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OBJECTIONS RECORDED BY WHOLESALE

ATTORNEYS FOR CHARLES E. HALLGREN ARE BUSILY ENGAGED IN CONTESTING NAMES ON REVOCATION PETITION.

MANY NON-VOTERS ARE OBJECTED TO

156 NAMES ARE SAID TO BE INVALID BECAUSE OF DISCREPANCIES IN SIGNING AND FOR OTHER CAUSES—CONTINUE CASE.

Names on revocation petition 2,892.
Total vote last election 5,355.
Necessary number for majority 2,677 1/2.
Number objections to be sustained to null petition 214.

Wholesale objections are being made against many of the names on the revocation petition involved in the case of the State of Iowa vs. Charles E. Hallgren, now being heard before Judge T. E. Kirby in the improvised court room adjoining the county auditor's office. Up to late this afternoon over 150 objections had been recorded by the court from the defendant's attorneys. Grounds on which these objections are based are that the signatures are not genuine; that they are not of men of the required age to vote; that they are citizens who do not live in the corporate limits of Ottumwa and lastly that they are of voters who did not cast their ballots at the last general election. Objections are being raised upon names on the petition that do not coincide exactly with those on the poll books and registration books. The slightest discrepancy in one's signature is noted by the attorneys, who, through their careful scrutiny of each name, do not leave one stone unturned to detect any possible flaw.

Of the 156 objections offered, fully fifty per cent are on the ground that the person did not vote at the last general election or are not voters in the city.

Objections Made.

The following list shows the names appearing on the revocation petition, and the grounds on which the objection is based:

Harvey Allison—"Not registered or voted."

William Byrum—"Not his genuine signature."

Warren Buchanan—"Did not register or vote."

Martin Cox, make by mark—"Not his genuine signature and from the register he appears to be able to write his own name."

C. F. Curtis—"Not his genuine signature."

Peter Durscher—"Not his genuine signature."

J. F. Deneffe—"Only name resembling same is John F. Deneffe on the register."

Bert Deselm—"Not registered or voted."

E. S. W. Davis, signed by mark—"No such person registered or voted. Nearest to it S. W. Davis by register. Not his signature."

L. A. Forbes—"Not registered or voted."

E. G. Green, 530 Meadow street—"Not his signature. Cannot write."

L. E. Hoffstetter—"Voted as L. E. Hoffstetter."

E. G. Hubbard—"No such voter. Only person's name registered on register E. G. Hubbard; on poll book as E. Hubbard."

Dall Higon, signed by mark—"Not his genuine signature. He can write. No such person voted. Poll book shows Dall Higon; register shows Dali Higon."

F. M. Hedley—"Not his genuine signature."

Axel F. Johnson—"Did not vote at last general election."

Irvin Johnson, signed by mark—"Not his signature. Can write as shown by register."

B. Kile, 1604 W. Second—"No such person registered or voted and not genuine signature of Bert Kile."

Art Knogle—"Not registered or voted."

Geo. A. Livingston—"No such person registered or voted."

Martin Lewis—"Not registered or voted."

J. W. Lamberton—"Not registered or voted."

C. W. Morris—"Not a voter. Name does not appear on poll book."

Earnest Mauns—"Not on poll book. Shows E. Mauns."

H. G. Miller—"His name does not appear either on register or poll book."

Prominent Educators Attending Session of the Iowa State Teachers' Association



PRINCIPAL ABBIE S. ABBOTT, of the Cedar Rapids Schools. Miss Abbott has been at the head of the Cedar Rapids high school for the past twenty years.



SUPT. W. O. RIDDELL, of the Des Moines Schools. Chairman of the local committee, member of the committee on president's address and member of legislative committee.

COLLEGE FRATS ARE CRITICISED

PROF. NORTON TELLS TEACHERS THEY LEAD AWAY FROM TRUE DEMOCRACY.

Des Moines, Dec. 30.—College fraternities came in for a round of scathing denunciation yesterday afternoon by Prof. W. H. Norton of Cornell college in his address as president of the college section of the teachers' association. No vindictive adjective was too scorching for the western frat life, as he said, had arrogated to itself all of the virtues of the frat life and assimilated none of the virtues.

The trend of the western college frat has been away from democracy, which was the underlying principle of the eastern college, said Professor Norton. The western frat excludes 80 per cent of the student body, and in the words of Professor Norton, "the worst frats become burrows of idleness, sloth and vice."

