# STROHMAIER WINS IN SLANDER SUIT

Jury in District Court Finds for Him Against Nancy Keppel and Assesses His Damages at $83.75.

## CANARY BIRD IS CAUSE

Case of Ehart vs. Sallander Comes to Trial This Afternoon—Fort Madison Legal Lights Here.

The jury in the case of E. R. Strohmaier vs. Nancy Keppel, returned a verdict this morning for the plaintiff and assessed his damages at $83.75. The case was appealed from the justice of the peace court, where a jury gave Strohmaeir damages to the amount of $99. Strohmaeir claimed that Mrs. Keppel charged him with theft of a canary bird.

The jury which heard the case was composed of J. S. Lowrey, A. E. Moore, Stanley Johnson, Otto Wahrer, William Holland, L. N. Hahn, John Phillips, S. W. Cochrane, Neil McCaffrey, Robert Loewenstein, Joseph Goetz, Jr., Patrick Stafford.

The case of Leo Slezak vs. J. E. Baker was called in the district court. It was suggested by attorneys that bankruptcy proceedings had been instituted by defendant, and the case was continued for the present.

The case of Louis Winkler vs the Keokuk Electric company was passed for the present.

The case of J. C. Ehart vs. A. W. Sallander was being heard before a jury this afternoon. George B. Stewart and R. N. Johnson, Fort Madison attorneys, are on opposite sides in this suit. Both plaintiff and defendant are from Fort Madison.

## CONGRESS WILL ADJOURN TOMORROW

Expects to Stay in Continuous Session all Night and Wind up Much Business.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Legislative skies cleared today for congress' adjournment. Both branches entered upon their last full day's work, expecting to stay in continuous session all night and until "taps" sound Thursday.

Senate confirmation early today of four federal trade commissioners—all except George H. Rublee—removed a serious stumbling block. Rublee will get a recess appointment.

The ship purchase and rural credits measure; were the only important "sticklers" left on the calendar. Both appeared doomed to defeat.

The senate adjourned from 7 to 11 a. m.

Before doing so, it passed the rivers and harbors and Indian appropriation bills. The former carried $25,000,000, the latter $11,255,865.

The rivers and harbors measure provided for no new work; only for continuing projects under way; expenditures will be at the board of army engineers' discretion.

The board was authorized also to make such modifications as it sees fit in expending a $5,000,000 balance from last year's appropriation. Both go to go to conference.

## ALLING RETAINED AS GENERAL MANAGER

C. E. Alling Will Continue as General Manager of Consumers Wholesale Supply Company.

Between five and six hundred people attended the annual meeting of the Consumers Wholesale Supply company held at the Y. M. C. A. here yesterday afternoon. As many more were represented by proxies. The meeting opened yesterday morning and was concluded yesterday afternoon.

C. E. Alling, general manager of the company, submitted his resignation after reading his report for the past year. The stockholders, however, by unanimous vote, expressed to the directors their desire that his resignation be not accepted.

Complete reports were made from the five cities in which branch stores of the company are located. These reports showed that a very prosperous business has been conducted during the past year and that indications pointed toward a substantial and pleasing increase during the coming year.



## TIMELY APPEARANCE OF STREET SPRINKLER

Dirt and Dust to be Allayed During the Coming Spring and Summer Months.

The appearance of the street flusher is certainly filling not only a long felt want but a necessity. The Retailers' league and the Industrial association request for the services of the sprinkler met a willing response on the part of James Cameron's Sons, and while the service is started none too soon. The approvals that are heard not only by the business men but by the shoppers are numerous and enthusiastic. If there is any month in the year when a street sprinkler renders more effective service than another it is during the month of March, the most disagreeable and the most windy one of the entire year. Just now the merchants are getting ready to enter upon their window display contest and what's the sense in preparing a neat window display and then permit the dirt and filth from the street to blow against the windows Clean streets are not only a comfort but they are a good advertisement and the sprinkling service which James Cameron's Sons have started at the request of the organizations of the city should continue from this date until late in the year. Nothing detracts so much from trading and appearance than dirty streets, and it is essential that Main street be kept cleanly. A lady will come down town to shop even on a disagreeable, windy day if she is assured that the dust can be avoided, and it can be if the street sprinkler is on the job. The merchants will not only contribute a favor to the shoppers by maintaining the service, but they will contribute to their own convenience and appearance of the city. A street sprinkler is a real blessing. When your eyes are filled with dust the first cry you make is—why isn't the sprinkler at work. It is. Keep it at work.

