FAMILY POISONED

George E. Spickler and Children, of Andalusia, Are Afflicted.

TWO-YEAR OLD SON SUCCUMBS

German Silver Spoon is Left in Cooking Pot of Beans.

One of the children of George E. Spickler, the well-known Andalusia resident, is dead, another very critically ill and a third is under the care of a physician as a result of eating Wednesday of baked beans that had been cooked in a pot in which a German silver spoon had been left. Mr. Spickler himself had a very narrow escape, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Spickler was in Buffalo caring for her daughter, Mrs. George Herbert, who was threatened with appendicitis, and Hattie Brusso, the daughter of a neighbor, was temporarily keeping house for the family. Wednesday morning she baked beans in the usual manner, using an earthen jar and cooking them with fat. Members of the family ate of them for dinner and during the afternoon Mr. Spickler was taken ill.

Partaken of at Supper.

No suspicion was directed to the cause of his sickness, however, and in the evening the beans were warmed and the children again ate of them. Those who ate the most heartily were Dale, aged 2; Anna, aged 5, and Vera, aged 8. All three during the evening became violently ill and Dr. Barewald, of Buffalo, was summoned.

After satisfying himself that the case was one of poisoning the physician began an examination to learn what the cause might be and he shortly found the beans with a German silver tablespoon in the jar.

The spoon had been used by Miss Brusso in stirring the beans and had been left in the jar during the cooking process and again when they were warmed in the evening. It was found covered with verdigris, or carbonate of copper, due to the action of the fat upon the metal while at a high temperature.

Child Dies Yesterday.

All four members of the family continued critically ill throughout the night, and Dale, the youngest, passed away at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Anna is in a very precarious condition and her recovery is considered extremely doubtful. The other child of the family is an older son, Edward, who was not ill. Miss Brusso also escaped.

The funeral of Dale will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home.

BOYS FROM EAST END GO TO SEE THE WORLD

The police last evening were notified that two boys from the east end of the city, doubtless inspired by the signs of spring with a desire to see the world, had departed from home without the knowledge of their parents. The lads are Troy Riall, the 11-year-old son of Henry C. Riall, 1230 Fortieth street, and Carl Granere, son of C. O. Granere, 1311 Thirty-eighth street.

The former is described as small in stature and slender, with black eyes and auburn hair and dressed in dark gray coat with knee pants and dark cap. The other is large and well built, with blue eyes and light hair and clothed in dark blue coat and knee pants. Another boy named Breecher is also absent and is believed to have gone with the two first named. The Riall and Granere lads gathered what change they could find before leaving.

John Ainsworth was arrested last evening on complaint of E. L. McMillin, who charged him with assault and battery. He gave security for an appearance and will be given a hearing later.

This afternoon a telephone message was received stating that the boys had been caught at Colona by the authorities of that village, they evidently having started for Chicago. The fathers left this afternoon to bring them home.

GOLDEN STATE LIMITED TO BE DISCONTINUED

Announcement has been officially made by the Rock Island road that the Golden State Limited train will be taken off March 29. The division superintendents have been called to Chicago to assist in the arrangement of a new time table to go into effect on that date.

It is stated that the report recently circulated that the train has not been a success financially has no foundation, for the patronage has been more than was anticipated. The train was intended only for the winter California first class travel and it is expected that it will be placed in commission again this fall.

COLLEGE FACULTY PLACES BAN ON SCHEDULED GAME

The game of basketball that was to have been played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this evening between the association and the Augustana college teams has been canceled on account of the faculty of the college having prohibited the match. The college players have finished the season and it was deemed unwise to allow them to play when out of condition.

METZGER REMOVED FROM POSTOFFICE

Alleged Shortage in Accounts Results in Dismissal of Davenport Official.

George Metzger was removed as postmaster at Davenport today and Capt. Lon Bryson appointed his successor. Some months ago a shortage of $6,000 was alleged to have been discovered in Metzger's accounts. It was made good by friends, his bondsmen not being called upon. Today Mr. Stewart, a special government inspector, arrived in Davenport with instructions to make a change in the postmastership. He asked Mr. Metzger's bondsmen to nominate a man for the vacancy and they chose Capt. Bryson.

PERSONAL POINTS.

M. T. Stevens visited in Clinton yesterday.

Mrs. A. Roseberry has returned home after a visit in Youngstown, Ohio.

P. J. Farrell, for some time past night operator at the D., R. I. & N. W., has resigned, taking effect today.

F. C. Denkmann arrived home today after a trip of several days to St. Paul, Minneapolis and points in that vicinity.

Michael Hurley, formerly foreman of the Rock Island yards in this city and now a resident of Kansas City, is visiting here.

Mrs. Samuel Edwards has returned from Keokuk, where she was called on account of the illness of her father, whom she left considerably improved.

Miss Mildred E. Dodge has returned home from the University of Chicago to spend the spring vacation. Miss Anna Montgomery, who attends the same institution, will be home this evening.

James Ong, formerly of Cordova, but who is now located in Idaho, left for the west yesterday evening after a visit in this county. Mrs. Ong, who accompanied her husband here, will remain for a more protracted stay.

Mrs. Arthur Wilson, formerly of Sherrard, left this morning for Lincoln, Neb., to join her husband, who has located at that place. During the past few days Mrs. Wilson has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stone.

THINGS POLITICAL.

