the report is the fact that it takes much to sustain the hospital and there is a need for help to enable the work to be carried on for the attainment of the high aims of humanity that are the end of the association's endeavors. There are shown receipts amounting to \$17,074.47, with an expenditure of \$16,656.48 in the financial report. The operations performed at the hospital show a high degree of excellence in the success of the surgical department of the institution. One instance in the report is in cases of appendicitis operated upon. Out of 94 cases, 92 were cured and but one died. In all there were 737 patients treated during the year. Hospital days are shown to have been 9,316; days of hospital service were 7,796, and days of gratuitous service numbered 1,020. Out of the 737 patients treated there were 31 deaths and 652 cured.

FIRM SUEED BY CITY.

McCarty Improvement Co. Made Defendant in Law Suit on Contract.

Because the McCarty Improvement Co. is alleged to have not lived up to its contract with the City of Ottumwa, a suit has been filed with the clerk of court claiming \$11,552.32 as due the city from the defendant firm. The breach of contract alleged by the city is that of the paving of Market street, which contract was made with the paving firm August 23, 1904 to run seven years. It will be remembered that last summer during a severe rain storm, much of the paving of Market street between Fourth and Fifth streets was washed out. The lack of attention to the work of maintaining the paving under the contract is the charge made by the city.

COMPTROLLER REPORTS GOOD YEAR FOR BANKS

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS REACH FIGURES THIS YEAR NEVER BEFORE EQUALLED; DEPOSITS DOUBLED IN TEN YEARS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Another year of prosperity and solid growth for American banks is recorded in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, presented to congress today. Not only the national banks, which come directly under the control and supervision of the currency bureau are included in the comprehensive review of banking conditions, but state banks, savings banks, trust companies and other financial institutions, some 15,950 others are represented.

During the fiscal year of 1910, the combined resources of the 7,000 national banks of the United States grew to approximately \$1,000,000,000. On September 1, last, their loans and discounts had reached the immense sum of \$5,400,000,000—an amount never before equalled in the history of the national system since its creation in 1864. At the same time they were counting nearly \$30,000,000 of overdrafts in their assets, a practice which there is no law to stop.

Deposits Double in Ten Years.

Combining all other banks in the United States and its island possessions with those of the national system and allowing an estimate for those not reported, it is evident from the comptroller's report that the banking power of the nation has grown in the last ten years from 19,977 of all sorts of banks, with capital of \$1,150,900,000 and individual deposits of \$7,688,000,000, to more than 27,000 banks with combined capital close to \$2,000,000,000 and individual deposits of nearly \$16,000,000,000. The deposits have more than doubled in little more than a decade, and in the same time the combined loans and discounts have grown to more than \$12,000,000,000.

On the whole, it appears from the report that national banking conservatively conducted is a profitable enterprise. The net earnings of the 7,000 national banks during the year were more than \$150,000,000, from which dividends of \$105,000,000 were paid at the rate of more than 10 per cent on their capital. The government has profited from the existence of the national association for since their beginning it has received more than \$202,000,000 of which more than 92 per cent has been for circulation tax on the bank notes they issue.

FAST TRAINS TO BE CHANGED

NOS. 9 AND 10 ON BURLINGTON WILL NOT RUN TO DENVER ON NEW SCHEDULE.

The shortening of the fast through trains, Nos. 9 and 10 on the Burlington, is one of the things slated to happen when the new card is issued by the road December 18. The two runs which have been so popular for several months past, will be placed on a winter schedule and terminate their western route at Oxford Junction, Neb., at present the next passenger terminal to Denver. This will take the trains farther west than old No. 13, the train which No. 9 succeeded, as it stopped at Lincoln. The change will not, however, make either train any the less fast but rather faster as regards No. 10. The new card is not yet issued but is expected to come out next Sunday when the change will be made on the two trains. No. 9 will continue to run if plans are not changed between now and Sunday, at the usual time. No. 10, however, undergoes a change in schedule and is shortened west of Ottumwa. East of here the time is lengthened and a little more time is given this train which is now quite fast, to arrive at Burlington and Chicago. The new card is expected to bring No. 10 into Ottumwa sixteen minutes earlier than at present and will arrive here at 7:00 a. m. instead of 7:16 a. m. It will arrive in Burlington and Chicago at the same time as is effective now.

The Chicago & Northwestern will make similar changes on their road, and the Rock Island has already made reductions of one train each between Chicago and Denver.

The effect will be a curtailing of a part of the Chicago and Denver service through the winter months, when passenger travel is at its lightest. There are a number of other good trains on the Burlington now running, which will be continued in operation, and will handle the business in good shape.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.



