

LOOKS BAD FOR WENDT

Testimony of Co-operative Bookkeeper Indicates That Assets of Company Are Missing

SHORTAGE IN THE THOUSANDS

More Than \$5,000 Worth of Business of the Dougherty Co-operative Company Unaccounted For — Fifth Day of Trial and Prosecution Has Not Concluded Its Evidence.

Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, Feb. 16.—The most damaging evidence yet submitted by the plaintiff in the case of the Co-operative Society of Dougherty against their former manager, Wendt, who is accused of a shortage in accounts, was that of Miss Mary Anderson, expert bookkeeper. Miss Anderson found the books showed a shortage of \$1,146.54, but that also there was \$5,141.54 worth of business which could not be accounted for in the regular way.

Rather a peculiar situation was developed yesterday by the examination of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wendt's assistant, which for a time looked as if it might be the solution of the entire shortage and that after all Wendt was not guilty of appropriating any of the money. This testimony brought out the fact that when a patron bought coal he usually was charged for the amount and an account opened with him in the ledger. Later when he sold the society grain the amount he owed for the coal was deducted without giving proper credit on the ledger and while the books did not actually show it, the debt was paid in oats or grain.

These coal accounts were rated as assets by the directors at their annual meeting when an attempt was made to settle with Wendt, but when the patrons claimed their accounts had been settled with grain, trouble began. The trial was expected to last but three days, but this is the fifth day and the prosecution is not thru yet. Farmers in all parts of the county are very much interested as this is the banner co-operative county in Iowa.

BECOMES MURDER MYSTERY.

Inquest Over Frozen Body Near Newton, Results in Sensation.

Newton, Feb. 16.—Despite the early reports that such would not be the case, a coroner's inquest was held yesterday over the body of the unknown man found frozen stiff near here the day before, resulting in a verdict that the man was murdered in an unknown manner. No identification of the body has been made as yet and the board of control at Des Moines has not replied as to what disposition to make of the remains.

Word from Ottumwa announces that friends believe the man to be Perry Cox, who left Ottumwa on December 23, 1906. As further identification, George Kuhns, who notified the police, says Cox had long slim fingers, with freckles on both his hands and face, also scars on his abdomen, caused by boils.

COUNTY BOARD DISPUTES CLAIM

Harrison County's New Attorney Sues Former County Recorder Harvey.

Logan, Feb. 16.—Tom C. Smith, the new county attorney of Harrison, County, today filed suit against H. L. Harvey, who once was county recorder. When Harvey turned over his fees he deducted the sum of \$1,500 for his valued services for the year just past, while the county board insists that he should only have \$1,200.

Harrison county also sues the Lehan Drug company and F. B. Sellers, two druggists at Dunlap, for temporary injunctions to restrain them from the illegal sale of liquor. The injunctions were granted by Judge Wheeler.

WHIRLED TO DEATH.

Old Employee of Powder Works at Moor, Meets Horrible Fate.

Koosuk, Feb. 16.—Caught in the machinery of the Dupont powder works, of which he was an old employe, and whirled to death, was the terrible way in which George McElroy, met death at Moor. How the accident happened or at what time is not known, for the man was not found until some time after he had been killed, and there were no witnesses to the affair.

He was missed at dinner time, but nothing was thought of it at the time. In the afternoon his body was found caught in the machinery and hanging in the air, up near the ceiling of the room.

AMES TRAIN CALLER, HERO.

Pulls Aged Unknown Man From Front of Fast Mail.

Ames, Feb. 16.—William Thompson, a train caller, proved a hero yesterday when he saved an aged unknown man from death. He pulled him from the front of the fast mail as the huge mail car swept by. The stranger climbed off his train on the wrong side and seemed helpless in the confusion of the many trains. Some sixty people stood powerless to aid until Thompson, who says he never knew how he did it, appeared on the scene and swept him from the track. He is being applauded for his brave deed.

BAD CASE OF ABSCESS.

Little Blairburg Girl Has Head Operated on For Second Time.

Blairburg, Feb. 16.—Erma Conaway, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Conaway, of this city, was operated on again yesterday for abscess of the head, this being the second operation within three weeks. The work was done by Dr. Percell, of Iowa Falls, and Dr. Carver, of Ft. Dodge. The doctors say that it is a very bad case

THREE TRIALS, UNITED

Pathetic Story of the Struggles of Russian Family to Reach Iowa

WIFE AND CHILDREN SENT BACK

Refused Admission to This Country Once and Again Turned Back From Liverpool—Third Effort to Join Husband and Father in Burlington is Successful.

