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WEATHER.
Rain tonight and probably Friday; colder; fresh to strong shifting winds.

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EBERT PICKS 4 NEW MEN FOR GERMAN CABINET

MEDICS DENY FLOODED CELLAR CAUSED DEATH OF DU SHANE GIRL

CITY CLOSES DEFENSE IN $5,000 SUIT FOR DAMAGES

CONCLUDE EVIDENCE

EXPECTED JURY WILL GET CASE LATE THIS AFTERNOON WITH ARGUMENTS AS FINAL CHAPTER OF HARD FOUGHT LEGAL BATTLE.

The Du Shane-City damage case will probably go to the jury late this afternoon. At press time today the closing arguments were being made by the attorneys.

Dr. A. J. Roberts, who attended little Lila Du Shane in her final illness, took the stand this morning. He stated that the child could not possibly have contracted croup and diphtheria from the conditions represented by the plaintiff, as diphtheria is the term commonly applied for "true croup," and is a germ disease common among children contracted from a diseased germ and not from exposure.

He also stated that Francis Du Shane could not have contracted rheumatism from the damp condition of the house as represented as rheumatism is caused from infection.

He was followed by Dr. J. H. Fitzcomb, who corroborated the testimony of Dr. Roberts.

Owner of House Testifies.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Minnie Boyle, owner of the premises on which Du Shane resided at the time of the high water, testified. She said that she had not rented him the barn, which was located on the lot next door, owned by her brother.

Mrs. Vola Boyle was the next witness called. She described the lot on which the barn used by Du Shane was located as a piece of ground 50x100 at the east end and with a deep hole at the west side. She stated that she did not rent Du Shane the lot or the barn, and that it had never been used with the house before; that for years her husband used the barn. The lot of the barn, she stated, was on a level with the street, while the lower floor was like a basement.

Owen Fox, former superintendent of streets, was the next witness called. Mr. Fox told of the night of Jan. 20, 1916, which is the time named by Du Shane as the night on which his property was flooded. He told of spending the entire night working, rescuing people from their homes who were cut off from the world by the high water, and of trying to keep the streets of South Ottawa free from water. The Marcy street sewer, he declared, could not carry off the water fast enough from the streets as the rainfall was heavy, as the frozen ground would not permit the water to seep in the earth.

DEMANDS THAT WILSON KEEP OUT OF RACE

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 25.—Both Democrats and Republicans cheered the statement in the House today by Representative Humphreys, Democrat, Mississippi, that President Wilson should make an immediate announcement that he was not a candidate for a third term. "Under no circumstances should Mr. Wilson ask for re-election" said Mr. Humphreys.

MILLER FARMER LEFT ESTATE WORTH $25,000

The estate of Clyde H. Chapman, Miller township farmer, who died March 17, was filed for probate today. Mr. Chapman left no will. His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Chapman, and his daughter, Greta E. Chapman, are the only heirs.

The estate consists of farm land in Miller township and $6,200 worth of stock and personal property, valued at a total of about $25,000.

Rex E. Peddicord petitioned to be appointed administrator.

MEREDITH TO HOLD WHEAT HEARING APR. 2

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Meredith will conduct a hearing at Chicago April 2 to determine whether changes in the federal grades for wheat are desirable. Changes recently were proposed at Washington by a delegation representing the state boards of grain appeals, who contended there was dissatisfaction in the central west over the present grades.

ATTEMPT TO SNEAK ARMS INTO IRELAND FOUND BY BRITISH

CAPTAIN OF SHIP WHICH CARRIED GERMAN-MADE GUNS AND MUNITIONS ARRESTED AS HE DOCKS HIS VESSEL—IRISH M. P. IS ARRESTED.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, March 25.—A plot to smuggle arms into Ireland was uncovered yesterday. A foreign vessel whose cargo contained guns hidden in wheat sacks, rifles and machine guns of German make and ammunition, was detained at a northern port yesterday afternoon.

The captain of the ship admitted to reveal the identity of the persons for whom the arms were intended. He will be brought to London for examination. The captain of another ship under suspicion has been also arrested and is holding himself at the disposal of the authorities.

Sinn Feiners at Belfast.

Belfast, Ireland, March 25.—Sixty-five Sinn Fein prisoners, who sailed from Queenstown yesterday aboard a British ship, arrived here this morning. They were taken to the city jail. The jail has been filled with sixty-five prisoners since the Easter week rebellion, and the prisoners will be guarded by troops.

Arrest Irish M. P.

Dublin, March 25.—William Cosgrave, Sinn Fein member of parliament, was arrested this morning at his home here.

DELUGE HITS CITY; 18 HOURS OF RAIN

An engineer's report submitted at the 6 o'clock last night and continued until noon today recited the things to be particularly near the flood stage. One and one-half inches of water are reported to have fallen during the time. The further rise of the earth would not allow the water to seep in and caused the sewers draining off the streets to become filled almost to the overflowing mark.

The rain is the heaviest to fall this early in the season for four years. All through the day people who live in the territory along the Fox river have watched the slowly rising tide of water with considerable anxiety. Late this afternoon, although very little water had fallen for three hours, the river were still rising.

Low places around the edges of town were filled with water, which would not drain off. A few hours more of a steady downpour like that of last night would cause the river to reach its high water mark and put Kiss Bot under water.

MISS SARAH OTT IS WED TO BERT JOHNSON

Miss Sarah Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott of Grand Ridge, and Bert Johnson of Seneca, a well known young couple, were married yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Hiram F. Lawler. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the First Methodist church. Miss Florence Ott and William Ott, a brother and sister of the bride, acted as attendants.

Both young people have many friends in Ottawa and vicinity. After a short honeymoon they will make their home in Seneca.

WOOD HOLDS LEAD IN DAKOTA PRIMARY

(By the Associated Press.)

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 25.—Primary election returns from remote and isolated districts of South Dakota are expected to arrive by mail today and provide practically a complete state vote. Returns compiled today for Republican presidential indorsement with 695 precincts also reported including all but a dozen of the larger voting places in the state gave:

Wood 28,793; Lowden 25,314; Johnson 23,483.

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO REVISE NORTH SIDE SEWER ROLL

ANNA C. FUNK HEIRS PETITION ADMINISTRATION TO CHANGE ASSESSMENTS TO CONFORM WITH DEEDS DRAWN BEFORE IMPROVEMENT WAS INSTALLED.

Business pertaining to the city, and its interests was speedily disposed of last night when the council convened for the regular session. Matters brought up for action by the council included the award of all city work, which should have started in June and July, but for the appearance of Attorney John Roberts to plead the cause of Anna C. Funk heirs, who asked that the 26th Street sewer assessment roll revised to conform with subdivisions of a piece of property adjoining the principal station on Chapin Park, opened and owned by them.

The petitioners, Rice De Vore Hazel Fletcher and Lena Longworth, showed that in 1913 a small interest of land had been sold by their mother, it in been divided into three portions and one took a corner. The street. When the sewer work was [illegible] the assessment roll was [illegible] property more than a [illegible] front of [illegible] and [illegible] which [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]