

Iowa State News

JURY IS CAUSE OF STRANGE TANGLE

KEOKUK COURT HAS ONE OF MOST COMPLEXING PROBLEMS IN HISTORY.

Keokuk, May 18.—A jury in the district court here has snarled up the skein of law in a most unusual fashion and has created a situation that local court men declare has never before been encountered in court.

The jury, according to agreement, was to return a sealed verdict. The jurors would then all separate until a stated time. Under this agreement the jurors returned a sealed verdict and came into court this morning.

When Judge Hamilton was handed the verdict and it was opened it was found that it was not signed. The attorneys for the plaintiff wanted the jury instructed to retire again, sign the verdict and make it out according to the form in the instructions. After consultation between the attorneys and the court it was ruled that the court had no power to direct the jury after it had been allowed to separate. The court then set aside the verdict.

The case was that of Lydia McCann vs. L. C. Karll. Plaintiff claimed \$10,000 damages as a result of a horse being frightened by defendant's auto, and an accident resulting therefrom. The jury's verdict was that the plaintiff should get \$800, but paid costs.

The court talked to the jurors following their discharge, telling them of the necessity of observing the court's instructions.

IOWANS WILL HEAD "BILLY" SUNDAY

Chicago, May 18.—Thursday, July 8 has been officially designated as "Iowa Day" at the Fifth World's Christian Endeavor convention which meets in this city July 7 to 12, 1915. More than one thousand Christian Endeavors from Iowa are expected to attend. This celebration, which will be addressed by "Billy" Sunday, the noted evangelist, Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, and Daniel A. Poling, secretary of the Flying Squadron of America.

Special trains from Iowa points are being planned by transportation manager F. M. Rich of Hubbard, Iowa. It is expected that the Iowa delegates will reach Chicago Wednesday evening, July 7, in time for the opening address of the convention by President Woodrow Wilson.

GROCERY CLERK IS BITTEN BY TARANTULA

Des Moines, May 18.—Fred Benson, an employe of the Albert Balzer grocery store at Thirteenth and Forest, was painfully bitten by a tarantula. As he was cutting bananas on a bunch the spider, which is said to be a particularly live and active specimen for one found in this climate, leaped at him and bit him on the finger. It jumped from his hand back into the fruit and was later shaken out and killed. It measured three inches across. A doctor was summoned immediately and the boy is said to be suffering no inconvenience aside from the severe pain.

DONATE BLEACHERS.

Ames, May 18.—The Turner Improvement company of Des Moines, contractors, building the new \$31,000 concrete bleachers on State field, announces that it has decided to contribute one of the twenty \$1,500 sections to the bleachers. If the athletic council will complete the entire job of construction this spring, the first ten sections of the bleachers were financed out of athletic council funds. The classes, class play funds, the Ames Commercial club, the faculty and other sources have contributed to the general construction fund.

MYSTERIOUS DISEASE KILLS.

Iowa City, May 18.—Dr. F. H. P. Edwards, deputy state veterinarian was called to Union Valley to the farm of William Burnett, to investigate a strange malady among Burnett's cattle. The animals became blind suddenly, rushed through wire fences, and fell dead. Following this, and as others were likely to meet the same fate. The veterinarian decided that excessive eating of the new green grass caused the curious poisoning and fatal attacks.

CLARGE AT GRINNELL.

Grinnell, May 18.—Governor Clarke has accepted an invitation to speak at Grinnell on May 19. He will attend the annual banquet of the Manufacturers' association. "Greater Iowa" will probably be the topic selected to talk on by the governor.

MAY BUILD LIBRARY.

Logan, May 18.—Qualified electors of Logan will vote upon the proposition of erecting a city library here. The central thought of the promoters is to give access to a carefully selected reference library to aid in the education of the boys and girls.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Fort Dodge, May 18.—Frightened horses dragging a corn planter when William Cahall, a thirty year old farmer, was missing, alarmed neighbors of Cahall and led to the discovery of his charred and lifeless body. He had been stricken down by lightning in a sudden storm, while at work in the field. Cahall leaves a wife and three little children.

IOWA SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Des Moines, May 18.—The supreme court Monday rendered the following decisions:

Charles Steinfort vs. Samuel and Henry L. Langhout, appellants, Sioux district, affirmed.

D. R. Riley, appellant vs. Interstate Business Men's association, Linn district, affirmed.

Earl W. Canady vs. Ida M. Baysing, appellant et al, Linn district, affirmed.

American Express Co. vs. Des Moines National bank, appellant, Polk district, reversed.

