

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

DAVENPORT

Licensed to Wed.—John Heglin, Anoka, Minn., and Katherine Wendle, Marengo; Willard A. Smith, Barry, Ill., and Nora L. Brush, Davenport; Stewart Bull, Silvis, Ill., and Edna Schenmann, Davenport; John H. Fruett, Davenport, and Lenora Fox, Hawson, O.

Brannigan Goes to Jail.—James Brannigan, who was apprehended in New York on the charge of forging checks amounting to over \$500, and who was brought back to Davenport by Sheriff Louis Eckhardt and Constable Phil Kahles Friday, was held under \$2,500 bonds to the January term of the grand jury following arraignment before Justice Phil Daum Saturday afternoon. Brannigan was unable to furnish the bail and was sent to jail awaiting trial. He pleaded not guilty and waived preliminary examination.

Wants Heavy Damages.—Two petitions for damages aggregating \$50,000 against the Chamberlin, Kindt company and Charles T. Kindt and E. P. Adler were filed late Saturday afternoon in the district court by Attorney Charles T. Cooper. In the first suit filed against Chamberlin, Kindt and company the plaintiff alleges that on Nov. 23, 1909, he purchased a ticket for the Princess theatre. He claims he was conducted to a seat by an usher and while conducting himself with propriety and respect was forcibly thrown out, brutal strength being used. He claims his hip was injured which has caused a permanent injury. For this he asks \$25,000 judgment. In the second suit against Charles T. Kindt and E. P. Adler he asserts that because of a libelous, false and malicious statement caused to be published in which it was said that he was intoxicated and had insulted women, his reputation has been injured to the amount of \$25,000. He states he is a member of the Scott county bar and has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in the city of Davenport and surrounding states.

Obituary Record.—Charles Whitaker, for many years a well known Davenport attorney and former member of the Scott County Bar association, died Saturday at his home in Birmingham, Ala., where he has resided for a number of years. Funeral services and burial will take place in Birmingham.

Word was received in Davenport Saturday of the death at Springfield, Ill., of Colonel J. S. Lord, for a number of years a resident of Davenport, and who while residing here was united in marriage to Miss Anna Graham. In Davenport Colonel Lord was engaged in the coal business.

Miss Mayme B. Swift died Saturday after an illness extending over a year at the home of her sister, Mrs. N. L. Cook, 411 West Fourteenth street. She was born May 26, 1882, in Gifford, Iowa, and was educated at St. Mary's school in Marshalltown, Iowa. She came to this city in 1904 and has been identified with the department stores and with the Davenport hotel cigar store. Among the survivors is her sister, Mrs. Joseph Farrell of Rock Island. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her sister at 411 West Fourteenth street.

WIRE SPARKS

Port Dodge, Iowa.—The mills of the Quaker Oats company were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$200,000.

Ogden, Utah.—Henry Southworth was acquitted of the murder of E. L. Hanks at an amusement park here Aug. 12 last.

Elmira, N. Y.—Frank E. Fitzgibbons, dean of the operators on the Associated Press night New York state wire, is dead. Nov. 10 he completed 25 years of continuous service with the Advertiser.

New Orleans.—This is going to be another holiday week in the cotton market. Trading will stop Friday night, not to be resumed until the following Tuesday. The market does not open until Tuesday on this side.

BEAUTY TRUTHS.

Pimples, Sallowness, Blisters and Dull Eyes Caused by Stomach.—Beauty is only skin deep, but that's deep enough to satisfy most women, also men.

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of the water and until Wednesday in Liverpool.

New York.—The principal features of interest in the steel trade last week were the placing of contracts for 130,000 tons of rails, increased activity in structural steel for buildings and bridges and the acquisition by the Eastern Steel company of the Warwick Iron and Steel plant.

Madrid.—The Spanish government, it is understood, has finally settled upon the bases for a provisional commercial convention with Cuba. The proposed treaty does not clash with Cuba's commercial convention with

the United States, its best market.

London.—Labor unrest in England shows signs of becoming serious after Christmas. The Dundee strike was settled by small concessions to the workers, but the threatened universal coal strike shows no signs of being prevented, and workmen at the Thames shipbuilding yards threaten to try to create a general strike in their industry.

Madrid.—An official dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, reports an extended engagement with tribesmen on Dec. 22. The Spaniards lost nine killed and 88 wounded.

MOLINE

Employees Remember Bosses.—Employees of the machine shop of the Veils Motor works presented Ross Irving, the timekeeper, with a beautiful Morris chair and watch fob. The employees of the whole auto plant gave Ed Schnar, the new superintendent, a beautiful Mason button.

Gift for A. L. Moore.—Employees of the Moline Wagon company presented a handsome Christmas gift to A. L. Moore, retiring general manager of the plant. The presentation was made Saturday in the sample room, Frank H. Ghiesing making an appropriate speech. The gift took the form of a sterling silver water pitcher and a tray of massive design. Both pitcher and tray are highly burnished and are of the graceful Plymouth design.

Obituary Record.—Glen S., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Miller, residing at 346 First street, died Saturday morning. The child was born in Moline April 26, 1910, and is survived by his parents and a sister, Helen, aged 10. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the home, and burial took place at Riverside cemetery.

Children Get Auto Ride.—Children at Bethany home were given a novel Christmas present Saturday forenoon, an automobile ride through the streets of the three cities. The cars were furnished by Fred Young, proprietor of the Plow City garage. When the cars passed through Moline the smiling faces of the occupants was indication that they were enjoying Mr. Young's hospitality.