"It is questioned whether even such an intellectual aristocracy as the Phi Beta Kappa is quite democratic or useful as an incentive to good work," said Professor Norton. "Co-education and the admission of negroes were responses to democratic environment, while honorary degrees and the academic costume of cap and gown are treated as vestigial structures handed down from the aristocratic orders of Europe."

Trend Toward Aristocracy.

"A trend toward aristocracy is admitted. The literary societies, once all inclusive are becoming narrowly exclusive and the democratic Greek letter fraternities of the New England colleges, admitting practically every student to their privileges, have given place in the west to fraternities excluding 70 and 80 per cent of the students as social pariahs. Good fraternities may at best foster noble friendships and maintain high standards of scholarship and character, but at

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BIG MINE EXPLOSION

Foreman Says 38 Men Still in Mine—Twelve Bodies Taken Out.

Ennis, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch mine as a result of the explosion yesterday will probably reach 38. Twelve bodies have been taken out.

The damage to the mine is very great. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined, as the rescuers have not yet reached the seat of the trouble.

According to the mine foreman there are 38 men in the mine, with little chance of their recovery. There is no excitement at the mine. Practically all the women and children of the victims are bearing their grief in silence at their homes.

PLACED UNDER HEAVY BOND

Frank Schenck of Ft. Dodge Bound Over to the Common Pleas Court at Hannibal.

Hannibal, Dec. 30.—Frank Schenck, hailing from Fort Dodge, Iowa, charged with attempting to obtain money on a fraudulent draft had his preliminary hearing in Judge Thomas L. Anderson's court and was bound over to the common pleas court and his trial will come up at the next regular term. His bond is fixed at \$1,000, and as yet it has not been furnished. Schenck told the court his home was in New York, but it is known that he lives at Fort Dodge. He came here from New Orleans.

Snow in North; Cold and Getting Colder Every Hour

Ferguson Falls, Minn., Dec. 30.—(Special)—A fierce snow storm is raging here today. The mercury is down to zero and is going lower every hour.

In Canada Today.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—(Special)

—A severe blizzard is raging all over western Canada today.

Traffic in every direction is at a standstill.

C. P. TAFT SAYS HE'LL REMAIN IN THE FIGHT

ANNOUNCES AFTER RETURN OF WADE ELLIS FROM CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT—ELECT THAT HE'S IN TO FINISH.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Wade E. Ellis, who drafted the Republican national platform and otherwise took a prominent part in the Taft campaign, returned here today from Augusta, Ga., where he went to talk over with the president-elect the status of the senatorial fight in this state. His visit had especially to do with the candidacy of Charles P. Taft and when he returned today Ellis at once went into consultation with the Taft leaders.

Prior to the conference Ellis would say absolutely nothing regarding his trip.

All hope of bringing about a caucus this week as proposed by the Taft adherents was abandoned today. It is now proposed that a caucus be held Jan. 5. Congressman Burton, however, is believed to favor even a later date if he consents to a caucus at all.

Taft Will Not Withdraw.

Taft is greatly annoyed at the continuance of reports that he will withdraw from the race and it was announced at his headquarters today that State Senator Thom Baker has been chosen to present Taft's name to the caucus when one is held. This was said as strong a means as the Taft managers could think of for setting at rest the stories of withdrawal.

SPECIAL LINCOLN STAMP

Congressman Dawson Wants Series of Postage Stamps Commemorating War President.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Rev. Father Charles G. Lyons, Society of Jesus, a member of the faculty of Boston (Mass.) college, yesterday assumed the duties of president of Gonzaga college and rector of St. Aloisius church.

New Head in Catholic School.

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BROTHER OF 2 MEN ACCUSED ON THE STAND

MAJOR JOHN HAINS OF THE U. S. ARMY TELLS HOW CAPTAIN'S GRIEF MADE HIM WHOLLY IRRATIONAL.

MAID TESTIFIES TO ESCAPADES

COLORADO WOMAN SAID ANNIS WAS OFTEN AT HAINS HOME AND HID IN KITCHEN WHEN OTHER PEOPLE CALLED.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Major John Hains, U. S. A., brother of Thornton Hains, now on trial as a principal with his brother, Peter, for the killing of William E. Annis, was the principal witness for the defense today. In a voice that trembled with emotion the major told the jury the changes that he had noted in Captain Hains' mental condition from a year ago to the time when the captain told of those happenings that led to his separation from his wife.

Brother of Accused in Tears.

All through his testimony tears fell from the major's eyes. He said the captain displayed evidence of being irrational, that his mind constantly reverted to things that had been told him concerning his wife's alleged conduct with Annis, Mrs. William E. Annis, widow of the man killed by Hains, listened to the testimony given today and declared after adjournment that her faith in her husband was not shaken.

