

## WOMEN PLAN BIG MEETING FOR TOMORROW

THE LADIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE ANTI-SALOON MOVEMENT IN OTTUMWA TO GATHER AT Y. M. C. A.

Planning to get together all of the women of Ottumwa who are interested in the movement against the saloon, three ladies who are taking a prominent part in the movement have issued a call to their sisters in the city to hold a mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The call is made an urgent one and something is about to be done in the city to lend a hand and make the move a telling one. The call is signed by Mrs. Helen Andrew, Mrs. E. D. Fowler and Mrs. B. F. Patt.

The work of the two committees engaged in canvassing the saloon petition is going on today in the supervisor's room regardless of the fact that a holiday is being observed by the balance of the offices in the county building. The auditor has opened his office for the canvassers in pursuance to the writ of mandamus issued Saturday by Judge M. A. Roberts. The outer door of the court house has been closed all day and the work of the committees is carried on without any outside interruption.

## HON. P. A. SMITH PASSES AWAY

Editor of the Scranton Journal Expires Suddenly at Seventy on Christmas Day.

Scranton, Dec. 26.—Hon. P. A. Smith, editor and proprietor of the Scranton Journal and a member of the state board of parole, died at his home in Scranton at 3 o'clock Christmas afternoon.

Pardon A. Smith was born in Ogle county, Illinois, Sept. 1, 1840. He came with his parents to Iowa in 1856. In 1861 he enlisted in the union army and served three years and seventy-eight days as a private soldier.

He has been a resident of Greene county since 1868, and has been postmaster of his town, and served two terms in the state legislature, gaining considerable prominence.

He had been editor and proprietor of the Scranton Journal for twenty-seven years.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic order.

He leaves a widow, daughter and two sons.

## FIRE ENGINES QUENCH ORATORS

Streams of Water Played on "Industrial Workers of World" Addressing Crowds from Jail Windows.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 26.—To quench a howling mob of twenty Industrial Workers of the World penned in the county jail, a steam fire engine was called into action yesterday afternoon.

With full force turned on a stream of water bowled over in quick succession every speaker as he attempted to shout at the people outside. The demonstration lasted twenty minutes.

When the men finally gave in, the floor of the prison was six inches deep in cold water and the industrialists under their bedding were thoroughly soaked.

## CELEBRATED IN ROUGH MANNER

Visiting Miner Broke up Sister's Furniture, and Landed in Jail.

Because his idea of having a good time consisted in filling up on squirrel booze and turning furniture topsyturvy in his sister's home, the Ottumwa relatives of George Yates caused him to languish in jail since Saturday night. Yates is a coal miner from Coal City, Mo., and said he came to Ottumwa to spend Christmas with his sister, whose name is said to be Alexander. The husband of his sister in police court, stated that Yates had taken on too much booze, and in his desire to celebrate, kicked over a stove and struck Mrs. Alexander over the head with a chair. Judge Laurence Morrissey fined Yates \$15. Other offenders in police court were: Gus Vaughn, Fred Cody, Martin Riley, W. Tilden, John Hogan, Charlie Ward and Hugh Smith. The three latter were released, while the former drew sentences ranging from five to fifteen days.

## SNATCHES PURSE FORM LADY.

Mrs. Oscar Applequist Lost Pocket Book Saturday Evening on Street.

While returning home after shopping Christmas eve, Mrs. Oscar Applequist, 1018 East Fourth street, was the victim of a thief who snatched her purse from her hand and ran away hastily. The theft occurred about 5:30 Saturday evening at the corner of College and Second streets.

## Burned Playing Santa Claus.

Washington, Ind., Dec. 26.—Claude Swing, 51 years old, carpenter, was burned when his Christmas tree decorations took fire from a small candle. His cotton covered Santa Claus coat made a furious blaze and his hands, arms and neck were burned.

## RAISE \$1,000 TO AID IN ANTI SALOON FIGHT

DRYS IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT Y. M. C. A. ARE GIVEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY MEN OF OTTUMWA.

