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## CORNING POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

### Corning Postoffice Safe Blown and Stamps and Other Valuables Taken.

On Sunday night last, June 8, the postoffice at Corning was entered by one or more persons, the safe blown and several hundred dollars in postage stamps and war savings certificates taken.

The thieves secured entrance through the transom in the rear of the main store room of the Schooler Bros. general store, in which is located the postoffice. A. L. Schooler being the postmaster. On entering they scattered the contents of several sacks of flour over the floor, this being done no doubt to frustrate the trailing by blood hounds, and also to muffle the sound from the dynamite charge used in blowing the postoffice safe, the door and bottom of which were blown out. The private safe of the firm, located on the second floor of the building was not touched.

From the postoffice safe every stamp was taken together with a liberty bond and about \$250 in war savings certificates. The bond and war savings certificates were the private property of the Schoolers. There was also some cash taken.

No one it seems heard the explosion, and hence the time of the robbery is unknown. Mr. Schooler was in Fairfax at the time of the robbery, and early Monday morning the clerk, H. A. Peters, came to the store to open up for business and to distribute the night mail. On opening the door he discovered the flour all over the floor of the postoffice part and the store room, and that the back transom was open, from which no doubt the thieves made their exit.

There was quite a storm during the night and this condition mitigated in favor of the thieves, both in doing their work and also to get away.

We understand there is no clew whatever as to the thieves.

Later:—Later information as to the robbery comes to us.

The postoffice safe was blown with nitroglycerine.

The government loss will reach \$159.18 in stamps, \$28.64 in money order funds, \$2.38 postage funds, 20 war savings stamps and 100 thrift stamps.

Mr. Schooler's personal loss is \$60 in cash, a \$50 liberty bond, 28 war savings stamps, besides the loss of the postoffice safe.

The stamp cabinet at the general delivery window was broken open and also the store money drawer, but only a small sum was secured from these.

The work was done by experts, it is believed, and to do the work they secured tools from the C. B. & Q. tool house.

Postoffice inspectors got to the scene of the robbery Monday. If they have any clew, they are not going to cough it up—at least not until they have their men.

Mr. Schooler and his assistant, Miss Tillie Peters, take great pride at all times to give the patrons the very best service possible.

It is Corning's first postoffice robbery.

## Came to the Prettiest of Towns.

J. M. Mann and son, Russell, of the Summit district, and R. E. Decker, of Mound City, were here Tuesday of this week on some important business matters.

Mr. Mann was born in Monroe county, Virginia, October 14, 1846, and came to Missouri in 1870, locating in Nowaday county, near Clyde. While in that county he met a Miss Margaret Phipps of Skidmore, and the result was they became husband and wife, and in 1880 they came over to Holt county and began life in earnest. He purchased the Hiram Lawrence farm, which it will be remembered was murdered by his son, John, on January 9, 1876, but he has spread out since those days and now he owns 240 acres. They have four children, three of whom are boys, and a pair of these are twins.

R. E. Decker is the cashier of the Bank of Mound City, and was born over on the other side of the Missouri river in Richardson county, Neb., October 17, 1860. The family lived in the Mound City section in 1861, but later pulled out and moved around some, but finally returned to Holt county in 1870, where he has stayed. He received a common school education and also a business college course.

He launched his own canoe by farming in Benton township in 1897, when he located in Mound City, and went into business with Amer Crannel, in the insurance business, which continued to the death of Mr. C. in 1906, and in 1907 he entered the Bank of Mound City as cashier.

Mr. Decker married Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Gibson, pioneers of Richardson county, Neb. He has been a member of the K. P.'s for some time, and still holds on to a 1/2 section of Benton township land.

His father, Albert Decker, came to Holt county in the early 50's, and died in Mound City, January 9, 1907.

—R. W. Kennedy, wife and children, H. A. Evans and family, Mrs. Emma Spitzmeyer, Mrs. Lawrence Killa and son, Gordon, visited at Mound City, Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lit Darnell. Mrs. Killa and Mrs. Spitzmeyer will spend the week there.