Adjourn Until Thursday.

Owing to the illness of the chief counsel for defense, John F. McIntyre, the trial was adjourned until tomorrow.

Servant Tells Her Story.

Before the close of yesterday's session the defense called to the stand a colored servant in Capt. Hains' household, Minnie Rhone, who related incidents in which Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis were alleged to have figured at the Hains home while Capt. Hains was in the Philippines. These incidents, the witness said, she told the captain on his return. She was still under examination when court adjourned for the day.

She said that Mrs. Hains had declared her affection for Annis and told of alleged orgies held at the Hains home at Fort Hamilton.

She said Mrs. Hains had been intoxicated in Annis' company, had indulged in improper poses, had smoked cigarettes, and that Annis was accustomed to conceal himself when other callers came.

She described the alleged effect of all this on Capt. Hains when she told him of it. In this description to the jury were included Mrs. Hains' confession to the servant of love for Annis, that she called him her "affinity," and that Capt. Hains' child had on one occasion called Annis "papa."

Door Open to Aliens.

The latest angle of the case means that the trial, like other celebrated homicide cases that have preceded it, will be filled with the testimony of alienists and lengthy interrogatives involving hypothetical questions.

Seated near the state's lawyers yesterday was Mr. Austin Flint, the alienist who was an important figure and witness in the Thaw case.

Count Boni Denied Custody of Sons; Divorced Wife Wins

Paris, Dec. 30.—The petition of Count Boni de Castellane that the custody of his three sons be given to him was today denied. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, the Princess de Sagan, but that they should not leave the continent without the count's permission.

THE WEATHER.

Iowa and Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Thursday, cold wave tonight and colder east Thursday.

Illinois—Fair and colder tonight and Thursday with cold wave north.

Sunrise, 7:18; sunset, 4:29; moonset, 11:52 a. m.

Local Weather.

Nine o'clock last evening 48
Seven o'clock this morning 30
Two o'clock this afternoon 30

AMERICAN RED CROSS TO SEND MONEY AT ONCE

GOVERNORS REQUESTED TO FORWARD REMITTANCES THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS; \$50,000 TO BE SENT.

MANY AMERICANS IN QUAKE ZONE

REPORTS RECEIVED FROM MANY POINTS OF TOURISTS LAST REPORTED TO BE IN SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The Executive committee of the National Red Cross today decided to forward tomorrow \$50,000 for the benefit of the Italian sufferers, through the state department, in order that it may be utilized immediately. The committee requests all governors aiding in the collection of funds to have such contributions transmitted through the regular American Red Cross organization.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 30.—Tidings are awaited here of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Smith and their daughters, who, according to last advices, were in the earthquake region of Sicily.

Chicagoans in Earthquake Zone. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Among the Chicagoans believed to be or to have been in the earthquake zone of Italy, are Mr. and Mrs. O. Elger, Paul Barber, Dr. Charles A. Logan, Magdalena Hernley, T. A. Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baur. The latter were on their honeymoon trip.

Consul and Wife Dead.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A dispatch received by the state department today confirms the reported death of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina.

Lumberman's Daughter May Be Lost.

Fon du Lac, Wis., Dec. 30.—Miss Margaret McMillan of Fon du Lac and Mrs. Thornton A. Greene of Ontonagon, Mich., daughters of C. A. McMillan, millionaire lumberman are believed to be victims of the earthquake in southern Italy. The party were at Rome Christmas day and were then leaving for Sicily.

FIGHT OVER WOMAN

Des Moines Barber Shot 4 Times By Husband Who Also Wounds Wife.

Des Moines, Dec. 30.—(Special)—A Des Moines barber was shot four times in his shop at 9 o'clock this morning by Tom Keys, proprietor of a dry cleaning factory. Smith will die. The fight was over Mrs. Keys, and she was wounded but will live.

NO MERCY FOR THE REBATER.

Interstate Commerce Body Pleaded by \$15,000 Fine at Little Rock, Ark.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Individuals as well as corporations and railroad companies are to be vigorously prosecuted for rebating, and may expect no mercy. Great satisfaction was expressed at the interstate commerce commission yesterday upon the receipt of advices from Arkansas to the effect that T. H. Bunch of Little Rock had been fined \$15,000 for rebating. Bunch was indicted for receiving rebates upon shipments of grain from Omaha and Kansas City to Little Rock and for accepting unlawful elevation allowances. He pleaded guilty to ten counts and the remaining forty were dismissed.

