

CONTRACT TO SOON BE LET FOR ACADEMY

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE IN THE HANDS OF CONTRACTORS AND \$150,000 CONVENT AND SCHOOL BECOME CERTAINTY.

BIDS TO CLOSE BY JANUARY 16

LETTING OF COMPLETE JOB WILL DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION THAT IS AFFORDED THE SISTERS IN THE VENTURE.

Plans and specifications for the proposed \$150,000 convent and academy for the Sisters of Humility of Mary are now in the hands of contractors.

This building, when completed, will be one of the finest and most beautiful structures of its kind in Ottumwa, but in the state.

In the English basement will be located recreation halls, gymnasiums, cloak rooms, trunk rooms, toilets, storage rooms, refectories, kitchen, bakery and ice rooms.

On the first floor will be parlors, office and supply rooms, library and reading rooms, study halls, class and recitation rooms, commercial and typewriting rooms, physical and chemical laboratories and music rooms.

The second and third floors will be the sleeping apartments, which will consist mostly of single and double bedrooms, there being few dormitories, and these few, small.

The east wing of the building will contain the novitiate or training school for young girls wishing to enter the sisterhood.

Accommodate Large Number. The academy when completed, will accommodate more than two hundred boarders, besides one hundred sisters.

Merchants of all classes realize what an advantage it will be to them to have an institution of this kind, boarding hundreds of students, located here, and are congratulating themselves upon their good fortune in having this city chosen as the site of this magnificent structure.

Considering these facts, the sisters feel justified in expecting generous donations from Ottumwans when they will be called upon in the near future.

OTTUMWA FAVORED.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Dunshie departed Saturday for New Sharon, where they will spend a few days with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunshie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Murphy left Saturday for Eagle Grove, to spend the holidays with his mother. While absent they will also visit in Des Moines with the latter's sister Mrs. Houck.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Foster and children of Whitebrest township left Friday for Lakin, Kans., where Mr. Foster has purchased a farm where they expect to reside.

Mrs. E. H. Scales of Corydon and Mrs. Theo. Wida of Aurora, Neb., who had been visiting the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. J. E. Merrill, returned to their homes yesterday.

Chas. King of Alexandria, S. D., is here for a visit with his cousin, J. A. King and family. A nephew of the latter, Stuart King of Corydon, is also here for a visit.

Mrs. B. F. Landrey and little daughter Pauline, left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Rosendale, Mo.

Miss Lena Daugherty of Bedford, visited in this city Friday with Mrs. Chas. Culbertson while on her way home from Fairfield where she had been attending Parsons college.

Mrs. Mary K. Stewart left Friday for a visit in Mystic with her son.

Mrs. Flora Conner of Derby who had been visiting her son Herbert returned home Friday.

The public schools closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation and the out of town teachers left for their respective homes to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Foulks and little

A Dubuque Man Bites Off Ear of Opponent in Fight

Dubuque, Dec. 27.—(Special)—During the course of a brawl in a saloon yesterday afternoon Jack Schwartz and Chas. Anthony clinched and fell to the floor. Schwartz landed on top of Anthony, and in the struggle, caught hold of Anthony's ear in his teeth. It took four men to pull Schwartz away and when taken off Schwartz had the ear in his mouth. The ear was cut off as clean as if it had been done by a surgeon's knife. The police are looking for Schwartz.

daughter Vesta, went to Ottumwa Friday evening to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGuffert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Becker and daughter Martha, have gone to Ottumwa to spend the holidays with their daughter and sister Mrs. Arthur Curtis.

Miss Mamie Best who is teaching in the public schools at Ames arrived on Friday to spend a few weeks with her father Joseph Best.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kitterman and sons Charles and John went to Ottumwa Friday evening to spend several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Downard of Creston formerly of this city arrived Friday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Downard and other relatives and old friends.

Miss Margaret Spohn and Isabel McHarg of Des Moines returned to their homes Friday after a few days' visit with Mrs. Bert Gookin.

Miss Ruth Bonnett who has been attending the Iowa State University at Iowa City arrived Friday to spend the holidays at her home here.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Newsome of Indianapolis are visiting in Warren township with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wright Newsome.

Mrs. A. R. Hosea went to Osceola to spend a few days with her daughter Mrs. Everett Lingle.