## CHARLES P. BISBEE; HIS RECENT DEATH

Some Details in Addition to Those Given in The Gate City Regarding the Sad Event.

This week, The Gate City announced the death of Charles P. Bisbee, a former resident of Keokuk, who died at the home of his son, at Los Angeles, Calif., February 26. There were only a few details given.

Charles Parish Bisbee was born at Worthington, Mass., July 2, 1837, and died as above stated, at Los Angeles, February 26, last, after an illness of only four days.

He was buried February 27, last, at San Diego, Calif., beside the grave of his wife, who died sevdral years ago.

## HUGHES PICTURE IN BOARD OFFICE

Photograph of Late President of Board of Education is Hung on Walls of Office.

The photograph of the late Dr. A. B. Hughes which was ordered placed on the walls of the office of the board of education has been put in place. The board authorized Dr. G. Walter Barr as the committee to secure a picture, and have it enlarged and framed. The pictures occupies space on the wall opposite the picture of O. W. Weyer, former superintendent of schools.

## CITY NEWS.

—Eggs 20c at C. W. S. store.

—Miss Margaret Plunket, representing the Butterick Publishing Co., will be at our store for a few days for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the Delineator. You will have an opportunity of getting for the small sum of 75c a year the best fashion magazine published. Sullivan & Auwerda.

—Lenten services at the St. Paul's Evangelical church tonight at 7:30. Part III of the History of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Sermon by Rev. A. C. Ernst.

—A special mid-week Lenten service will be held at St. John's this evening when a sermon lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rudd of Fort Madison, the second in the course, "God and Man"—a series of Lenten lecture sermons being preached in this church.

—R. B. Williamson has resigned as manager of the Postal Telegraph Co. and is succeeded by Mr. Petrain of Moline, Illinois. Mr. Williamson has gone to Omaha, where he will visit for a short time and then continue his travel to California, in which state he will make his home.

## ARE MAKING PLANS FOR FIRST CONTEST

Merchants Are Making Changes in Lighting and All Necessary Details For Display.

Some of the merchants are installing new lights in their windows in preparation for the window display contest, the first of the series of which will be held March 17. Already several of the merchants have begun plans for their designs which they expect to use in this first contest.

The next regular meeting of the Retailers' league will be held Tuesday night, March 9.

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

FRITCH—The funeral of the late Mrs. William Fritch will be held from her late home, 918 High street, at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Friends invited to the services. Burial private.

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

TOBIN—The funeral of Mrs. Anna C. Tobin, who died at St. Louis Tuesday, March 2, will be held at the funeral parlors of I. S. Ackley, 1007 Blondeau street, tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited.

## Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS MET LAST EVENING

What They Did—The Batey Meetings, and the Church League Games Last Night.

The board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association held its monthly meeting last evening at the residence of Mr. C. E. Durgee, general secretary of the local association, where a most pleasing social event was enjoyed as a prelude to the business session which included a luncheon, tempting and attractive in its pleasing feature. It presented a princely menu which was appreciated by those who sat around the hospitable board.

Among those present were Messrs. H. C. Brown, president of the local association: P. G. Benner, A. W. Hulson, Cephas Harrison, Leonard Matless, G. Collingwood Tucker, and H. S. Walker, directors, and the agreeable host, General Secretary Durgee.

The various official reports were read when the business session was called to order.

**Boys' Work.**

The boys' work committee's report showed gratifying increases in the various divisions and classes, especially in the organization of community clubs.

**Membership.**

The report of the membership committee showed that the membership of the local association had risen to be 563, gradually approaching the goal of 600 members which the workers started out to obtain.

**Religious Committee.**

Mr. A. W. Hulson presented the report of the religious committee which discussed the meetings that had been held during the month and the Batey meeting held last Sunday afternoon which was the largest Sunday meeting held during the season. The report also referred to plans being made for an address by Prof. E. A. Schell, president of the Iowa Wesleyan college, and also for an address by Mr. W. A. Shuman, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., on Buenos Aires, South America, and an official of the international association.

**Social Work.**

The report of the social work committee read by Mr. G. Collingwood Tucker, showed that interest is still continuing in checkers, chess, billiards and pool; that four hundred and twenty-five persons had used the tables in these departments last month. During the past month the building had a number of visitors from various associations throughout the United States and other countries. Among these were Mr. H .W. White of Palemcottah, South India, secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A.; also Mr. Larz Berg of Bergen, Norway. There was also space devoted to the colonial party given jointly by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., February 22, at which there were one hundred and fifty present. Plans are being made for the social events for March and April, not definite enough to report.

