NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

DAVENPORT

Alleged Coal Thieves.—Steve Mencer and George Olear were placed under arrest yesterday afternoon on a charge of stealing coal from the Milwaukee freight yards. They deny having stolen the coal stating that it was piled up by some one else and they merely carted it away.

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Given Chance to Improve.—Continuance until Aug. 9 for the purpose of permitting improvements to be made so that the property will come within the requirements of the city health ordinances, has been granted in the health nuisance cases involving the property owned by Samuel Gleadall at the corner of Tenth street and Grand avenue. A continuance was also granted in the case involving the property owned by the Parker estate and situated between Main and Harrison streets and Tenth and Eleventh streets.

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Fire at Elevator.—Fire at the Rothschild grain elevator on Rockingham road Thursday at 11:30 o'clock resulted in a loss of about $2,500 to grain and building. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed that spontaneous combustion started the blaze. The discovery of the fire was made when flames were seen shooting from the dust shed. The fire department arrived in a few minutes after the alarm was turned in and soon had the blaze under control. The loss is about equally apportioned between the stock and the building, which are covered by insurance.

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Stop Gambling at Shows.—Pursuant to the orders given out Thursday by Chief of Police Schramm all the gambling devices installed at the Moose carnival now in progress on West Front street, have been closed. Complaint was made to the chief by the Civic Federation and as the law forbids gambling the chief ordered all devices out.

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Obituary Record.—Christian Shaser passed away Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Mercy hospital, following a severe fall which he had several days ago. He was a native of Switzerland and was 76 years of age when he died. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Runge's undertaking parlors, Rev. Mr. Rowlands officiating. Burial was made in Fairmount cemetery.

Gustav Thode died Thursday night at 11 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thode, 1611 West Second street, following a lingering illness of three years' duration. He was born in Davenport Nov. 25, 1889, and continued to reside here until his death. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thode; three brothers, William, George, Jr., and Charles, and one sister Hilda. All reside in Davenport.

Frank, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Augustine, 1022 West Second street, passed away yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock, following a short illness, at the age of 9 months and 14 days. He is survived by a sorrowing father and mother and by one brother and one sister. The funeral will be held from the home Sunday morning, with interment in Oakdale cemetery.

MOLINE

Figuring Tax Levy.—R. W. Entrikin, secretary of the board of education, is kept busy compiling figures on which the annual tax levy for schools is based. He will submit the figures to the board at its meeting next Tuesday evening. After examining his report the board will decide on the levy and will forward it to the township treasurer of district No. 18, keeper of all school funds. From there the report is forwarded to the county clerk, who includes the levy in the general tax list.

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Carried a Revolver.—John Wagner, who has no home, befriended an individual a few days ago and it worked to his disadvantage. Wagner was arrested at 2:40 yesterday morning and he will remain in this county 20 days more at least. A revolver found in his pocket is what got Wagner in trouble. He was walking across the railroad tracks in the east end and when two policemen approached he carelessly threw his right hand to his hip pocket. This aroused the suspicion of the officers and they searched him. When they found the weapon they suspected that the man was a member of the holdup family and they marched him to the police station.

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No Thefts Reported.—Circus day in Moline was a quiet one. Not a theft of any kind was reported to the police, and not a house was burglarized. The police worked faithfully, the night men going on duty at 10 a. m. and remaining on duty till the following morning.

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Approve School Plans.—The buildings and grounds committee of the Moline school board met Thursday evening and finally approved of the plans for the new Ridgeview school, with a few alterations. The plans were drawn by Architect Whitsitt. The committee will probably decide to advertise for bids at once, but the date of opening bids has not been decided as yet. However, it will be early enough so that construction work on the new building can be started very shortly.

Gamblers an Unhappy Lot

"Easy come, easy go."

The old weather-beaten phrase is still the rule among the easy-money getters, and will be as long as there are "chumps" for them to get their money from, says the Oklahoma City Oklahoman. They in turn "buck" some other fellow's game and lose what they have gained. The gambler who has saved enough money to settle down and live in peace for the "fall" part of his life is seldom found. Many have done this, but they are in the minority.

A man who has gambled in nearly all of the larger cities of the United States and who has been in Oklahoma City for a considerable length of time, tells of the "tricks of the trade," and how some of the "easy marks" are caused to loosen from their "cash."

"I believe the game is dead in Oklahoma City and it is me for the big towns," he said. "I am tired of the little private games when you have to be careful of the law. The game seems to be on the blink.

"Whether it be the man on the inside, or the dupe in the gambling game, the material benefits derived, even if the gains be large, are small. And the dupe does not win with any regularity. In fact, it is a rarity that he does win. The men who have made the study of gambling the work of their lives do not intend that he shall win, and for them to grow old in the service and allow the havoc to win from them would be against all rules of the game.