Mrs. M. J. Roberts and granddaughter Miss Ruth Rogers, went to Stansberry, Mo., yesterday to visit the former's daughter Mrs. Della Sanford and other relatives.

Miss Ruth Bonnett who has been attending the Iowa State University at Iowa City arrived Friday to spend the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Durham of Liberty township have gone to Pleasanton to spend a week with their niece.

Miss Salene Williams left Saturday for a week's visit in Centerville with her sister Mrs. N. W. Wilson.

Mrs. Jennie Stearns and son of Red Oak, arrived yesterday for a visit with her mother Mrs. J. D. Hardin and other relatives and old friends.

Master Hugh Courter, who has been attending the school for the deaf at Council Bluffs, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays.

The Misses Mildred, Willey and Grace Gittinger, teachers in the Albion schools, arrived home Saturday to spend the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Junkin of Creston visited in this city Saturday with her sister Mrs. T. P. Stanton, while on their way to Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Adcock of Scott Bluff, Neb., and O. E. Adcock of Omaha, are guests at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Isam H. Adcock.

Miss Laura Fitch who is teaching in the public schools at Ft. Dodge, arrived home Saturday evening to spend a few weeks.

Rev. J. F. Roberts of Keota was in Sigourney Tuesday, conducting the Knox funeral.

A. J. Cain and C. Legoe of What Cheer was a business caller in Sigourney Wednesday and attending district court.

R. R. McIntosh was a passenger for North Dakota Tuesday evening where he has investments in real estate.

John McKain, Steph Allison and A. Graham from the Gibson neighborhood were county seat visitors Tuesday and taking a view of the new court house.

Mrs. E. P. Stone and son of Palmer, Neb., who have been visiting at the home of the former's brother, J. H. McCormick, left for Brighton Tuesday.

H. L. Schilling, who recently shipped a carload of stock to Chicago returned home Tuesday.

Frank Miller from Kewanee, Ill., is in Sigourney this week renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Miller is a former resident of this city.

Miss Ella Clark was a passenger south on the midnight train Monday enroute for Lockhart, Ala., where she goes to spend the winter with her sisters, Mrs. Harlan and Mrs. White.

Miss Ethel Cunningham, who spent a fortnight at the Neas home returned to her home in Malvern, Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Besser from Harpington arrived Tuesday attending the Knox funeral.

Miss Ethel Hunt from Knoxville transferred here Tuesday evening going north on the Milwaukee to Mt. Vernon. Miss Hunt is a teacher in the Knoxville schools.

Mrs. Louie Hermanstorfer and children were passengers south on the Milwaukee for Hopley, Okla., where they go to visit Mrs. Hermanstorfer's parents.

Miss Margaret Howard arrived in Sigourney Monday evening from Cedar Rapids where she is employed as a trained nurse.

Green County Poultry Show. Grand Junction, Dec. 26.—The annual Green county poultry show will be held in Grand Junction. In connection with the poultry show there will also be held a corn show. Grand Junction merchants have taken hold of the matter and good prizes will be offered in both the poultry and corn departments of the combined show.

Manson Plans Electroliners. Manson, Dec. 26.—The subject of electroliner lighting of the streets has been taken up by the city dads and the mayor has already a sample to be set up as an illustration of the beauty of the light. There is little doubt but that the new plan will meet with favor and that Manson will join the progressive towns in the state in the adoption of this form of street lighting.

750 MEN IN ONE COUNTY IN OHIO UP FOR BRIBERY

WAGON LOADS OF VOTERS PLEAD GUILTY TO ACCEPTING ELECTION BRIBES AND ARE DISFRANCHISED FOR FIVE YEARS.

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Wagon loads of men, indicted for alleged participation in the wholesale election frauds in this county continued to arrive at the court house today. They hurried before Judge Blair to plead guilty, receive suspended jail sentences and be disfranchised for five years and pay a fine of \$5 to \$25 and costs. The grand jury today returned 124 indictments, making a total of 752.

West Union, O., Dec. 27.—More than two-thirds of the voters in Adams county have sold their votes at every election, according to Judge A. Z. Blair, who caused the grand jury action which resulted in the indictment of 650 persons and 114 convictions. More than 500 arrests will be made next week, and it is expected that the total number of persons indicted will reach 2,000 or more.