Town of Hedrick vs. Fred Lanz, appellant, Keokuk district, reversed.

TWO BABES ESCAPE DEATH AT SAME TIME

Mason City, May 18.—Two babies, each less than 2 years old in opposite ends of the city, narrowly escaped death when lightning struck their parents' homes within same hour.

Eva Vokavich, daughter of Peter Vokavich was thought dead when picked up with a design of a tree burned across her breast, but she recovered. The infant was within three feet of the telephone wires over which the bolt entered the house.

The 16 months' old son of Frank Allen was knocked down by lightning that split the chimney roof to cellar and tore holes in the wall above and below the window at which he was standing.

During the same storm lightning struck a gas meter in Miller flats, setting fire to the building. Prompt cutting off of the gas prevented much damage.

SAYS IOWA IS BEST STATE FOR LEMONS

Logan, May 18.—Herman Blueborn, a retired farmer of Logan, but formerly a steamboat man running for seven years between New Orleans and St. Louis on the Mississippi, by way of experiment has produced on a 10-year-old lemon tree, a lemon that weighed fourteen ounces and measured 12 by 12.5 inches in circumference when accidentally knocked from the tree last Sunday.

The lemon shows what Iowa soil will produce. The tree blossomed last June and no other lemon was permitted to grow on the tree.

SOUTH ENGLISH RECEIVES CONVERTS

South English, May 18.—A reception for the eighty new converts, the result of the Gospel Teams' work from adjoining towns was held at the opera house, the crowd being estimated at 400. The Sigourney and Webster Gospel Teams were here. Also Rev. Pike of Grand View, a former M. E. pastor, who gave a short talk. Readings were given by Misses Wine, Noffsinger, Stoner and Miller. Miss Pauline Basarear delighted the audience by singing several solos. Later the large audience were served with ice cream, cake and coffee.

HARNESS IN LUSITANIA.

Clinton, May 18.—Sixteen big cases of Clinton made harness lie at the bottom of the sea in the hold of the Lusitania.

They are a part of a shipment of artillery furnishings sent out by the Clinton Saddlery company, and were shipped in accordance with a second contract received by the local firm from the English army.

ATTACK STILL A MYSTERY.

Iowa Falls, May 18.—The attack made on Miss Clara Mark northwest of this city last week remains shrouded in mystery and the identity of her assailant will probably never be known. The tank stove which was left on the bed proved to be one of three that had been left on another farm belonging to the girl's father.

FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Estherville, May 18.—Peter Kline, a well-to-do farmer, committed suicide at his home near this city by drinking carbolic acid. He has been in poor health for several years.

YOUNG BOY DROWNED.

Des Moines, May 18.—Ralph Denny, aged 8, was drowned and his boy companion, Willie Herker, was saved today. The boys opened the fishing season by going to the river and when they saw a fish pole float by tried to secure it. They waded in beyond their depth and sank. Other boys rescued Herker but Denny went down.

GIRLS PLAN HIKE.

Fort Dodge, May 18.—Twelve girls members of the Vagabond Hiking club, which asked for pedometers for Christmas presents last year, are planning for a hike from Fort Dodge to Okoboji in the near future. The details of the trip have not yet been worked out but the girls set their lips firmly and insist, "we're going."

VOTE FOR \$25,000 SCHOOL.

Attica, May 18.—Attica voted "or bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the erection of a consolidated school building to be built here in the summer. The vote was 105 for and 65 against. Women were allowed to vote for the first time in Attica.

K. C.'S GET LODGE ROOMS.

Sheldon, May 18.—The Knights of Columbus of Sheldon have just signed a lease with Mrs. Gannon for lodge rooms over one of the furniture stores. The space occupied will be 50x110 feet and when the apartments are completed there will be provided one of the finest lodge rooms in this portion of the state. They will be strictly modern.

MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

DR. W. B. SMALL IS PRESIDENT; DD. BROCKMAN IS COM. MITTEE.

Waterloo, May 18.—W. B. Small of Waterloo heads the state medical society for the ensuing fiscal year and J. F. Herrick of Ottumwa will succeed him next year at the meeting in Davenport.

Election of officers marked the most important feature of the concluding session of the sixty-fourth annual convention in session here for three days. Officers were named as follows:

President—J. F. Herrick, Ottumwa.

First vice president—J. E. Luckey, Vinton.

Second vice president—H. B. Gratio, Dubuque.

Secretary—J. W. Osborn, Des Moines.