MRS. VARNUM GOING INSANE.

Radcliffe Resident to Be Examined at Eldora—Has Two Small Children.

WELCOME MOWRY STILL ILL.

Former Railroad Commissioner of Iowa in Critical Condition.

Traver, Feb. 16.—There is no improvement in the condition of Welcome Mowry, former railway commissioner, who continues critically ill. Altho sick all winter, Mowry is unable to find out what is the matter with him. He went to Des Moines for examination, to Iowa City and other places, but the physicians do not agree as to his trouble, and none of them seem to help him. He suffers a great deal.

BARN BURNS AT JEWELL

Theo. Jacobson Also Loses Horses and Two Cows—Other News.

Jewell, Feb. 16.—Fire destroyed Theo. Jacobson's barn yesterday with a loss of \$600, but fully insured. A horse and two cows were also burned. The fire was started by children playing with matches.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West, a bouncing baby girl. All doing well. The Jewell Record has installed another printing press.

THREE CASES OF SMALLPOX.

Two Reported at Meservey and One in Swaledale—Precautions Taken.

Mason City, Feb. 16.—Three cases of smallpox are reported in the county, two in Meservey and one in Swaledale. There is talk of closing the schools at Meservey but the cases there are not severe and the people are not seriously alarmed. Two cases were reported in this city but both have recovered and no new cases have developed.

Eatherville Business Changes.

Eatherville, Feb. 16.—Frank Carpenter has purchased the Democrat and again becomes editor and manager. Mr. Carpenter was the originator of the paper, and very successfully edited it for a number of years, selling it a little more than a year ago to John Reardon. What Mr. Reardon will do is not definitely known. James Crawford has bought the Lyman & Son meat market and takes possession at once.

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Stockport. A company has been organized here for the manufacture of tile ditching machines under the patents of Poulter & Munson. It has an authorized capital of \$100,000.

Eddyville. R. E. Grattan, who has been in the harness business here for four years, sold out to Albert Roberts last week. Mr. Grattan expects to engage in the same line of business elsewhere within the next few weeks.

Paton. H. H. Smith received a dispatch Saturday from Wenatchee, Wash., from Prof. A. L. Brown, stating that their little son was dead from the effects of the burn received from falling into a tub of hot scrub water.

Jefferson. Northwest officials expect soon to commence the erection of a shelter shed 8x4 feet with vestibules 8x32, upon the north side of the double tracks adjacent to the present passenger depot. Materials for same are now being unloaded here.

Me Pleasant. There are three cases of smallpox in Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright and a student being the patients, while two houses are in quarantine. It is said that the disease was brought from Fremont, Nebraska, county, where there have been many cases of the disease, by another student.

Fairfield. Fairfield packers now have about 6,000 tons of ice in store, more than was ever packed in this city in one season. The ice was packed by the Burlington 2,500 tons, Henry Baler about 1,500 tons and Taylor & Cuddy about 1,500 tons. Pumpreys propose to store a considerable quantity yet, and the other firms are erecting another large house at the water works reservoir, which they expect to fill. This ice runs from ten to eleven inches in thickness and is unusually solid, clear and free from snow.

Ogden. Last Saturday a serious accident befell Mr. P. B. Peterson, one of Boone county's prominent farmers, living near Berkeley. Mr. Peterson, accompanied by his son drove out in the field after a load of hay and while on the road home the team became frightened and in trying to manage the team lost his balance and fell to the ground, striking

in reaching Burlington, much to the joy of the father. Mr. Janson is an honest, industrious man, and his persistence guarantees his prosperity. He is well pleased with his new home in America, and expects to become himself a citizen of the republic. His family consists of his wife and two children, a boy and girl. They will no doubt, like their father, enjoy the privileges that are theirs in the new land.

FAMILY OF LAND HOLDERS.