**Physical Department.**

The report of the physical committee was read by Mr. Cephas Harrison, showing nearly four hundred percent increase in attendance at the classes. Class attendance among business men, seniors, intermediate, student, intermediate employed, and junior employed were given in tabulated form and showed gratifying activity

The church basket ball league was opened February 2, eight teams having entered: St. Paul's, St. Peter's, Baptist, Christian, Congregational, United Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, and Trinity M. E. The interest has been keen and good basket ball has been played.

**Batey Meetings.**

There was a well attended noon meeting held at Harrison's box factory on the south side, at noon today at which there was shown a lively interest.

The meeting at the Y. W. C. A. building was attended by a large number of women and girls, yesterday afternoon, who appeared much interested.

Last night a big meeting was held at the Second Presbyterian church, on the south side, one of the largest gatherings especially of men, that has been seen there for some time. So much genuine interest was shown that the matter of holding another meeting there Friday night was thought advisable. But after this decision, the matter was put to the congregation. Those in favor of the second meetings were requested to rise to their feet And all of that large congregation rose and made it unanimous.

**Educational.**

The educational committee reported the lecture of Edwin A. Shortess which was given February 19, to a packed house at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, his subject being on the Philippine islands.

**Treasurer's Report.**

The treasurer's report read by Mr. Leonard Matless, which showed a very healthy condition of the finances was followed by the report of General Secretary Durgee, relative to the general phases of the association work and a brief report of features of the recent state convention held at Marshalltown.

**Meeting Tonight.**

The Batey meeting tonight will be held at the Trinity M. E. church.

**Church League Last Night.**

A large crowd was out last night to see the church league games, which were both interesting, the first from the way in which the U. P. boys held down the St. Peter's team for a long while before they got to "going," and the second from the intense spirit and fastness of the game. In the first game the Catholic men could not get going for a long while, but finally got their scoring machine running smoothly. In the second game, the Methodists "came back" from the long sleep they have been enjoying, and put some more vim into the game, leading the Germans by a close margin all the game except for a few minutes in the middle of the second half. The contest for each point was hot and well scrapped. As a result of the games last night, the Catholics are now on top with a score of 800, second, Baptists, 750; third, Germans and Methodists, 600; fourth, Congregational and Presbyterian, 500; fifth, Christian; sixth, United Presbyterian. Friday's games will also bring out a large crowd to see whether the Presbyterians or Congregationals forge ahead, and whether the Baptists can get up with the Catholics or the Christians can put them back. E. Kirchner's free throws established a record, five out of five.

Line up and score of the first game was as follows:

St. Peter's, 31. United Presbyterian, 6

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| Crimmins | Weess |
| Left Forward. | |
| King | Robinson-Bawden |
| Right Forward. | |
| Murry | Ayres |
| Center. | |
| McGrath | Evans |
| Left Guard. | |
| Dickey | Beach |
| Right Guard. | |

Field goals: Crimmins, 9; Murry, 4; Dickey, 2; Weess.

Free throws: King, 0-4; Murry, 0-1; Weess, 4-8; Ayres, 0-1; Evans, 0-1; Beach, 0-1.

Line up and score of the second game was as follows:

Trinity, 21. St. Paul's, 19.

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| Venning | K. Klann |
| Left Forward. | |
| Orsborn | E. Klann |
| Right Forward. | |
| Akerson | G. Kirchner |
| Center. | |
| E. Kirchner | Hoffman |
| Left Guard. | |
| Starr | Bauer |
| Right Guard. | |

Field goals: Venning, Orsborn, 4; Akerson, E Kirchner, 2; K. Klann, 4; E. Klann, 2; G. Kirchner, Hoffman.

Free throws: K. Klann, 3-10; E. Kirchner, 5-5.

Referee, Dadant. Timer, Hudson. Scorer, Bank.

Friday's games: Baptist vs. Christian; Congregational vs. Presbyterian.

**Volley Ball Game This Evening.**

Team "A" of the business men, under Captain Towne, will do battle with team "B" tonight, under Captain Newell. Team B is the only team that has ever beaten team A, and the game promises to be the best of the schedule so far. Mr. Wolfe has been drafted with the employed officers, as they were lacking one man to make the team full size, six men being the number required to play a match game.

Spectators are invited to the gallery to see these volley ball games, and to learn the game. Play begins at 5:15.

## CITY NEWS.

—Eggs 20c at C. W. S. store.