DR. GORMAN FOR BISHOP.

President of St. Joseph College of Duquesne Goes to Helena, Montana.

Duquesne, Dec. 30.—Information has reached here to the effect that Dr. D. M. Gorman, president of St. Joseph's college of this city, is slated for the bishopric of Helena, Montana, to succeed Bishop John P. Carroll, formerly of this city, now of Helena, and slated for the rectorship of the Catholic university of America at Washington, to succeed Bishop Dennis O'Connell, now named coadjutor bishop of San Francisco. The announcement created much interest throughout where the men are so well known.

Bids Farewell; Is Shot.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 30.—John Emerson Stone, aged 22 years, highly connected in Boston and New York, was shot here today by May Woolard, who then shot herself. She may die. The tragedy followed Stone's call on the woman to say he was leaving her forever.

EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES AND FIRES MAY RAISE DEATH LIST IN SICILY AND CALABRIA TO 150,000

Messina, City of 100,000, a Vast Ruin; Reggio, City of 50,000, Completely Destroyed and All Inhabitants Lost; Entire Population of 10,000 in Bag-nara is Killed.

CHRISTIAN WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY

Southern Italy and Sicily Laid Waste, Land's Topography Changed and Hosts Killed By Elements

Rome, Dec. 30.—The earthquake which has devastated the Italian departments of Calabria and Sicily has wrought the greatest tragedy which ever has befallen the Christian world. Its measure cannot yet be calculated. It is known in general terms that out of a population of 1,750,000 in the devastated area at least 125,000 perished.

This makes no account of a dozen towns near the center of the disturbance, whence no word comes and where there is only too good a reason to fear that there are no survivors to describe their fate.

The destruction of property cannot be as great as at San Francisco, for Messina and Reggio, the two principal cities destroyed, were not rich or magnificent from the metropolitan point of view.

Face of Country is Altered.

As a great cataclysm of nature, however, this disaster is on a far vaster scale than the California phenomenon. The whole face of the country and the coast line have been altered. Even Scilla and Charydis have changed the positions they have occupied since Aeneas' legendary voyage.

The three provinces where the greatest damage was done were Messina and Catania, in Sicily, and Reggio di Calabria, on the mainland. They comprise about 4,000 square miles.

Several hundred persons perished and much damage was done outside of these provinces, but within them the devastation was so complete that scarcely a human habitation remains.

It will be days before the story of their destruction can be known.

Upheaval Over in 32 Seconds.

All accounts now agree that the time occupied by nature's gigantic spasms was but thirty-two seconds.

Some minutes later a great wave completed the havoc in the ill fated coast towns.

The violence of the shock seems to have been unprecedented except by volcanic eruptions within a limited area.

The buildings of Messina were not merely shaken down—their foundations literally were yanked from beneath them to one side or the other until they toppled from the perpendicular and fell in ruins alongside their original sites.

No One Lives in Reggio.

That of Reggio, on the opposite side of the strait, must have been more violent, for scarcely one stone remains on another in that flourishing city of only a few days ago.

No one yet has been found to intelligently recount the fate of this town and its inhabitants.

The ominous absence of details concerning Reggio proves to be due to the fact that not only the city itself but its whole population with the possible exception of a mere handful has disappeared.

Warships ordered to relieve the survivors have been unable to approach the coast, owing to the changed configuration of the straits of Messina.

Chaotic Rocks Replace City.

Ultimately a torpedo boat ran close to the coast, but was unable to discover a trace of the city.

Where two days ago stood the homes and works of men and busy streets there is nothing but chaotic rocks and earth.

The city had vanished as completely as Aladdin's palace under the magician's spell.

It is impossible, of course, to speak now with certainty as to what happened, but such observation as is possible indicates that Reggio was completely swallowed by the earth's collapsing

Refugees Arrive at Naples.

Naples, Dec. 30.—The appalling magnitude of the tragedy in the south of Italy is being brought home to the people of the north by the arrival here of 800 refugees wounded and unscathed by steamer from Messina. The fact that dying people have to be brought such a distance for medical attention shows the immensity of the disaster and the inadequacy of the relief measures at the present possible. The condition of the wounded is pitiable, a few of them have had heads and limbs bandaged, but many have not yet received medical attention. It is expected that by tomorrow night fully 50,000 injured persons will have made their way to this city.

French Relief on Way.

Toulon, Dec. 30.—A French relief squadron carrying food, clothing, medical supplies and money for the relief

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