One Grundy County Family Owns Thousands of Acres. Special to Times-Republican. Grundy Center, Feb. 16.—John Miller, of Washington township, has seven sons-in-law. Not only that but they are well-to-do farmers, and command the probably even more land than any other family in this section of the state. Their individual possessions are as follows: Thomas Copley 323 acres James Mooty 600 " John C. Mooty 240 " L. M. Hostetter 240 " Walter L. Miller 240 " Thos. Mooty 240 " James Miller (son) 213 " Total 2186 acres To the above should be added the farm lands of another son-in-law, J. H. Long, who owns 2,000 acres near Quinter, Kansas, and Mr. Miller's home place of 413 acres, making a grand total held by the family of 4,939 acres. The value of these Grundy county farms is easily \$125 or more per acre as all possess fine buildings and are otherwise well improved lands. Four of the son-in-laws have made recent purchases of land in the county.

FUNERAL OF JACOB CLINE.

Was Resident of Jefferson for Nearly Fifty Years.

Jefferson, Feb. 16.—The funeral of Jacob Cline was held Thursday from the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cline lived in Jefferson nearly fifty years. He was born in Harrisburg, Va., in 1823. In his 14th year he moved with his parents to Indiana, in which state he lived until 1856, when they moved to Jefferson. Mr. Cline married a Miss Mary Cowan in the year 1846 while living in Indiana. His wife died about a year ago. Since her death his home has been with his son Frank, whose home is in Des Moines. Mr. Cline was the father of nine children, three sons and six daughters. One of the sons, Frank, who lived in Jefferson, up to about six years ago, at which time they moved to Des Moines, where they now reside. Mr. Cline was known as "Uncle Jacob" by a host of friends. In 1860 Uncle Jacob was elected as treasurer and recorder and served two terms. His friends were everyone who knew him and few there were in Greene county who didn't.

ELOPERS OUTWIT PARENT.

Married at Spirit Lake, After Difficulty in Securing License.

Spirit Lake, Feb. 16.—Ed Burkett and Ethel Nelson, residing at Williams, fled at Estherville Thursday, where they were unable to procure a license. From there they hurried on to Milford to procure a friend, Chad Taylor, who acted as witness for them in Spirit Lake, where the ceremony was finally performed. The pursuing father arrived just in time to congratulate the happy pair.

MR. MALCOLM GETS POSITION.

Poachontas Man to Keep Track of the Different Drainage Districts.

Poachontas, Feb. 16.—The board of supervisors hired O. P. Malcolm to keep track of the different drainage districts at a salary of \$100 per year. Mr. Malcolm is the former deputy auditor. J. Crummer returned from Des Moines Thursday night, where he went to hear Bryan speak and incidentally look over the capitol building.

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was seen to have considerable money. Someone is quoted as saying that Dorrill cashed in late that night and received two five dollar gold pieces and some silver. Two men who were running the place are said to have left the city suddenly after Dorrill must have been killed, paying for their tickets with five dollar gold pieces. These men are said to have been from Princeton, Mo.

Forest City. The Forest City Driving club held a very enthusiastic meeting Monday night in the Forest City National bank. The question was discussed before the meeting whether the balance should be divided pro rata with those who were on the guarantee or left the treasury to meet the expenses in preparing for a meeting that will be given this summer. It was almost unanimously voted to leave the balance of nearly \$200 in the treasury. It was the sense of the members present to continue the good work and give another meeting this year. The following officers were elected to serve: E. J. Thompson, president; T. H. Cole, vice president; R. C. Plummer, secretary; R. W. Stephenson, treasurer.

Manchester. A sad and unfortunate death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beddow, on the Marshall farm, northwest of Manchester, Tuesday evening. A baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beddow, aged about two years, died suddenly as the result of partaking of some medicine for heart trouble, which the father had purchased for his own use. The little girl, who has taken what are when climbing is indulged in, was playing about the house, and unbeknownst to her parents, climbed up to a cupboard and seeing the medicine, helped herself to a dose, and got down and resumed her playing. In a few moments she was taken violent after long and patient suffering. The funeral was held Wednesday forenoon, at the Catholic church in Masonville. Rev. Father Murtagh officiating, interment taking place in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

Hudson. Wm. Crowover has commenced an action against the Chicago Great Western Railway, in the district court in Waterloo, asking for \$3,000 damages. The suit is the outgrowth of losses Mr. Crowover claims to have sustained a few days ago by reason of the plaintiff's negligence. Mr. Crowover in January shipped a car of fine Shire and Percheron horses to a sale at Bloomington, Ill. He claims the car was unnecessarily delayed, that all his horses became ill in consequence of the long, cold wait in the car and that one, a fine young stallion, died as a result and another was permanently injured by breaking thru the floor of the car.