—Burlington is also joyous over the passing by the house of their bridge bill. Congressman C. A. Kennedy sent word to Secretary Egan of the Commercial club to that effect yesterday. Last week he was able to forward to Keokuk the same information. Looks like work on both bridges would begin this year.

—A marriage license was issued this morning to Clifton A. Leach of Keokuk and M. Elizabeth Howard of Trenton.

—A petition for widows' pension has been filed by Mrs. Helen Hiltz.

—Mayor Peter Fett of Donnellson is reported as having resigned his office. No reasons for his action are given.

—Regular meeting of Elmira chapter No. 40, O. E. S., Thursday evening, March 4, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock. Visitors fraternally invited. By order of the W. M. Louis P. Hahn, sec'y.

## THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Probably snow tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

For Iowa: Probably snow tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh winds.

For Missouri: Probably snow northern rain or snow southern portion tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh winds.

For Illinois: Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably snow flurries. Not much change in temperature.

**Weather Conditions.**

Conditions indicate that snow is probable for this section tonight and Thursday, with slight change in temperature.

**River Bulletin.**

| | Stage. | Change |
|---|---|---|
| St. Paul | 4.4 | 0.0 |
| La Crosse | Frozen | |
| Dubuque | 8.3 | -0.1 |
| Davenport | 7.0 | -0.2 |
| Keokuk | 12.1 | -0.9 |
| Warsaw | 15.1 | -0.9 |
| St. Louis | 22.2 | -0.5 |
| Ottumwa | 9.0 | |

The river will fall slowly south of Keokuk for several days.

**Local Observations.**

| March. | Bar. | Ther. | Wind | W'th'r |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 7 p. m. | 30.22 | 37 | NW | Cl'dy |
| 3 7 a. m. | 30.25 | 30 | NE | Cl'dy |

River stage, 7:00 a. m., 12.1 feet.

Change in past 24 hours, fall .9.

Mean temperature 2nd, 36.

Highest temperature, 39.

Lowest temperature, 32.

Lowest temperature last night, 29.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH,



## Society

A GRACE BEYOND THE REACH OF ART.

As the fragrance of the flower,
As the song is to the bird,
As the pleasure to the hour,
As the tone is to the word—
So to Beauty is the kindness
Of a thoughtful tender deed,
And to Justice is the blindness
That lets mercy intercede.
—Lee C. Harby in the Ladies' Home Journal.

**For Miss Wright.**

Mrs. Arthur Petry entertained forty members of Mrs. Geo. Merriam's Sunday school class at a miscellaneous shower last night in the parlors of the First Baptist church in honor of Miss Alice Wright, who received many very handsome gifts. Refreshments, consisting of strawberry ice cream, moulded in the shape of hearts, individual heart shaped cakes and candy mints in the shape of hearts, were served.

**P. E. O. Annual Meeting.**

The P. E. O. chapter held its annual meeting last night at the home of the Misses Younker. Mrs. E. M. Majors, the president, presiding. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Henry Strickler.
Vice president—Mrs. D. E. Reeves.
Recording secretary—Miss Harriet Solomon.
Corresponding secretary — Miss Helen Sheppard.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. J. Chrestensen.
Chaplain—Miss Harriet Fulton.
Guard—Miss Nannie P. Fulton.
Journalist—Miss Jessie Wilson.

Mrs. Henry Strickler will be the delegate to the Iowa grand chapter convention to be held in Clarinda in May, and Mrs. C. J. Chrestensen was elected alternate. Mrs. Lee Daughrity of Centerville was a guest at the meeting.

**To Entertain Society.**

Mrs. Nels Wicksell will entertain the Lutheran league of the Swedish Lutheran church at her home, 1412 Orleans avenue.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**Hippodrome Announcement.**

Alice Joyce, the screen's most beautiful artiste, will appear for the first time tonight at the Hippodrome in "A Celebrated Case." A powerful love drama in four acts. This is the only exclusive film production that this noted star has ever appeared in, and without a doubt is her greatest achievement.

Tomorrow Lillian Walker, the famous "Vitagraph girl", assisted by such actors of note as Flora Finch, Harry Northup, Ned Finley and a host of others, will appear in "Breaking In," an excellent society drama.

Friday, the amusement lovers of Keokuk will be treated to the greatest photo play ever brought to this city in "The Vampire," a gorgeous picturization in five acts featuring Theda Bara, in the title role. Theda Bara has the distinction of being the leading lady at the Theatre Antoine, Paris for the past three years and is a woman of striking beauty and appearance.