Treasurer—Thomas F. Duhigg, Des Moines.

Councillors—First district, John T. Walker of Fort Madison; eleventh district, G. C. Morehead of Ida Grove.

Delegates American Medical—J. C. Rockefeller, Des Moines.

Alternate—F. M. Tombaugh, Burlington.

Medico-legal—D. S. Fairchild, Clinton.

Committee on constitution and by-laws—D. C. Brockman of Ottumwa, Max Emmert of Atlantic, E. Hornbrook of Cherokee.

Public policy and legislation—Thomas F. Duhigg of Des Moines, B. L. Eiker of Leon, W. S. Conkling of Des Moines.

Finance—W. W. Pearson of Des Moines, C. F. Franz of Burlington, C. J. Saunders of Fort Dodge.

J. Publication—F. W. Porterfield of Waterloo, W. L. Biering of Des Moines.

Other officials are appointive through the president, whose decisions will be made at a later date.

JACOB MESSLER DIES AT CHARITON

Chariton, May 18.—Jacob Messler was born in Germany on June 4, 1843, and departed this life at his home in Chariton on Sunday night, May 16. He came with his parents to America at the age of 16 years and settled on a farm in Marion county, Iowa, where he resided until 1870, then removed to Cloud where he lived until 1910, when he located on a farm in Lincoln township, this county, where he lived until he came to Chariton two years ago. He was married on his farm in Marion county on August 28, 1865, to Miss Sarah Beckman of Cincinnati, Ohio. To them were born nine children, one of whom, Jacob, died in infancy. Those and Mrs. Lloyd Bagder passed away in October, 1912. Those living are Mrs. Kate Willis of Leona, Mrs. Louisa Nussbaum of Oakley, Mrs. Stella Rosa of Lucas, Mrs. Lela Selby of Des Moines, John W. Messler, Mrs. Jennie Badger and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston of Chariton. He is also survived by nineteen grandchildren. When quite young Mr. Messler was converted and united with the Lutheran church and later placed his membership with the M. E. denomination at Union chapel. Funeral services were held this forenoon at 11 o'clock at the family home, conducted by Rev. Theodore H. Axman, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Chariton cemetery.

THE LIBERTY BELL IN IOWA JULY 7

Philadelphia, Pa., May 18.—The Liberty bell will start July 5 for San Francisco, where it will be exhibited at the Panama-Pacific exposition. It will arrive in Gary, Ind., at 4:25 p. m. July 6, where a stop of fifteen minutes will be made.

It will reach the Pennsylvania station in Chicago at 5:30 the same afternoon. They stay in Chicago will be until 12:05 a. m. Wednesday, July 7, when it departs over the Rock Island.

Peoria will be reached at 7 a. m. and a stop of one hour will be made. It will reach Rock Island at 11 a. m. and stop fifteen minutes; will arrive in Davenport, Ia. at 11:30 a. m. and stop thirty minutes; arrive in Iowa City, Ia. at 1:30 p. m. and remain fifteen minutes; arrive in Marengo, Ia. at 2:45 p. m. and remain fifteen minutes; arrive in Grinnell, Ia. at 3:50 p. m. and stop ten minutes; arrive in Des Moines at 6 p. m. and make a five hour stop, at which time it will resume its journey.

BILL BOARD FIGHT ON.

Clear Lake, May 18.—When Stanford Bros. attempted to erect a 150 foot bill board near the lake shore, property owners immediately enjoined the workmen. The Progress club and Commercial club are endeavoring to act as intermediaries between the parties.

BOLT STRIKES COURT HOUSE.

Etherville, May 18.—The Emmet county court house was struck by lightning during a storm. The bolt split the flagpole and then tore a hole about a foot square in the side of the cupola, breaking all the windows in the upper section.

The interior of the court house was not damaged.

VOTE TO CONSOLIDATE.

Renwick, May 18.—Vernon township decided to consolidate their schools at an election by a vote of 40 to 11. The bond election will be held soon.

A. R. JACKSON DIES SUDDENLY

Albia, May 18.—A. R. Jackson, who had returned home from Chicago last week where he had been on account of his health, was found dead Monday by his nurse. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

LOGAN FOR SHELDON.

Sheldon, May 18.—A prize of \$10 is to be awarded by the Sheldon Commercial club to the person suggesting the best slogan for the city's use.

STANDPIPE CAN'T STAND.

Atlantic, May 18.—Judge Rockefeller has ruled that the standpipe at Harlan must be removed.

AGENCY.