Centerville. Because evidence has developed since the death of A. T. Dorrill, whose mangled body was found on the Rock Island right-of-way, creating a suspicion that the dead man met with foul play, Coroner C. P. Tillmont has ordered an inquest. A number of persons who saw Dorrill within twenty-four hours of the finding of his lifeless body were subpoenaed. It is thought Dorrill may have been waylaid and slain and his body placed on the railroad track to cover up the crime. The grounds for this suspicion are the assertion made by certain parties that Dorrill was in a poker room in South Centerville Sunday night and

PIANO MAKES DISCORD

Parkersburg Torn Up Over Purchase of Instrument For High School

BOARD MEMBER HURRIED THINGS

Director Who is a Piano Dealer, Hastened the Sale to Get the Business, and the Bill for the Instrument is Held Up—Litigation May Follow — Pupils Contributed Portion of Funds.

Special to Times-Republican.

Parkersburg, Feb. 16.—There bids fair to be a lively rumple in Parkersburg school matters over the purchase of a piano for the high school room. For some considerable time the pupils of the high school have given entertainments for the purpose of raising money for a piano. They have saved something over one-half enough to purchase a good instrument. Last fall the school board passed a resolution to add money enough to the fund to purchase a suitable instrument and a committee was appointed by the members of the board to get bids and to purchase, subject to the approval of the board, the best instrument they could get for the money. This committee has not reported. Last week a member of the board, not on the committee, and who deals in pianos, placed one of his instruments in the high school room; billed the board thru another dealer; had the bill for the instrument O. K'd by a majority of the school directors and presented the same to the secretary of the board and demanded that an order be drawn. It has been customary heretofore to have the secretary pay out bills when the same were recommended to be paid by a majority of the directors and have the bill and account allowed and passed upon at the next meeting. In this case, however, the secretary hesitated to draw a warrant at that time, and the bill was not paid during the interval of his deliberation several of the patrons of the school filed a written protest with the secretary, demanding that he should not issue a warrant for the payment of the piano until authorized to do so at a regular meeting of the board, and until the piano committee regularly appointed make its report, and that when the board met to take up the matter of the purchase that the school committee have the opportunity to go before the board and express its desires in the matter.

In one instance one of the directors has his name down granting the payment of the bill for the piano while the name of the director's wife appears on the protest filed against the payment of the bill. The high school children or some of them, claim that the piano now placed in the school room is unsatisfactory.

Some of the members most interested in behalf of the high school committee are discussing a membership of nearly a school director selling a piano to the high school and acting as agent for piano violates the provision of the school law which makes it a misdemeanor for a director to act as an agent or dealer of school supplies. There may be more music for the lawyers than for the pupils before the matter is adjusted.

SOUTHEAST IOWA TEACHERS. Annual Meeting to Be Held in Centerville in April.

Special to Times-Republican. Centerville, Feb. 16.—This city is making elaborate preparations to entertain the annual convention of the Southeastern Iowa Teachers' Association which has a membership of nearly 1,000. The dates for the convention are April 4, 5 and 6. Educators of prominence will take part in the program. Among the speakers will be Professor John D. Cameron, of Kansas City; George Stephen J. Adam Bede, of Minnesota; Spillman Riggs, the lecturer; Professor Charles DeGarmo, of Cornell University, and Professor George D. Vincent. The presidents of seven of the leading colleges of Iowa have also been asked to take part.

COUNTY ATTORNEY BOUND OVER. Clinton Solicitor Schmitt Held to Grand Jury on Blackmail Charge.

Clinton, Feb. 15.—City Attorney L. E. Schmitt has been held to await the action of the grand jury on the charge of blackmail, brought by the wife of John Montague, who was also accused, but who was released. Schmitt is charged with trying to extort money from the woman by threatening criminal prosecution.

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PUBLIC SALES! Wendell P. Malsby, Auctioneer MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA. Feb. 14.—Frank Mason: hogs, cattle, horses, 9 miles east of Marshalltown. Feb. 15.—Full blood Poland China hogs, F. E. Shetter, feed yard, Marshalltown, Ia. Feb. 18.—F. E. Mann, 5 miles southwest of Gladbrook, closing out sale, horses, cattle, hogs, machinery. Feb. 19.—A. J. Banks, one mile west of Montour, 40 head of full blood Poland China hogs and 4 young bulls. Feb. 20.—Fred Turner, 6 miles west of Marshalltown, closing out, horses, cattle, hogs, machinery.

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