—Mrs. Paul Miller and son, Charley, of St. Joseph, spent Sunday here with Pa and Ma Jas. R. Brown, and sister, Mrs. Jessie Quick. They came by the way of Forbes.

—T. T. Wilson, one of Bigelow's Al citizens, was here Monday on important business.

## Bird Law Upheld.

First blood in the controversy between wild duck hunters of several states and the United States government was taken by the government Wednesday, of last week, when Judge Jacob Trieber of the United States District Court for Arkansas, rendered the first opinion upholding the constitutionality of the migratory bird treaty act.

The first federal migratory bird law was passed by congress in 1913. On May 25, 1914, Judge Trieber, rendering a decision in the case of the United States against Shauer, declared the law unconstitutional. The case was appealed by the government to the supreme court.

On August 16, 1916, a migratory bird treaty between the United States and Canada was signed. The migratory bird treaty act was passed by congress on July 3, 1918, to put into effect the stipulations of the treaty. When this new law was passed the Attorney-General of the United States withdrew the appeal in the Shauer case. Thus the Supreme Court has never passed on the constitutionality of the first law.

Early this spring several parties from Kansas City were indicted by a federal grand jury at St. Joseph, Mo., for alleged violation of the migratory bird treaty act. When the case was argued before Judge Van Valkenburg a demurrer was filed by the defense, stating that the treaty was unconstitutional because it violated the sovereign rights of individual states. A short time later Frank W. Allister, attorney general of the State of Missouri, and a party of friends were indicted on the same defense.

Owing to the unusually heavy docket in the spring terms of court Judge Van Valkenburg has not yet rendered a decision on the bird law in any of the cases. As there has been no indication of Judge Van Valkenburg's opinions on this law, the public in general and the duck hunters in particular are anxiously awaiting his decision, which is expected to be made this month after his return from the Joplin term of court.

## Real Estate Matters.

May 1919 real estate movements have shown an improvement over that of 1918, the warranty deals being some \$30,000 larger than they were a year ago. The largest deal of the year, thus far, was consummated during this month—that of Margaret and Louis Anthony, lands in 25, 26 and 36, in 62, 40, for \$86,511. The deals for the month involving \$10,000 or over were:

Margaret and Louis Anthony to A. C. Nichols, lands 25, 26, 36, in 62, 40 .....\$86,511  
H. B. Lawrence to R. W. Lawrence, 1/2 ne and 1/2 se 24, 62, 40 .....\$16,000

## The Enumeration.

County Clerk Kunkel is now compiling his annual school enumeration for the year 1919, which he will forward this week to State Superintendent of Schools. We are only able thus far to give the totals for the six special and the six consolidated districts, which show a total enumeration for 1919 of 2,364; as against 2,468 in 1918—a total loss of only 104. By districts the report will show:

District	Male	Female	Total
Corning	50	40	90
Craig	91	108	199
Forest City	116	108	224
Maitland	105	113	218
Mound City	224	261	485
Oregon	157	159	307
Con. No. 1	66	62	128
Con. No. 2	57	56	113
Con. No. 3	115	98	213
Con. No. 4	53	45	98
Con. No. 5	64	62	126
Con. No. 6	90	72	162
Total	1,188	1,176	2,364

## Red Cross Meeting.

A meeting of the Red Cross has been called by Chairman Schulte for this Friday evening, June 13, at the circuit court room, at 8:30 p. m.

The following will explain the nature of the meeting: "To bring before the Red Cross workers the 'peace program' of the Red Cross, three conferences will be held. Whatever the Southwestern division will be able to achieve as a peace time organization will depend largely upon the cooperation that can be obtained from Red Cross workers at this beginning. It is therefore urged upon all branch officials to see that their branch is as largely represented at one or all of these conferences as is possible."

SECRETARY.

## A Happy Meeting.

We doubt if there ever was a more joyous meeting of children than that which occurred Saturday last, when Alice and Winifred Haasess, of McAllen, Texas, arrived and unexpectedly went in to their dear Oregon little friends, Lavona and Marjorie Evans. Prior to the departure of the Haasess family for Texas, these families were close neighbors, and these four dear little girls grew up from the cradle and were almost inseparable, and all the beauties of sweet, pure childhood life has been centered about them, and when the time came for the separation the grief of these four can only be imagined. But time has brought them together, and mark it well, not a minute will be lost by them in making the minutes count in having a happy, joyous time—and Mr. and Mrs. Evans will do their part in making them supremely happy.