Sunday, May 23, Rev. M. D. Cox will deliver a memorial sermon in the M. E. church at 11 o'clock. All members of Windsor post, G. A. R., and all old soldiers are requested to attend Decoration day and will be observed Sunday, May 30. In the afternoon Congressman Ramseyer of Bloomfield, will deliver the address on that day.

William Connelly, of Des Moines, is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connelly.

Miss Anna Lawson who has been a missionary to India for twenty-five years is back on a vacation over night last week while on her way to Chicago. She will return this week and visit friends for a time near here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen was a North Henderson, Iowa, was over Sunday at the Fred Miller home.

School closes Friday, May 21. There was a frost here Sunday night but did no damage to fruit or vegetables.

Mrs. Johnson of Mt. Pleasant was an over Sunday visitor with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Harlin of Ottumwa was an over Sunday visitor at the C. F. Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hammond returned home Wednesday from Washington, Iowa, where Mrs. Hammond was taking treatment.

H. L. Hammond attended grand lodge, A. O. U. W., in Des Moines this week as delegate from No. 291.

Mrs. Wm. Smith and daughter returned home from Pella, where they have been visiting relatives the past week.

WEST POINT.

Mrs. Margaret Estes of Houghton, visited with friends here Thursday.

Miss Leona Schierbrock of Burlington arrived Thursday for a visit with her mother here.

Alphons and Stacy Culligan of Mt. Pleasant were over Sunday visitors with their parents here.

Mrs. J. M. Cale very pleasantly entertained the Ladies' Aid society and a number of friends at her home, Friday afternoon. A two course luncheon was served and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

B. K. Burus of Arbella, Mo., arrived Saturday for a visit with his brother, Al Burus, at his home in business.

Miss Josephine Hansen has returned from an extended stay at Burlington. Miss Emma Kuemeyer of Fort Madison is a guest at the Wm. Cale home east of town.

Fredonia Harnagel who is attending high school at Fort Madison, arrived Saturday for a visit with her parents.

The marriage bans of Stephen Peitz of West Point, and Miss Anna Stuekerpuergen of Houghton, have been published. The marriage will take place at St. John's church at Houghton Tuesday, May 25.

The city cemetery is receiving a good cleaning up this week and will be in readiness for Decoration day.

Recitals of the most pleasing, musical affairs of the season was the pupils' recital of St. Mary's music studio which was given at St. Aloysius hall last Thursday evening. Twenty pupils were given and each performer did their work well. The work of the pupils reflect much credit upon the teacher, Sister Fidelia whose pupils they have been the past year. A large audience was present and enjoyed each number.

Mrs. Frank Otte and children of Ft. Madison who visited several days at the John Rump home have returned home.

Miss Anna Eitmeier of Ft. Madison is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Pogge.

Mrs. Al Harmeyer was hostess to the Amity club at her home Friday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent at progressive euchre. Mrs. Davenport of Mt. Pleasant, was winning the honors. Refreshments were served.

Twelve new seats have been placed in the park which adds very much to its neat appearance.

Mrs. Ed Munsell of Hynes, visited with friends at Avery last week.

Mrs. Roy Bombhoff and Mrs. Montgomery visited at the Ed Munsell home at Hynes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Allen, Mary Hynes, Sarah Moore, R. M. Clapp, Ed Munster, and Mrs. C. A. Montgomery, sell, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Montgomery, J. W. Ritcher, Rev. R. G. Nye, A. Anderson.

Mrs. John Mathews entertained the Ladies' Union Aid last Thursday.

Jas. Worrall's condition remains poorly.

Miss Fern Cook of Albia, was a Sunday visitor at the Elliott Bates home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Money were Lockman visitors over Sunday.

ELDON.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Orr of Marshalltown visited last week with Mrs. Orr's mother, Mrs. C. Hollenbeck, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKay returned home Tuesday from a visit with his parents at Columbus Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Baker left for Des Moines Tuesday evening. Mr. Baker will attend federal court as a juror.

Eldon concert band gave its regular Wednesday evening concert at the band stand.

W. H. Stauffer was a Des Moines visitor last week, attending federal court as juror.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held its monthly social with Mrs. George Myers Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Flint and Mrs. H. C. Vass were hostesses to the Four-M club Wednesday afternoon at the Vass home.

P. E. O. society held its regular meeting Monday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Weggand.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Harlan Taylor.

The Bay View club met with Mrs. J. O. Murphy Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. Stanton acted as leader.

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Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hull returned home this week from a visit with relatives in Omaha and other cities.

BLAKESBURG.