ENGINEERS IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

VOTES ARE COUNTED AND RESULT WILL BE GIVEN TO RAIL MANAGERS TODAY.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Counting of the strike ballots in the referendum vote of locomotive engineers employed on sixty-one western railroads was completed yesterday. The result showed that 97.52 per cent of those who voted favor a strike unless the demands for higher wages are granted.

More than 30,000 votes were cast out of a membership of 33,700 engineers. The result will be reported to the railroad general managers today. A conference will be held at a time and place to be designated by the railroad officials.

Overtures May be Renewed.

After the result of the vote is announced by President Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the managers probably will make arrangements for a reopening of negotiations that were broken off a month ago.

The engineers demand a raise of about 15 per cent over the present rates of pay and modifications of a number of working conditions, including retention of the "100 miles" as a unit of a day's work and higher wages on the Mallet type of engines. An offer of a raise of about 9 per cent made by the railroads was refused.

Mediation a Last Resort.

It is likely that mediation and arbitration under the Erdman law will be resorted to by the railroads in the event that negotiations are broken off a second time and the strike reaches a crisis.

CANCER CAUSES DEATH

Prominent Club Woman, Wife of Judge McHenry of Des Moines Passes Away.

Des Moines, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Luella Achenah McHenry, wife of Judge William H. McHenry of the Polk county district court, died at the family residence, 2901 Rutland avenue, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

An abdominal cancer from which Mrs. McHenry had been suffering for more than a year, caused her death. Since last January, when an operation was performed at a hospital in Rochester, Minn., for the relief of her trouble, Mrs. McHenry's condition has been regarded as hopeless and her death considered but a matter of months or weeks.

Mrs. McHenry was one of the most prominent club women in Des Moines. She was not only a former officer in the Daughters of the American Revolution, but was prominently connected with the state organization of the P. E. O. sisterhood and the Des Moines Women's club.

The funeral services will be held from the family residence at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The various divisions of the district court will adjourn during the day and the members of the Polk County Bar association will attend the services in a body.

Home Burned at Ames.

Ames, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Fire at an early hour this morning completely destroyed the home of Sam Westman. The loss is unknown.

A Mason City Man Finds Bright Baby Boy on His Doorstep

Mason City, Dec. 12.—(Special)—This morning at 6 o'clock when Manus Campbell arose he found on his doorstep a baby boy a few days old. Between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning there was a loud knock on the door which was unanswered. A night watchman saw a party drive away in an automobile.

MINE ELECTION HELD TOMORROW

JOHN P. WHITE IOWAN WHO IS CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED LEWIS GIVEN SUPPORT.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Thirteen an unlucky number? Not for John P. White of Oskaloosa, Ia., candidate for president of the United Mine Workers of America. Thirteen is White's lucky number. The annual election of the United Mine Workers is to be held Tuesday, Dec. 13.

He is president of the Iowa district of the miners, officially catalogued as district No. 13. He was born June 13, 1869, and he says that numeral has played a prominent part in his career. He lives at 13 East High street and was nominated by 1,300 locals.

Duncan McDonald, secretary of the Illinois district, said that White would carry this state by 30,000 majority, as the Illinois men have not forgotten the compromise agreement which President Lewis tried to force them to accept last summer.

"White will have such a lead in Illinois and Iowa," said McDonald, "that he can afford to lose Ohio and the anthracite district and still be elected by a large majority."

The insurgent slate is White for president, Frank S. Hayes of Springfield for vice president and William Green of Ohio for secretary. The organization has Lewis for president, E. S. McCullough of Michigan for vice president and Edwin S. Perry of Iowa for secretary.

DEDICATE CEDAR FALLS CHURCH

Thirteen Thousand Dollars Raised to Free Presbyterian Structure From Debt.

Cedar Falls, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The First Presbyterians dedicated their new church with appropriate services yesterday by an address by Dr. Joseph Powell of New York. The sum of \$13,000 was raised and the \$40,000 property which was dedicated, is now free of debt.

Newspaper Man Burned Out.

Marshalltown, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Overhead furnaces have been the cause of many fires in this city during the past month. Yesterday the home of Rodney C. Wells, city editor of the Times-Republican, was destroyed by fire.

POSTAL DEFICIT GREATLY REDUCED

POSTMASTER HITCHCOCK IN REPORT SAYS THIS WAS IN SPITE OF HIGHER WAGES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—A year ago the fiscal records of the postal service disclosed a deficit of \$17,500,000, the largest in the history of the country. In twelve months a reduction of \$11,500,000 has been made in this deficit, the excess of expenditures over receipts as reported for the year ended June 30 last amounting to only \$5,848,566.88.

This is one of the showings made in the annual report of Postmaster General Hitchcock.