Judge Blair is authority for the statement that fully half of the entire voting strength of the county was bribed by leaders of both parties in most of the elections. He says they got their price from the leaders of both parties, and then went to the booths and voted the way they thought best.

The extent to which the graft spirit has extended is shown by the fact that among the 114 voters who have pleaded guilty and have been sentenced is the Rev. Isaac Hilton of Red Brush, who admitted he took \$10. Because of the minister's financial condition, Judge Blair made him five years, but disfranchised him for five years.

Judge Tells About Graft. "More than two-thirds of all the voters in the county sold their votes. If the information I have received is correct," said Judge Blair. "There were voters who were bought and sold as if they were commodities. The farmers have bought and sold their merchandise during the last thirty-five years. And it is noteworthy that half of the voters of the county sold out to both sides. They did this, of course, before the election days came around."

Whole System is Corrupt. "It is strange, but the electoral corruption was a symptom of general corruption. Whenever you find a man who is willing to give his vote to the man who bids the highest figure, you have a man who is either at heart a criminal or who has been taught that our government stands for nothing. And in nine cases out of ten, this latter interpretation is the one that fits."

"In Adams county, for the last thirty-five or forty years, the men have sold their ballots openly. They have grown into the habit of getting money for their votes. After a while, this habit grew accustomed to them, and they thought it was all right to vote for the man who paid the best."

The situation in Adams county has been as Judge Blair says, the same for the last thirty-five or forty years. When the bribing started is not known, but it was long before half the men who have been indicted were born.

FIVE FOUND DEAD AT PHILADELPHIA

HEART DISEASE CAUSES DEATH OF QUARTET OF WOMEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Five women were found dead in bed Christmas day in this city by other occupants of the houses where they lived. Death in each instance was due to heart disease.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, 65 years old, was found dead by her daughter Elizabeth. Under almost the identical circumstances her husband was found dead last Christmas.

Mrs. Grace Daly, 28 years old, wife of "Jack" Daly a former well-known pugilist, was found dead by Captain Briggs of the Salvation Army. When Captain Briggs called to give Mrs. Daly a present she was shown up to her room, and when there was no response to frequent knocking the door was broken open. Mrs. Daly was found stretched across the bed. Life had been extinct for several hours.

Mrs. Catherine Gibbons, 75 years old, who resided with a sister, Mrs. Bridget Murphy, arose yesterday morning and asked Mrs. Murphy to wait for her while she dressed and she would accompany her to church. After waiting for about five minutes and she did not appear, she went to look for her. She found her lying across the bed.

Mrs. Nellie McAnany, 38 years old, was found by her husband.

Mary Frazier, 38 years old, was found by a relative.

Death of Mother Steere. Exira, Dec. 26.—The past week witnessed the death and burial of one of the oldest and most respected ladies in this community in the person of Mother Steere of Cameron township. The husband of this good old lady helped to organize the township of Cameron when it was part of Viola.

SAYS MONEY TAX INJURES STATE

SECRETARY F. G. PIERCE OF THE IOWA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES GIVES VIEWS.

BREEDS DODGERS

Says its Inequalities Tends to Encourage Dodging Taxes and That the Burden Falls on Widows and Orphans.

That it is not alone a factor in the loss of population sustained by the state, but that it likewise breeds tax dodging and leaves the widow and orphan to bear more than their share of the burden, is the belief regarding Iowa's tax on moneys and credits expressed by Frank G. Pierce, secretary of Marshalltown, secretary of the Iowa League of Municipalities. Mr. Pierce has given careful study to the taxing problems of Iowa and has read several papers before national tax meetings. He is unqualifiedly opposed to the tax on moneys and credits.

Discussing the necessity for repeal, he said, while in Des Moines recently "Undoubtedly the tax on moneys and credits is one of the most important factors in driving the people out of the state. It has contributed to this condition as much as any one proposition. What is the use of having a state publicity bureau to bring people here, only to drive them out with an absurd system of taxation?"

"They say that specific instances of people leaving the state because of the tax should be given. Well, I know of fifteen people in the city of Marshalltown who have moved away from the state in the last five years because of the tax on moneys and credits. The people with money to invest will not stay in a state where their moneys and credits are taxed."