—Notwithstanding the wetness of the season thus far, the Missouri river is only 6.6 feet above low water mark, not as high as usual at this time.

## Will Remember Him.

There is still some of the gang of jolly good fellows in our town who used to play "hooky," and go fishing in the Ark, and they will, no doubt, well remember their former school chum, Charley Howell. They will be glad to know that he is now back from the Red Fields of France, where he has been many months, having been in the medical department of the aviation service.

Charley enlisted from his home town, Frederick, Okla., with rank of lieutenant, but later was promoted



to Captain, and was recently mustered out of the service with this rank.

On his return to this country he went to Chicago, for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Walter S. Clark, who, when a dear, good girl here, we all knew her as Blanche Howell, and they have been having a great visit together. Dr. Howell brought over with him, according to the "Hinsdale (Illinois) Doings," a wonderful collection of souvenirs.

At the time of his enlistment, he was enjoying a large practice, and ranked among the highest of practicing physicians in that part of Oklahoma and after a reasonable rest, he will return to his professional work, but in years to come when his hair becomes silvered, he will talk of St. Mihiel, Verdun and the Argonne, just as some of the 61-65 boys are still talking of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Chattanooga and Shiloh. We wish it were possible for him to come back for a visit to his old school-day home town.

## Presbyterian Notes.

Program for next sabbath, June 15: Sabbath school begins at 9:45 a. m. Harvey Evans, superintendent. Lesson topic, "Prayer," Luke 18:1-5; 9:14. There were 125 in attendance last Sabbath, and the collection was \$4.50.

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock. His theme will be "Joy Unspeakable," 1 Pet. 1-8.

The pastor will preach at 8:30 o'clock, Theme, "As Jesus Passed By." The young people especially are invited to attend the evening service. There were a good many out last Sunday night.

Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. Topic for study, "The Friendship That Holds," 1 Sam. 18:1-4. Come out and bring some one with you.

Our church was filled to its capacity last Sabbath morning, at 11 o'clock, when a Children's Day program was rendered by children of the Sabbath school. The church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers.

The pastor baptized seven babies and children, and took four into the church on profession of faith. Our new orchestra accompanied the choir in singing.

"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand."

Choir practice every Friday night at the church.

Last Tuesday the pastor got together a force of men and boys of our church, and cleared off the ground in the rear of church for a tennis court.

WILL THORNTON WALKER, Pastor.

## Evangelical Church.

This rainy weather gives everybody time to go to church and Sunday school. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching, 8 p. m. Prayer service and singing practice, Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Nickell's Grove: Sunday school at 10:30, and preaching service at 11:30 a. m. Y. P. A. in the evening.

R. J. WOHLGEMUTH, Pastor.

—Mr. Ed Hicks has resigned her position with the Pitts-Bunker Mercantile company, and Miss Dot Smith, who has been with the Farmers' Mutual telephone, takes Mrs. Hicks' place.

## The Marriage Record.

Recorder Simpson issued some seven licenses during the month of May, and while not so many as the month previous, he is satisfied in a way, but he would have preferred to have issued twice the number. The following is the record of marriages for the month of May, 1919:

Victor J. Alderdice, of Coldwater, Kansas, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Brumbaugh, of Maitland, May 7th, by Rev. Geo. P. Sturges.

—Geo. W. Beauchamp, of Craig, and Nora Marker, of St. Joseph, in St. Joseph, April 30.

Lynn Cowan, of Maitland, and Miss Mildred Meyer, of Mound City, in Tapoka, Kansas, May 22.

Opel Fryman, of Craig, and Joseph McGovern, of Providence, N. J., in St. Joseph, May 13.

Jesse Gibson, of Mound City, and Sarah Goodspeed, of Ford City, Mo., at Ford City, May 14.