Did you hear that John Scott will have to hurry? The boys are right behind him.

Composed of strong, representative, energetic men, the democratic ticket is a winner.

There will be a number of new democratic aldermen in the next municipal assembly.

They won't grab things so quickly at Turner hall tonight since they know what they have to go against.

Will the Knox fellows let the soft-shoe republicans deliver everything to whom they please, or will they get what they feel is coming to them?

Republicans who were disappointed in not "seeing things" last night may be on hand at Turner hall this evening and see something, where they will feel more at home.

The democrats of Rock Island have asserted themselves. There is no party boss, no dictator with a rule or ruin policy. The men who have democratic principles at heart have allied themselves to preserve the party organization and to work earnestly in the interests of the common cause.

Democrats generally are gratified with the results of last night's convention, not only because the will of the party found free expression in the choice of the men who will guide its destinies, but because also of the excellent ticket nominated, to the support of which every conscientious voter can give hearty indorsement.

George McCaskrin, the renowned prestidigitator, necromancer, worker of hidden art and chief ranger of the white mahatmas, will positively appear at the Illinois theatre April 4. Don't be tricked into hearing anyone else. There is no other "just as good." None genuine without the name "McCaskrin" blown in the bottle. Beware of frauds.

MAN IS FEARFULLY HURT IN SHOP ACCIDENT

Jule Chelstrom, living at Eighteenth street and Twelfth avenue, Moline, was the victim of a terrible accident while working at his regular occupation at Deere & Mansur's plant in that city this morning.

He was about to start the machine for the turning out of whippletrees, which he operated, and had reached out his left hand for the lever, when a belt broke and wrapping about his arm near the shoulder jerked it loose from his body, taking some of the bones of the shoulder along with it.

The injured man bled fearfully before he could be placed in the hands of a physician. He was taken to the City hospital, where he is now in a critical condition.

The unfortunate man is 27 years of age and has a wife and an infant child.

SEARS SATISFIED

Officials Express Willingness to Stop Legal Fight With Railway Company.

PLEASED WITH FIVE-CENT FARE

Apparatus Purchased for Club of Tri-City Company's Employes.

Officials of the village of Sears announce that they are satisfied with the reduction in fares to 5 cents to the Watch Tower and to Milan made by the Tri-City Railway company yesterday, and that they are perfectly willing to drop the fight they have been waging where it is.

This is taken to mean that they will not further contest the validity of the franchise granted by the village board something over a year ago provided the supreme court's decision does not carry it down under the general ruling, and that the villagers will cease their efforts to prevent the passage of the bill now before the legislature to especially fit the circumstances of the railway company.

Has Gymnasium Outfit.

The apparatus for the fitting up of the club rooms of the Tri-City Railway company's employes in the new building on Fifth avenue has been purchased and is now in the rooms awaiting leisure on the part of the men to put it in place. The company bought the complete outfit of the Moline Turner society and it includes everything that a properly arranged gymnasium ought to have. The billiard table is still lacking, but one that is at Black Hawk Inn and that belongs to the company is to be placed in the rooms.

Car No. 208 is the latest to come out of the local shops of the company. It is similar to the others that have been manufactured and is running on the Fourth avenue line. There are four others now in course of construction in the company's shops in this city. The next one to come out will be placed on the Loop line in Davenport according to the plan that has been adopted of alternating between that line and the Blue line on this side till both are entirely equipped.

NEW IDEA CLUB FORMED BY LADIES OF TRI-CITIES

The New Idea club is an organization that has been recently formed by tri-city ladies for the study of the latest in fancy work, with social diversions as a feature also. The club met yesterday at the home of Miss Sadie Hawthorne on Sixth avenue. The members of the club are Mrs. James Hutchings, Mrs. John Hazard, Mrs. Sidney Pearson, Mrs. W. W. Wiegand and Mrs. Harry Knauss and Misses Nellie Allen, Cora Allen, Clara Hamlin, Sadie Hawthorne and Ella Baumbach, of Rock Island; Mrs. J. Ellis, of Davenport, and Mrs. Joseph Daebelliehn, of Moline. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hazard April 2.

TRIAL OF GAMBLING CASE PROGRESSING SLOWLY

The trial of Thomas Davis is proceeding slowly in the circuit court on the indictments for gambling, the case being strictly confined to this feature on the understanding that the counts on running a slot machine and conducting a crap game will be taken up later.

The first witness was called yesterday afternoon. One of the first questions asked by State's Attorney Weld was whether he had visited the rooms occupied by Davis with his alleged gambling devices. The witness refused to answer on the ground that he would incriminate himself. The matter was argued at some length and was finally ruled upon by the court at 11 o'clock this morning, who held that the question need not be answered.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to the examination of two witnesses from the lower end of the county, both of whom testified to have seen gambling in progress in Davis' establishment.

MILTON MAKING GOOD WITH ST. LOUIS TEAM

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says of Rock Island's old favorite pitcher: "Donovan is watching the pitchers closely. Milton made a favorable impression in Sunday's game. He did not show much in practice, but in the three innings he twirled for the Colts but three hits were made off him and none of the opposing batters scored. Big Larry watches the bases closely. He threw a high fast ball and uses but few curves. Mike O'Neill worked and sweated as if it were midsummer at League park. His movement is easy. Warm weather is just what he needs to bring him around.