The sum of \$1,000 was raised in a very few minutes Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of the strong address by Rev. T. W. Jeffrey at the men's meeting in the Ottumwa Y. M. C. A. The eloquent Methodist divine gave a rousing sermon against the liquor traffic, and at the conclusion of his remarks, the appeal he made to the men in the audience reaped donations amounting to a full \$1,000. The money will be used in furthering the work of the citizens movement in combating the saloon consent petition. The workers in the movement are continuing their efforts to secure withdrawals of names from the petition, and from the committees in charge comes the word that much success is featuring their efforts.

The meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. was one of the most enthusiastic men's meetings of the year. The auditorium was crowded to the doors, and many men were turned away for lack of room. The men in the citizens movement believe that their cause is gaining friends.

## FIRE FIGHTER IS BURIED TODAY

HONOR PAID TO MEMORY OF CHIEF HORAN AT HIS FUNERAL IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Funeral services of a public character were held today for Fire Marshal Horan, who met his death in the stock yards fire Thursday with twenty-two others. Mayor Busse rode in the procession in the mourners section and Chief of Police Stewart and Assistant Chief Schuettler led several platoons of police on foot. Acting Fire Marshal Seyferlich marched at the head of the section of firemen. The casket was borne on a hose cart, and was attended by a guard of honor, consisting of fire department division heads and was followed by a line of equipages extending a mile and a half.

Immediately following the purple-draped hose wagon, which bore the marshal's remains was driven his automobile, the one in which he made his record-breaking dash of Thursday's fire—and to his death—with the rear seat occupied only by the fire marshal's helmet.

Two hose wagons bore the chief of the floral pieces which had filled the Ashland avenue home and followed the black draped auto.

Thousands of persons lined the way over the way which the procession moved, and heads, four-fifths eyes and murmuring throats along the route paid tribute to the city's most popular fire-fighter of a decade.

Probably 4,000 or 5,000 Knights of Clumbus, an order of which the fire marshal was an enthusiastic member were in the procession.

For the repose of the souls of the twenty-four victims of last Thursday's prayers were said in nearly every church in the city yesterday. In the Roman Catholic churches 2,000 masses were said for them.

## DEATH CALLS SECOND CHILD.

Scarlet Fever Claims Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Oatman.

Sadness is again felt in the household of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Oatman on West Second street, where the grim reaper for the second time entered this morning and claimed Ruth the six year old daughter. Scarlet fever, the dread disease to which the four year old son, Edward, succumbed last week, was the cause of death. Death occurred at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The funeral is to be held privately from the residence this afternoon and interment will be made in Calvary cemetery. Little Ruth attended the Douglass school and was most popular with her little mates.

## PROGRAM TONIGHT

Sunday School of Benton Street Chapel Will Sing Praises in Entertainment.

The Christmas exercises of the Benton Street chapel will take place this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, in the chapel, between Main and Second streets on Benton. Some of the classes will have special Christmas exercises, and certain individuals will give recitations. The choir of the chapel will assist. A Christmas tree will be one of the features. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people in the community.

## CHRISTMAS DAY



## FACTORY IS BLOWN UP IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—The Llewellyn Iron works were partially wrecked by an explosion, presumably of dynamite, early Sunday morning.

The force of the explosion tore out the front of the building, smashed windows for more than a block, and awakened sleepers in residence districts more than two miles away. The night watchman was slightly injured. The police have no clue to the perpetrators.

The supposed charge of dynamite is believed to have been exploded as the outcome of the general labor troubles of Los Angeles in which the Llewellyn company has been prominently involved. A hole in the ground eighteen inches deep and about six feet in diameter, bears witness to the place of origin and probable cause of the explosion.

The front of the main building, a three-story frame structure, was shot to pieces for a distance of probably seventy-five feet, and its contents of furniture and paraphernalia was piled together in apparent ruin. The machinery of the building seems not to have been damaged.

The Llewellyn Iron works has long been prominent in the fight against the recognition of union labor in this city and is one of the companies involved in the existing metal workers' strike which went into effect on June 1 of this year. The strike has been characterized by great bitterness on both sides.

Officials of the Llewellyn company are of the opinion that the effort to destroy their plant is the outgrowth of their difference with labor and the police are working on this theory.

Labor Leader's Statement.

Fred C. Wheeler, president of the Los Angeles Central Labor council, said:

The fact that the Llewellyn Iron works is in warfare with organized labor is all that our enemies need to endeavor to lay this outrage at our door. Every true friend of the cause of labor knows that violence injures our cause more than those against whom it may be directed.