John Hart, of Mound City and Mrs. Ella Longnecker, of Sioux City, Iowa, May 15th.

Harry C. Hitz, of Forest City, and Miss Ina Botkin, of New Point, May 27, by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Vern Meyer, of Mound City, and Miss Lena Gordon, of St. Louis, in Kansas City, May 20.

Elby McNulty, of Falls City, Neb., and Edith Zeigler, of Central City, Neb., in David City, Neb., May 8.

Floyd E. Mull, of Maitland, and Lena Sloniker, of Fortescue, May 22, by Harry M. Dungan, Probate Judge.

Jno. L. Pflummer, of Craig, and Carrie E. Twaiddie, of Skidmore, May 16, by Rev. Raymond C. Lippold.

G. W. Taylor, and Mrs. Rosa Brownlee, of Forbes, in St. Joseph, May 29.

Edgar Whipple, of Bigelow, and Edna Wickert, of Napier, by Rev. A. M. Reynolds, June 4.

Vernie Wilson, and Opal Bailor, of Glenwood, Iowa, May 28, by Rev. Charles F. Hand.

## Suffrage Wins.

The House Woman Suffrage resolution was adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, of last week, June 4, 1919, and the proposed constitutional amendment now goes to the states for ratification. The vote was 56 for adoption and 25 against, or two more than two-thirds majority. Senator Spencer, Republican, from Missouri, voted for the resolution, and his colleague, James A. Reed, Democrat, against.

The vote last Wednesday is the fifth time the Senate has acted on the question since it was introduced forty-one years ago by Senator Sargent of California, and it was drafted by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

Sentiment is so strong in most of the Southern states against suffrage by federal enactment that it will be long before some Southern legislatures ratify the decision of Congress, Southern senators predict. After President Wilson signs the resolution, the approval of thirty-six states is necessary before the amendment becomes operative. This will make it necessary for the suffragists to carry almost every Northern state before the amendment can be ratified. No time limit is set for the ratification. Once the state legislature ratifies it it cannot reverse its action, but no matter how often it rejects the amendment it still can be voted upon again.

## Red Cross Notes.

So far, the Red Cross has been running on a "war program," but sewing and knitting are things of the past, and from now on we are to run on a "peace program."

Tuesday of last week as many of our workers as could be called together on short notice met with Miss Allen, a field secretary of the Southwestern division. Miss Allen's mission was to explain the "peace program" of the work. The program is divided into four distinct activities: nursing service, Junior Red Cross, first aid and home service.

The nursing service is something, which, no doubt, will interest all the women. Its aim is to give to all women and girls out of school a course of fifteen lessons in the art of caring for the sick. The course is free to all who wish to take it, whether a Red Cross member or not. The classes will have from ten to twenty pupils each and will start this month. A number have already enrolled, and all others may do so by calling the secretary and leaving your name.

Our members have been faithful workers and we trust that we may have the necessary support in our new work.

LOIS R. ENSOR, Secretary.

## M. E. Church Notes.

Dr. DeLong gave an interesting sermon, Sunday morning, after which the basket dinner on the lawn was greatly enjoyed by all.

There will be the usual services throughout the week and throughout the day, Sunday. Everybody welcome.

—Three-quarters of an inch of rain fell here Tuesday evening within 20 minutes. The total for the 24 hours being 1.11 inches. In June, 1917, we had a total of 9.07 inches of rain. Thus far up to 7 a. m., June 11th, we have had 2.40 inches. Large quantities of hay has been damaged by the continued rains. On the 5th of June, 1917, we had a rainfall of 3.95 inches.

—Adolph Geil is now back home from "over-there," having served in the headquarters company of the 340th Field Artillery, 89th division, and he is looking every inch the soldier. He is de-lighted to get back—but Mama Geil is as happy a woman as you ever saw. Adolph served in the great St. Mihiel and the Evesvian sector.