How It Works. "Here is just an absurd side of the question. A man has a contract to buy another man's farm in March for \$10,000. The contract is made in December. In January he sells the contract to a third party, taking a new contract from him. It all involves the same \$10,000 and the same farm. Well, the owner of the farm pays a tax on the land, the owner of the first contract pays a moneys and credits tax on the \$10,000, and the owner of the second contract involving the \$10,000, pays still another moneys and credits tax on it. Triple taxation. No wonder the people won't stand for it."

"And being shrewd business men they get their money outside of the state for investment or put it in such a manner that it cannot be reached under the moneys and credits tax. But the widows and orphans with a few thousand left them have no experience and they pay the tax and pay it in full. Estates being matters of public record are also compelled to pay the tax, but the man with \$75,000 or \$100,000 to invest, never pays a cent of the tax."

Pennsylvania Method. "There are several remedies which can be applied. The first is the Pennsylvania or Connecticut plan. Those states have a straight four mill tax on all moneys and credits wherever found. Reports of their tax commissioners show that there is no disposition to dodge this tax or send the money away from the state because it is so small that the average investor feels willing to pay it rather than bother to make investments outside of the state."

"Still another system which is very much in vogue is the Wisconsin system. This is a real estate mortgage tax. But the value of the mortgage is deducted from the value of the land. The owner of the mortgage then pays a tax on his mortgage and the owner of the land pays a tax on the equity which is left in the land. But that law is circumvented by a clause which now puts in the mortgage making a second contract to pay the tax, but the man with the mortgage and the equity tax. So it practically relieves the mortgagee of the tax."

Plenty of Good Methods. "Still another method of taxation which is better than our moneys and credits tax is the Minnesota real estate mortgage registration. Under the provisions of this law real estate mortgages are taxed 50 cents on the \$100 and the tax holds good for five years. It is readily seen that a 50 cent tax on every \$100 paid once every five years is a practical exemption of the mortgage from taxation."

"These are only some of the methods which have been devised by the tax experts of other states to get a just taxing system and yet keep capital and people in the state. They have been more or less successful under all of these plans, for they have not lost population, at least."

"Personally I think that Iowa's whole system of taxation from end to end is that the dead boy. Mrs. Luckus, was wrong. I believe we should soon establish in Iowa a permanent tax commission, which shall take over the duties of the executive council and shall also have power to overrule local assessing boards and make a new assessment in any part of the state. The tax commission, of course, would have as its main function the equalizing of the taxes of this state."

Give Reward to Mother. Mason City, Dec. 26.—Because of the contention that has arisen among claimants of the reward offered for evidence that would lead to the arrest of the murderer of Henry Luckus, a move has started among the women of the city to give the money which is nearly \$1,000 to the widowed mother of the dead boy. Mrs. Luckus, was brought to this country by her son on whom she was dependent, little more than a year ago, the boy having sent her money to make the trip. She is now in a strange land and wholly without the help of any near relatives save a daughter who has a large family of her own. Sentiment in this direction is growing.

Next Tuesday The Courier will print the first chapters of the story "L'Homme Sans Figure" "The Man Without a Face" This story is one of the most entertaining and intensely interesting of French stories. It is by Albert Baissiere and is translated by Florence Crew-Jones. Be Sure To Get the First Chapters Subscribe NOW, because you may not be able to get back numbers of the paper. Write or Telephone your subscription to THE COURIER, Ottumwa, Iowa Telephone 44

TYPO UNION IS PROGRESSIVE TWO VETERANS ANSWER TAPS

CHARITON MOURNS THE LOSS OF JAMES TOUT AND WILLIAM YOUNG.

Chariton, Dec. 26.—(Special)—The people of this community mourn the death of two civil war veterans, Wm. Tout and Jas. H. Young Mr. Tout died Saturday night after an illness of only a few weeks with paralysis, at the age of 80 years. He is survived by his wife and six children, three sons and a daughter by his first wife and two daughters by his second wife. Funeral services were held at the Christian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Davis, after which interment took place in the Chariton cemetery.

James Young died on Christmas morning at 3 o'clock, after an illness of less than a week with pneumonia. He is survived by three sons, Ed of this city, Ben and Fred of St. Jos. Ar. Arrangements for the funeral services have not yet been made. The sorrowing relatives who survive these two good old citizens will have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

Encounters Vicious Cow. Iowa City, Dec. 26.—John B. Hay of Solon narrowly escaped death in an encounter with a vicious cow on his farm near this place. Hay was milking the animal, usually a very docile beast, when she suddenly raised her foot and planted it with great force against his chest. He was thrown under the feet of the cow partly dazed from the blow. The thoroughly enraged animal tried to kick and trample the helpless man. However, he managed to crawl away after a time, but not until his face was black and blue with the bruises and cuts inflicted upon him. Several stitches were necessary to close wounds on his scalp.