"The department's present policy, as already indicated, is to extend the service as rapidly as is warranted by increasing population," says the report, "and to accomplish its savings, not by the curtailment of postal facilities, but by handling in a more systematic and businesslike manner the constantly expanding volume of the mails. In furtherance of this policy there were established during the year over 1,500 new postoffices, while the rural delivery system was greatly extended by putting into operation 515 new routes, traversing altogether 12,235 miles.

"Not only were these numerous appointments placed on the rolls, but the department made liberal increases in the compensation of employees in the service. About \$1,750,000 was expended in advancing the salaries of postoffice clerks, while the compensation of city letter carriers was raised to the extent of \$1,226,000. Railway mail clerks received increases of salary aggregating nearly \$250,000.

Urges Magazine Increase.

"Under present conditions an increase in the postage on reading matter is not recommended. Such an increase would place a special burden on a large number of second class publications, including educational and religious periodicals, that derive little or no profit from advertising.

"For these publications, and also for any other legitimate reading matter in periodical form, the department favors a continuation of the present low postage rate of 1 cent a pound, and recommends that the proposed increase in rate be applied only to magazine advertising matter.

"In view of the vanishing postal deficit it is believed that if the magazines could be required to pay what it costs the government to carry their advertising pages the department's revenues would soon grow large enough to warrant 1 cent postage on first class mail.

"Newspapers are not included in the plan for a higher rate on advertising matter because, being chiefly of local distribution, they do not employ the mails to any such extent as the widely circulating magazines."

Pythian Convention at Ames.

Ames, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The annual convention of the nineteenth district of the Knights of Pythias is in session here today.

Postal Card Calendars.

Remember your friends at a distance with a little token at small cost. C. C. Koett, 105 North Market.

JUDGES' NAMES SENT TO SENATE BY PRESIDENT

WHITE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE AND VANDEVENTER AND LAMAR NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; COMMERCE COURT NAMED.

COURT APPOINTMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The president sent to the senate today the following nominations:

- CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT—Associate Justice Edward Douglass White of Louisiana.
- ASSOCIATE JUSTICES—Judges Willis Vandeventer of Wyoming and Joseph Rucker Lamar of Georgia.
- JUDGES COURT COMMERCE—Martin A. Knapp, now chairman of the Interstate commerce commission, for five years; Robert W. Archbold, now United States district judge of the middle district of Pennsylvania, four years; William H. Hunt, now judge of the court of customs appeals, formerly United States district judge of Montana, three years; John Emmett Carland of South Dakota for two years. This is the only change from the original slate. Arthur C. Denison of United States district judge for the western district of Michigan, having first been selected for this place. Julian W. Cook, now judge of the appellate district court of the first Illinois district, one year.
- MEMBERS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION—B. H. Meyer, Wisconsin, and C. C. McChord of Kentucky. These two appointments were to fill vacancies caused by the elevation of Knapp to the commerce court and the retirement of Cockrell of Missouri.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Chief Justice White was confirmed by the senate.

Justice White was strongly urged upon the president for promotion. In October last, just as the president was leaving the summer capitol at Beverly it became known that he was seriously considering the appointment of Justice White as chief justice. The fact was sent out in dispatches at the time. When he was again in Washington, however, the Hughes sentiment seemed to grow strong again, and all other candidates practically were eliminated from consideration.

President Taft has the highest regard for Justice White, both as a man and a jurist. The backing that Justice White received is said to have been most impressive.

As a member of the supreme court it has fallen to Justice White's lot to participate in some of the most famous cases in the history of the tribunal.

Strong on Federalism.

Although a confederate soldier and a democrat, Justice White is said to hold probably the most clearly marked ideas of federalism of any of the supreme court justices. He was with the government in all the so-called insular cases involving the Philippines and other island possessions. He rendered a minority opinion against the government contentions in the Northern Securities case and also was with the minority of the court in voting to sustain the constitutionality of the income tax law.

Justice White has been on the supreme bench for sixteen years and is now the oldest justice in commission whose age is less than 70. Justice White graduated from Georgetown university. In addition to practicing law in Louisiana he was a sugar planter. He served in the Louisiana legislature as assessor, served for a number of years on the state supreme bench and subsequently was elected to the United States senate. He was serving his first term in that body when President Cleveland appointed him to the supreme court bench.

President Makes appointment.

The president today nominated Maxwell Blake of Missouri to be consul general at Tangier, Lee J. Keens of Michigan, at Florence, Italy and Edward B. Wislowl of Illinois at Plauen, Germany.

The president today sent to the senate the following nominations for postmasters:

Robert Oldham of Greenfield, Harry D. Clinton of Russell, E. L. Newton of Anita; John Foster of Hedrick. Action with respect to federal appointments for Iowa will be deferred until December 1911, as the terms of most of the officers continue until over a year from now.