## REMEMBER THEIR DEAD.

### Oregon Lodge and Rebekahs Hold Memorial Services for Their Dead.

By far the most impressive memorial services ever held in the history of the order in Oregon were held in our beautiful city on Sunday last, June 8th, in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Grand Master to be by the appearance in line for the first time of the Rebekah branch of the order, some 50 strong. The Rebekahs appeared in white, each carrying their beautiful and fragrant floral offering. They were led by the marshal, R. G. Raley, the members of Oregon lodge, 73 strong, following.

The order was especially fortunate this year in having with them the Hon. Charles D. Morris, editor of the St. Joseph Gazette, a member of the order, and one of Missouri's most brilliant orators, who on invitation of the order came and delivered one of the most impressive addresses ever listened to by this or any other order in our county, his theme being "Fraternalism," and for fully an hour he held the large and seemingly deeply interested audience in rapturous delight with his wonderful rhythmic flow of the purest English and fascinating rounded period. The order was helped by his coming, and not one that heard him that was not helped morally and mentally. It was one of those efforts that uplifts those who are fortunate to hear.

The members of the two branches of the order assembled at the lodge room at 2 p. m., where the floral offerings were prepared, and where they listened to a piano solo by Mrs. Geo. E. Gelvin, N. G. of the Rebekahs, and "America" was sung by the members, after which Acting Noble Grand Geo. E. Gelvin turned the order over to Marshal Raley, who formed the procession and it proceeded to the Presbyterian church, where the exercises were held.

Mrs. Alberta Green-Murphy rendered a piano solo, and Robert Montgomery offered the invocation. Noble Grand Gelvin then introduced Mr. Morris.

The address by Mr. Morris took the form of a discussion of the fundamental principles upon which the modern fraternal society is organized. He declared that there was more need of such organizations today than ever before in the history of the country, because of the intense competition among men and the disposition apparent to look after oneself and let the devil take the hindmost. At the same time he believed that it was wise for a man to hold membership in but one or two fraternal societies, devoting what time and energy could be spared to such work to the performance of one's duty to these societies, rather than to spread one's capacity for fraternal service over such a wide territory that it became as thin as butter on "boarding house" bread. For this reason he did not believe any man should become, in his fraternal relations, merely a "jiner," who unites with every society in the town and does the work of none.

Mr. Morris discussed, at some length, the value of personal service in our fraternal work, declaring that the real benefits coming therefrom would more than repay for any expenditure of time or money we put into it. "The habit in many communities," said the speaker, "is to contribute a few dollars annually to charity and let it go at that. Under this system the contributor gets but little or no benefit himself from his donations to charity. The real rewards come from giving ourselves as well as our dollars to the service of the poor and unfortunate about us."

"Much of the difficulty arising from our fraternal service," declared the speaker, "comes from the fact that we are impractical. We want to be good, and pure and helpful, but in order to do so, we imagine that we must separate ourselves from the world and, while still living in it, refuse to become a part of it. If the dollars we give under this system accomplish little it is our fault, since we do not go along with the dollar to see that it is properly expended. Real fraternal work consists as much in taking a discouraged, despondent brother by the hand and encouraging him over the rough spots in life's pathway, as in paying our dues to the lodge, or our annual assessment for charity purposes."

During the course of his remarks Mr. Morris referred to his work overseas, declaring that the members of the A. E. F. were all members of a great fraternal society, the insignia of which was the uniform of Uncle Sam. He spoke very feelingly of the private soldier, declaring that whenever one of the doughboys was sick all the others had a personal interest in him and was ready at the drop of the hat to render any helpful service within their power. "If one of them had a dollar it belonged to every man in the company who needed it. He commended the private soldiers for their unselfishness, their democracy, their morality and their loyalty to the government they served. He also described several incidents coming under his personal observation at army camps and hospitals, illustrating the splendid fraternal feeling existing in the army.

The closing thought of the address was the idea that the standing of the lodge in the community depends entirely upon the character of its membership. "You are a good Methodist or Baptist, a good Mason or Odd Fellow," declared the speaker, "when you are first a good man."

The procession was again formed

and with Mr. Morris their guest of honor, proceeded to the beautiful, yet silent city of Maple Grove, where the graves of the dead of the order were strewn with the silent and fragrant tokens of love and remembrance.