"Contrary to the general opinion, the man on the opposite side of the table, who deals the gambling games to the chumps, are not happy with their winnings, and as a class are the most unhappy and dissatisfied people in the world. The care and worry they have to put forth in a game to win make them unnaturally suspicious of every one, and disgruntled, narrow minded and pessimistic. All of the novelty of the game has passed, and the work of winning is the hardest part of the play. All the thrills, common to the novice, and all of the excitement is gone, there being no chance of losing, and when they sit in a game they know they will win. It is a question of how long the money of the innocent one will last, and the time of the play.

"All of the pleasant features of the game are lost. There is no relaxation, no social pleasure and no uncertainty of chance. The professional gambler enters into the game with as much enthusiasm as he would into digging a ditch.

"And it is for this reason that many of the wise gamblers, those who have made considerable fortunes in cards, take flyers in the games of others, and they lose as the dupes do on their games. Many cases are known of big town gamblers bucking the markets, and after a short play there they are cleaned out. They do not understand, and the cards are marked on them in that game as they mark the cards in theirs.

"I have made considerable sums of money in my game of cards, poker, and for the uncertainty of chance have come cleaned out. I do not mean that I will lose in small games of the same caliber as the one in which I have been winning, but in other sorts of games, big games, of which I know nothing of the inside."

"The net results of gambling are not worth the profit. To sum up the gambler's assets and liabilities, he forfeits the respect and companionship of decent people and gradually loses his own self-respect; he is always in search of prey; he must stifle the finer senses in order to smile at people and rob them at the same time; his ill gotten money does not stick.

"And the sucker, while he is not so bad off as the gambler, is liable to retrograde morally, and finally he is bound to be loser. Many happy homes and many promising young men have gone wrong over the gambling tables. The desire to replace the money they have taken from their employer, with their winnings, is so strong that before long they are 'in so bad' there is no chance for them.

"While the man conducting the game knows there is no chance of the unsophisticated winning, still in gambling one never knows who his opponent is, because a shark may enter into a game as a chump, and make the winnings. Cases are different from other gambling games in this respect.

"My experience has taught me that few poker games are on the square, the desire to win being so strong and human nature so weak, consequently there is always some one in a game willing to take advantage of the other players.

"I am free to say that at least once in the life of every man who has sat around a card table, at which five cards are dealt to the players, there is a desire to cheat, and if they do not yield, it is for sufficient reason that they do not know how. Persons who have played poker for money will bear with me when I say that every player has passed a time when he would give anything in the world to tell the cards in his opponent's hand.

"One of the cheating methods of the amateur, who is unable to cheat as he would, is to forget to put in his ante. Another is to wait until his time to open or pass is passed and the others have thrown their hands into the deck, and then to apprise them of the fact that he has openers, and win the antes, put into the pot by the others. Neither of these methods can be worked many times during the evening, but the money gained helps.

"Another method adopted by some who are unable to cheat, as professionals, is to play with a partner in a game. When either of them has a strong hand he nods to the other, and he raises the pot, making the winning of his partner more that it would be without his help. With the aid of a partner in a game of poker I can best any game in which there are no professional gamblers.

"But with all the cheating at the cards the man with the streak of luck is liable to win, that is, when he is not in a game where the players are too strong. If he has a run of luck in the private games in which the cheaters are amateurs he is liable to get the money.

"Still another means of cheating in a game where there are professionals to watch the play carefully, is for one of the players to help his hands with the aid of the discards of some of the other players. I recall one instance when I was sitting in a game with some women players. The pot was opened and raised and I dropped my hand, containing two queens. The lady sitting next to me won the pot with four queens. This is just to show that one is liable to encounter irregularities in most any game.

"It is a misnomer to refer to a game of poker as a game of chance. It should be referred to as a game of cinch, as the sucker has no chance with the professionals in the game, and the boob will lose and the cheaters win."

RAILWAYS IN JAPAN.

Filthy Cars and Dirty Stations In a Land of Cleanliness.

"The railway journey from Kioto to Yokohama, despite the fact that most beautiful country is traversed, is not the pleasantest of experiences," declares a writer in the Wide World. "One buys a railway ticket in Japan in installments.

"The ordinary ticket only enables one to go by a train covering the minimum distance in the maximum time, so an extra express ticket is purchased, which means that the engine moves a little more quickly toward its appointed goal.

"Next a platform ticket must be procured to enable one to board the train, and finally one has to fight one's way into a first class carriage. Why do all the passengers in Japan take their luggage into the already painfully small carriage instead of leaving it in the van? And why, again, does a nation that is a password for cleanliness the world over possess a train service so shockingly dirty in every detail?

"We once in a weak moment looked into a station master's room at a large station, and for pure dirt it could have given points to a dust heap. In the train carriages the floors are covered with the dirt of ages, cigarette ends, orange peel, sandwich papers. At intervals a porter saunters in with a brush and leisurely sweeps all the refuse into a corner, having first carefully closed every window, so that no atom of discomfort or infection shall be lost.

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