Deaths. DOOLITTLE—Monday, December 26, 1910, at 8:35 p. m., at the residence on Epps street, Lillian Doolittle, wife of Guy Doolittle, aged 30 years. The remains will be taken on Burlington No. 3 tomorrow morning to Garden Grove where short funeral services will be held at the grave in Garden Grove cemetery. E. W. Doolittle, father of Guy Doolittle, arrived last night and will accompany the bereaved husband and remains to Garden Grove tomorrow morning. The sympathy of all the traveling seamen who stop at the Ballinger goes out to Mr. Doolittle, who is night clerk at the hostelry.

SCHAUB—Monday, December 26, 1910 at Sioux City, Ia., Mrs. Carrie DeValt Schaub, wife of Adolph Schaub. The remains will arrive this evening over the Burlington at 11:25 o'clock and will be taken to the home of Mrs. Grant Alexander 711 South Vine street, mother of the deceased. Funeral services will be held from the residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. T. W. Jeffrey of the First M. E. church will conduct the services. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery. Besides her husband and mother, three children, Otto, Loyd and Bernice, survive her. Her husband is a brother of Louis Schaub and was a former resident of Ottumwa.

A New Industry. Shenandoah, Dec. 26.—Shenandoah is to have another new industry which will employ at least five men. It is a rubber repair concern and its business will be to make over automobile tires that are worn or for any reason put out of commission. The proprietors are D. B. Pace and W. G. Ross and they are now awaiting machinery which is coming from Akron, O., in order to start the work. They anticipate a good business and expect to cover a wide territory in this section.

TO HOLD REVIVAL. Special Services Will Be Conducted at Epworth Chapel by Woman Evangelist. The Epworth chapel, one and one-half miles east of Dahlgene will have a revival beginning tonight and continuing for at least three weeks. Miss Holland, a woman evangelist of merit, will have charge of the special meetings. Miss Holland is a very enthusiastic talker. Her vast experience in the evangelistic field makes it possible for her to bring interesting subjects to the people of the Epworth chapel neighborhood. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

HIGH POINT. Mr. and Mrs. Mottet and family and Philip Rough and Sister Clara, spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Patrick last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stark McCoy of Dakota, are visiting relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Leopold Buedell visited last week with her mother near Blakesburg. Mrs. Holmes of Ottumwa is spending a few days at the Mrs. Emma Purnoy home. David Burton of South Dakota is spending the holidays at the parental Burtn home. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Patrick visited relatives in the country. Mr. Marts of South Ottumwa is spending a few days with his son Monroe. Charles Overturf of Ottumwa was an overnight visitor at the Ewash Hawk home. Little Bernard Schwartz is quite sick. Mr. and Mrs. Buedell spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Andy Love of Ottumwa. Miss Alice Overturf is visiting relatives in the city. George Phillips of Colorado is spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. John Phillips. Mrs. Minnie Marts attended the Barton funeral in Ottumwa Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Patrick visited relatives in Ottumwa Sunday.

RUSSELL. Chas. Rowland and family went to Knoxville Saturday to visit with relatives. H. W. Elliott and wife went to Creston Saturday to spend Christmas with Dr. Sutton and wife. Bert Vinsel came in Saturday evening from Nevada to spend Christmas with home folks. Homer Hancock and wife came on Saturday evening from Montana to visit with Russell friends. J. M. Wright went to Albia Saturday on a business trip. Chester Everett and wife of Ottumwa who have been visiting his parents here, went to Van Wert Saturday. Dr. Geo. May of Iowa City came home Friday to spend the holidays. Arthur Woodman who is attending college at Ames is home to spend the holidays. Dan Marshall and family of Ft. Collins, Colo., are here visiting at the home of G. F. Boozell. The mother of the deceased, enterprising farmers near here marketed hogs in Russell Friday. Hugh and Ora Adcock of Omaha, are here to spend the holidays with their mother Mrs. Ida Adcock. Roy Jeffries of California is spending the holidays with his father J. N. Jeffries.