The members then returned to the lodge room where they listened to a brief, but touching address by Mr. Morris, and the Rebekahs served light refreshments, after which came an adjournment.

Frank Morgan, representing the order, met Mr. Morris at Forest City, with his car and brought him to the city, where he was carefully looked after by a detail from the lodge; and on adjournment Mr. Morgan returned him in good order to Forest City, where he took the evening Burlington train No. 42 for home.

The Sentinel wishes to assure his dear good wife that we took the very best care possible of him, and hope he returned home in as good repair as when he left. The order was simply delighted with his coming among us.

## Death of Charles Schatz.

Charles Henry Schatz was born December 9, 1863, at Brunswick, Mo., and was the son of George F. Schatz and wife, now deceased. He came with his parents to Oregon, Mo., where his father had charge of the German M. E. church, and where the father died April 5, 1872, leaving the widow and six children here, where Charles and the others received a common school education, going almost through high school, but like many others, left school early in the spring to take up summer work on farms.

After completion of his high school course, Charles came to St. Joseph, to work for Schultz, Hosea & Co. From 1889 he was in the employ of the Neudorff Hardware Co., as stock man and mechanical expert, until stopped by sickness a short time before his death on June 3, 1919.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Porter, of the Congregational church, at the home of Mr. Henry Schuler and wife, who are his brother-in-law, and sister, Margaret.

The following tribute to his memory was paid by Frederick Neudorff, with whom Mr. Schatz was associated for the many, many years mentioned: "Friends we have met here to pay our respects to the memory of one who has departed. Probably as his most intimate friend, I voice his full and true desire, that I say a few words at this time.

"Charlie had a magnificent mind, a marvelous memory, and of almost perfection, mechanically. He was a great admirer of books and a great reader. He was absolutely true to his convictions. He did not live a perfect life, but was weak in permitting a bad habit to control him. He failed in this respect, yet throughout it all he was a gentle, considerate soul, rarely given to passion and letting it pass as a gust of wind.

"We did not always agree, but each respected the other's honesty of purpose and thought. He could see through a pretense as quickly as any man I ever knew. He vexed his people as he did me, because of his habit, yet I could not forget that back of it all was a splendid, honest and lovable character.

"He believed that death ended all and never wavered in that belief.

"However, if I were Godly in my attributes and had the decision, I would in love and charity take him to my bosom as one who was scrupulously honest to his better self. He loved his sister and often paid tribute to the fine character of that other dear friend of mine, his brother-in-law, Henry Schuler.

"I believe he loved me, he was my friend, I have tried to be his.

"You all liked him—let the mantle of charity and love in your hearts cover his failings to a realization that your friend was worthy of your friendship. He and he alone has paid the price of transgression of the law of compensation. Fear not for his future."

Pleased the People.

Judge O'Fallon, on duty at the state capital as a member of the committee to revise the statutes, was the Decoration Day orator at Linn, Osage county, and the Linn County Democrat in speaking of the exercises says:

"Judge Samuel F. O'Fallon, of Holt county, speaker of the House of Representatives, delivered the speech of the day. Judge O'Fallon is a veteran in the matter of speech making and knows exactly what to say and how to say it. His address on this occasion was excellent, as was that of all the speakers and well calculated to accentuate the love of all good American citizens for the American form of government as distinguished from a monarchical government. The county of Holt, way up in Northwest Missouri, has produced a number of able men, but none more able and versatile than Judge O'Fallon."

We Apologize.

We owe you one Brother Mills, of the News-Jeffersonian. In our item last week, speaking of Lieut. Munn's visit, we reproduced a part of the "Mills" interview with Lieut. Munn and omitted giving Bro. Mills credit for the article. We made a footnote comment, giving the proper credit, but in taking the copy from our drawer failed to get the last page of the copy, and it went through that way. It wasn't the "awkward compositor" this time, but strictly on the old man reporter—a case of genuine carelessness on his part in not getting all his copy. We regret it greatly. The interview was highly interesting, as Lieut. Munn always is, and it was worthy of space in any paper, and Brother Mills should have had due credit for it.