## CELEBRATIONS OF DAY FATAL

EIGHTEEN INJURED AT CHRISTMAS DANCE; MAN KILLED PLAYING SANTA.

Greenburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Three persons are dead, eight may die from their injuries and ten are in the Westmoreland hospital with burns as a penalty for somebody's carelessness or vengeance while here holding a Christmas celebration Saturday night at Keystone shaft, near here.

The accident occurred at the home of Michael Wilding while he was entertaining about twenty-five men and women, some of whom had come from Youngstown, Ohio, to seek work in the mines.

It is said one of the men, while a dance was in progress, threw a cigarette but under the stairway of the house. Twenty-five pounds of black mining powder was stored there in an open can.

Rumors were current that striking miners had thrown a bomb under the stairway, but there was no confirmation of the report.

## FEEDS MILLION; EXPIRES.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mrs. N. A. Danner, a widow of 72 years, who kept a boarding house in Allegheny City the last sixteen years, died yesterday. It was her boast that she had fed nearly 1,000,000 persons and that she had given away hundreds of meals to the unemployed.

## DECLARES WIFE BIGAMIST.

Logan, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Mrs. Henry Poor, was arrested in Council Bluffs by the sheriff of Logan, and brought here to answer to the charge of bigamy. The information was filed by her husband. She waived the preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

## BEESON IS FOUND GUILTY

Cedar Rapids Man Convicted of Manslaughter; Charged With Killing His Wife.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 26.—After having been out nearly a day, the jury in the Eugene Beeson murder trial brought in a verdict late Saturday of manslaughter, which means that Beeson cannot be sentenced to more than twenty years in the penitentiary.

Beeson was charged with having murdered his wife Sept. 29, last. He ran down the road near Mt. Vernon with a child in each arm and told the nearest neighbor that his wife had committed suicide. At his farm house the body of the woman was found in a pool of blood. A shotgun was tied to a chair and the twin ran from the trigger to the woman's hands. The state charged that the gun was so placed by Beeson after he had killed his wife. There was circumstantial evidence pointing to him as the murderer.

## PROHIBITION PLAYED IN A SPEECH SUNDAY EVENING BY HON. C. A. WINDLE OF CHICAGO

Some Hot Shots From C. A. Windle

God has made us able to stand and free to fall.

The prohibitionists are intemperate in the use of language.

Prohibition is wrong because it is contrary to human reason.

Prohibit everybody but me. That's the logic of prohibition.

You carry as much sovereignty under your hat as I do under mine.

Most of the evil in this world consists of the abuse of good things.

To listen to Billy Sunday you would not think you could go through this world and miss a drunkard's grave.

The evil is not in making liquor, buying liquor or drinking liquor. The evil is in its abuse.

We abuse eating. More people dig their graves by their teeth than they do by drink in ten years.

Clarence Darrow says "Drunkenness is not a crime. It is an error of judgment." The fellow drinks more than his capacity.

Fire not under control is a bad thing. Fire under control is a good thing. Prohibition releases the liquor traffic from control.

If we win this fight we are going to pass a law in Ottumwa making it necessary for every prohibitionist to take a glass of beer for breakfast.

## MOULTON HOTEL BURNS

The Moore House, a Relic of Early Days, Prey to Mysterious Flames Saturday Afternoon.

Moulton, Dec. 26.—About 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Moore house, one of the oldest hotels in this vicinity, took fire from a cause as yet unknown, and in an hour's time was a mass of ruins. The building was a good sized structure and belonged to W. F. Berry of this city. It was occupied by Dan Ray as a hotel and was extensively patronized. The loss is total and will amount to about \$2,500. There was \$1,800 insurance.

The alarm of fire aroused the citizens in the midst of a heavy holiday trade. The volunteer department, with its chemical engine, responded promptly and did everything possible to check the flames, but the fire had gained such headway that little could be done. It was one of the fiercest blazes ever witnessed here, the old structure burning like tinder. An attempt was made to get out the furniture and some of it was rescued, but a large quantity of goods was lost.