In answer to the many inquiries for reserved seats for this day, the management wishes to state that there will be no seats held in reserve, and in order to accommodate the vast crowds who will want to see this spectacular photo play, one extra matinee performance and an extra evening performance will be shown for patrons wishing to see this famous play.—Advertisement.

**Orpheum Tonight.**

See the big picture bill tonight at the Orpheum theatre, "The Island of Happiness," Big U, two part drama, with Edna Maison. "His Last Performance," another big U. drama, by Murdock McQuarrie. Also Universal Weekly No. 149, with the latest world events. Coming tomorrow, the third episode of "The Master Key." Shows 7, 8 and 9. Matinee daily except Sunday at 2, 3 and 4.—Advertisement.

## MRS. ANNA TOBIN DIED AT ST. LOUIS

The Remains Will be Brought to Keokuk Tomorrow Afternoon, for Burial.

A message from St. Louis today announces the death of Mrs. Anna C. Tobin, which occurred at the home of Mrs. Fred Brinkman in that city, Tuesday.

The remains are to be brought to Keokuk for interment and are expected to arrive at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will be taken to the funeral parlors of I. S. Ackley, where the funeral will be held, the interment to follow.

She is survived by three children; two sons, John of Dakota, and Charles of St. Louis, and one daughter, Mrs. Katie Larson, of Clarinda, Iowa.







## GIVE FOUR DEGREES TO CLASS OF THREE

Royal Arch Masons Will Have a Lengthy Session Friday for Benefit of Former Residents.

Gate City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons are planning a big meeting for Friday. Three candidates from Rock Island will be given all four degrees. They were formerly residents here, unable to get off from work at four different times, it was decided to give the four degrees at the same time.

The meeting will commence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Supper will be served in the banquet room of the temple, and after supper the final degree will be given. The three who will take degrees are Joseph Datin, Henry Jenkins and Thomas Allen.



## Want Column

### WANTED

WANTED TO BORROW—$750 at 7 percent, for one year. Will give bankable note. Address Borrow. Care Gate City.

WANTED—Experienced men in Lee county to sell patent medicines. Liberal commission. For particulars inquire Liveon Medicine Co., DuQuoin, Ill.

WANTED—Salesman for Keokuk and some territory in Illinois. Phone or write G. F. Dennis, 1020 Timea.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Apply 627 Sxchange St.

WANTED—To borrow $150, 6 months Pay commission and 8 per cent. Security. Address B, this office.

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern seven room house, $15.00 per month. Apply 109 North Seventh street.

FOR RENT—Five, six, seven, eight room houses. Chas. Altes, 1209 Franklin. Phone Red 694.

FOR RENT—Modern front room; rent reasonable; gentlemen preferred. Call Sunday and evenings, 213 North Eleventh street. Telephone Black 845.

FOR RENT—5 room house in good order, close in. Enquire 602 Concert. Phone Red 723.

FOR RENT—Seven room house, modern except furnace, in good order. Inquire 602 Concert. Phone Red 723.

FOR RENT—3 room unfurnished upper flat. Electric lights, $11 per month. Enquire Ed Moore, 26 S. 5th St.

FOR RENT—Furnished modern room lady preferred. $1.25 per week. Address E. E., this office.

FOR RENT—No. 816 Carroll, five room house, in good repair. Inquire at 818 Carroll St.

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five room partly modern house, corner lot, with building site in rear. Edith Miller, 400 North Fifth.

FOR SALE—Buick automobile, 1914 model, 5 passengers. One Kimball piano, one Singer sewing machine and other household goods. 28 South Fifth street.

FOR SALE—Good used organs which have been taken in trade for new pianos. Duncan-Schell Furniture Co.

FOR SALE—One medicine wagon, used about three weeks. Price sixty dollars. Address Emmet Canfield, Luray, Mo.

FOR SALE—160 acres of land in Kiowa county, Colorado. Price $12.50 per acre. Address Emmet Canfield, Luray, Mo.

FOR SALE—Household goods, 828½ Main. Phone black 1448.

FOR SALE—Four hole gas stove, broiler and oven. Enquire at 413 Morgan street.

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs, from prize winning and good laying strain. One setting $2, three settings, $5. Geo. L. Spitze, Warsaw, Ill.

FOR SALE—25 yds. new rag carpet. G. W. Newman, Elvaston, Ill.

FOR SALE—Fifteen fine Poland China shoats. Address Jolo O'Bleness, Keokuk, Iowa, R. R. 1.

FORSALE—Modern, new 5 room house, with bath, on north side. Address D. D., this office.

FOR SALE—25 bu. spring seed wheat choice variety. J. A. Roberts.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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