Mrs. Cora Stevens of Denver, Colo. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Myra Abege.

Miss Jesse Overturf has returned to her home near Ottumwa after a two weeks stay with her sister, Mrs. Alva Hynes.

Mrs. E. Doty returned Tuesday from Cedar Rapids where she visited her daughter, Mrs. John Oswald.

Mrs. Bruce McAllister went to Diamond, Wyo., this week on business.

Billy Barnes has returned from a few weeks stay in North Dakota.

M. B. Abernathy who was injured while running a road grader near Alorton has almost completely recovered.

HILLSBORO.

Mrs. Sarah Campbell and Mrs. G. E. Adkinson returned the first of the week from a few days stay in Bloomfield.

Mrs. Herman Miller and son, Charles, of Bettendorf are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Earley were over Sunday visitors in Okaloosa.

The Wesleyan Girls I Glee club entertained a large crowd at the opera house Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Albaugh, Mrs. F. E. Vance and E. L. Bay, Milan and Grant Bollhaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mahaffey were Ottumwa passengers Thursday.

The Missionary society of the Congregational church was entertained on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Tennant, Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Anna Davis and Mrs. Blanch Kitterman.

After devotional exercises a short program was given. The attendance was large, many being present from the different church societies. Refreshments were served in the basement of the church.

Chas. Ott of Albia spent Thursday in Eddyville visiting his brother Theo Ott.

Mrs. Phillip Hargesheimer was called to Roseville, Minn., this week by the serious illness of her mother Mrs. J. McGlothlin.

Mrs. W. H. May is spending the week in Pella visiting relatives.

Mrs. C. Bateman of Toledo, O., is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Lucy Lafferty.

LIBERTYVILLE.

Miss Fern Riniker of Des Moines spent last week here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagner of Batavia visited a few days this week at the home of Mrs. M. E. Hines.

Mrs. Clyde Mowery entertained the Rebekah Embroidery club at her home Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon spent.

Mrs. Carl Riggs will entertain May 28, George Hefner and some of Table Grove, Ill., visited last week at the C. C. Laughlin home.

Mrs. Irvin Glatfelter and Miss Daisy Sherick will be hostess to the Bible Sister class of the M. E. church at the home of the former Saturday, May 29, from 2 to 6 p. m.

Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Davis have returned home from Waterloo where they attended the state medical convention.

Mrs. Martha Fulton left last week for Thomas, Okla., for a month's visit with her father.

Miss Goldie Anderson visited last week at the home of Mrs. M. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Shreves motored to Monmouth, Ill., Saturday and spent Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Eystrom is seriously ill at her home in Fairfield.

Miss Thelma Moxley purchased a new Buick car last week.

ALBIA.

Charles H. Allison, age 30, Lovilia, and Miss Mary E. Montgomery, age 19, Whiteburg, got married licenses May 13, 1915.

Mrs. Emma Young Taft of Creston, was the guest of Mrs. A. R. Barnes the last of the week.

Mrs. Margaret Baker is spending the week at Excelsior Springs.

John Barnick, a boy 11 years in Albia, drowned today about 1 o'clock at Fraker. His family had just moved out to Fraker this morning and there was a small pond on the right of the house about one-half mile from the house. He and another boy went to the pond and were on a raft and some were swimming, just as the raft was getting close to the shore, he started to step from the raft to the shore and it over turned and he was drowned.

Miss Thelma Halden who has been a guest of Albia friends has returned to her home in Marshalltown.

Miss Alzada Borger and Helen Gutch spent Saturday in Knoxville.

Mrs. Wm. H. H. Hiteman was in Albia yesterday and went to Avery for a visit with relatives.

T. J. Jewell who has been visiting his daughters in Albia returned to his home in Cherokee, Okla., this week.

Mrs. Sara Anderson has returned from Alorton where she inspected the Pythian Sisters' temple of that place.

Mrs. Calvia Manning who has been a guest of her son, Edwin and wife, has returned to her home in Ottumwa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ricey were in Lovilia yesterday attending the funeral of Chas. Young.

BELKNAP.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tompkins of Bloomfield were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Munn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Martin of Bloomfield were entertained Sunday by Mrs. T. H. Brewster and daughter Mrs. Ray H. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eberline and daughter Mrs. J. R. Krusor drove Sunday in R. E. Anderson's car, visiting Mr. Eberline's sister, Mrs. Clacie Munn of Sherman Chapel, also at the A. J. Carson home, and home by way of Mrs. C. Eberline's where another short visit was made.

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