## KANSAS AND MISSOURI OFFICERS CANNOT LOCATE LONE ROBBER WHO MADE PULLMAN PASSENGERS GIVE UP VALUABLES.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—The police of Kansas City, Kas., Kansas City, Mo., and Leavenworth, Kas., are today searching for the lone bandit who last night took possession of the Missouri Pacific passenger train, robbing the passengers and train crew, and escaping. It is now believed the bandit obtained at least \$600, for about twenty persons were searched. Most of the amounts were small. Two men lost watches. The bandit dropped from the train as it slowed down in Kansas City, Kas., and is believed to have made his way across the line to this city.

The man boarded the train, which was from St. Joseph, bound for St. Louis, at Leavenworth Junction, and left it at Northwestern Junction in Kansas City, Kan., after securing a large amount of money and valuables and shooting one man who resisted him.

As the train pulled out of Leavenworth Junction, the robber opened the rear door of the Pullman car and confronted the astonished crew with a revolver, after which he robbed them. Cautioning the conductor and porter to keep still, he went through the car, taking up a collection of watches and wallets. Finishing the Pullman, he continued through the chair cars and the smoker until he had held up every passenger. The train was in charge of Conductor May, who, with his brakeman and porter, was forced to put his hands up, and was then robbed.

Entering the day coach, the robber shoved the revolver into the face of the first passenger he met and then fired through the window. This thoroughly intimidated the passengers, who complied with his demands.

## DRUGGIST CARRIED LAMP INTO CELLAR WHICH EXPLODED; HE MAY DIE.

Bedford, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Fire from an exploding lamp early today destroyed the Bevins drug store and the Citizens bank here causing a loss of \$3,000 and so badly burned James Bevins of the drug store that he was taken to his home unconscious and may die. He entered the basement of the store with a lamp and the building soon caught fire. The bank also caught, and the local fire department was practically powerless. The Creston company came by special train and soon had the blaze under control.

## GIRL DROWNED AT KEOKUK

Tragedy Occurs Crossing Mississippi River From Warsaw—Undercurrent had Undermined Ice.

Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 26.—Crashing through the breaking ice in the presence of two terrified companions, Rosa Stout of Alexandria, Mo., aged 22 years, was swept to death last night while crossing the Mississippi river from Warsaw, Ill., where she had been employed in a shoe factory. The accident occurred near the Missouri shore at a point where the current had undermined the ice and made it unsafe.

With a single appeal for help Miss Stout sank beneath the broken ice and water. Her companions, Lidia and Minnie Peoples, halted just in time to avert a like fate. The treacherous ice had begun to crumble beneath their feet and they drew backwards at the same moment that Miss Stout sank in the water. Though it was not over three hundred yards to shore, the survivors of the tragedy were so paralyzed with fear and moved so slowly and cautiously that it took several hours for them to reach land.

## CUDAHYS ARE RECONCILED.

Mrs. Cudahy, Divorced, Takes up Residence With Husband.

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Edna Cudahy, divorced wife of Jack Cudahy, son of the late Michael Cudahy, the millionaire meat packer, arrived in Pasadena and is domiciled at the Cudahy residence, where her former husband has been staying since his arrival last Wednesday. It is said on good authority that a reconciliation has been effected.

## CHILD FINDS MOTHER DEAD.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 26.—Little Mamie Taylor went to the Christmas exercises of her Sunday school yesterday, her mother tastefully dressing the girl in her best Sabbath day frock. When the joyful lassie skipped into the house on her return home a dolly tucked under her arm and a handful of candy clutched in her fist, she found her mamma dead on the floor. The parent had dropped dead from heart disease, with no one in the house to give her attention.

## THREE EAT MISTLETOE AND DIE.

Blytheville, Ark., Dec. 26.—Eating mistletoe was the cause of a bad season and condemn all loaves on that account. They pick out a bad saloonkeeper out of business on his account. Suppose we pick out a bad banker and argue that we would abolish the banking business on his account. Suppose we pick out a bad preacher and want to close all the churches and prohibit them from preaching the gospel. What would you think of that? Our logic would not be any more false than the logic preached from the prohibition platform.

"Again they say that 100,000 men fill drunkard's graves every year. To listen to Billy Sunday you would not think that you could go through life and dodge a drunkard's grave.

"How many drunkards among your friends can you name tonight. I have