To Seek League Franchise.—A mass meeting of every fan in Moline is called for 7:45 Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, in Moline club rooms, at which time there will be a discussion of a campaign for raising funds to support league baseball. The meeting may result in men being named to appear before Three-Bye league managers in Chicago at the January meeting to bid for the Rock Island franchise, which has been surrendered to President A. R. Tearney by stockholders of the Rock Island association.

Laid to Rest.—The body of the late Carl August Flood, who died following the stabbing incident of Wednesday night, was buried yesterday at 2:30, the funeral being from the home of his sister, Mrs. Berna Swanson, 1307 Fifteenth street, with interment at Riverside. Mr. Flood was born in Upland, Sweden, Jan. 7, 1879. He was married there to Miss Emma Johnson, the two coming to America in 1903 and first making their home in Keewauke. For four years they remained in that city, moving here early in 1907. Since his arrival in Moline, Flood had been employed as a grinder, for the greater part of the time working at the Moline Plow company. His widow and four small children survive, the youngest of the four but an infant of a few months. His parents, four sisters and one brother are living in Sweden, Mrs. Berna Swanson and Mrs. Erick Erickson and two brothers, John and Simond, residing here.

Mrs. Wickersham's mother, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in Foughkeepsie, N. Y., pays frequent visits to the Washington home, Mrs. Wendell, who is now quite a venerable woman, is a member of an Albany Knickerbocker family, as famous in the social and patriotic annals of the state as the Wendells. She was born Harriet Hinckley, and the old Hinckley homestead on the high hills of the Hudson below Albany is well known to travelers on the day boat from New York.

Like all women of such intellectual bend, Mrs. Wickersham is perfectly conversant with all the public questions of the day. Not even such complicated themes as New York politics, the laws of the corporations and the industrial issues are beyond her grasp. She is, however, of the type furnished by the wives of many of the most successful public men in America and England. She does not care to express her opinion about public questions. Her sphere is the home and she reigns there as a queen

a disappointed crowd, and no race. The driving park would do away with all such grievances. Let's have it.

Dec. 24.—Lock Erpert Fiebig will go to Cambridge tomorrow morning to open the safe in County Treasurer Nealy's office, the combination of which refuses to work. Thus will Fiebig do good and pay for his Christmas turkey at the same time.

W. B. McIntyre will eat his Christmas dinner in Wilton.

NAPOLION'S FALL.

The Modern Attila Crushed by His Streak of Insanity.

Were readers of history asked today what three human characters have been most prominent in making the history of the world there could probably be great diversity of opinion as to two of such personages, but as to the third the general agreement could probably point to Napoleon Bonaparte. T. P. O'Connor, who for many years has made a study of the modern Attila, as he was called by his contemporaries, presents in his London magazine an article entitled "The Insanity of Napoleon's Genius," in which he shows him to be a victim of megalomania, that form of mental alienation in which the patient is possessed of grandiose hallucinations.

Mr. O'Connor discards the idea that Napoleon because of his gigantic power for work had a perfect physique and invulnerable health. He suffered as a child from extreme nervousness, later from facial neuralgia. He had a nervous twitching at the mouth and the right shoulder. After Toulon he long suffered from a painful and wasting cutaneous disease, and at times he had fits of an epileptic character. As he was about to leave Strassburg in 1805 on the way to the mighty victory over General Mack at Ulm he had one

of these spasms. After dinner on the day he was leaving, says Talleyrand in his memoirs, the emperor had called him into his room. There Talleyrand found him gasping for breath. "I tore off his cravat, for he seemed like to choke. He did not vomit, but sighed and foamed. M. de Remusat, first gentleman in waiting, who had also come into the room, handed him water, and I sprinkled him with eau de Cologne. He was suffering from some sort of cramp, which passed off in a quarter of an hour. We laid him in an armchair. He began to speak, put his dress right, commanded us to observe the strictest secrecy, and half an hour later he was on his way to Carlsruhe."

Another sign of the abnormal in Napoleon was his intense irritability, and often there came a nervous breakdown that reduced him to the condition of a hysterical woman. This irritability sometimes took the form of fits of weeping. He would fly into a passion on the slightest provocation. In his impatience he tore many a garment to pieces because it inconvenienced him in some trifling way. He had an inner melancholy that never left him. While he talked of death, Napoleon never had any serious intention of taking his own life. He never lost his grasp of life. While a man of dreams, he was a man of action. Success did not make this dreamer more cheerful. He had strange moments of bitterness and hatred and a desire to inflict pain. For instance, he would say to a lady after asking her name, "Dear me, I was told you were pretty!" or to an elderly gentleman, "You have not much longer to live."

It was comparatively early in his career that his insane desire to rule not France, not even Europe, but all the world, took possession of him. The real reason for his crushing downfall is to be found in this megalomania. He himself caused his downfall. Napoleon alone could have conquered Napoleon, and it was this megalomania that undid him.

There was his dream of the control of Europe. "There will," he said to his intimates while he was still first consul, "be no peace in Europe till it is under the command of a single leader, under one emperor, with kings for his officers, who will distribute kingdoms to his generals, making one king of Bavaria, one landman of Switzerland, another stadtholder of Holland and giving them all official posts in the imperial household, such as grand cup bearer, grand chamberlain, grand master of the hounds, etc."

Napoleon did place kings in several countries and controlled the policy of nearly every country of Europe—a wonderful achievement for the poverty stricken charity boy who got his education at Brienne at the expense of his sovereign. He might have remained the king of kings in Europe had he been satisfied with that awful height. But he was not satisfied; he never was satisfied. After Europe there was Asia.

On the day he was crowned emperor in December, 1804, he said to his minister of marine: "I grant you my career has been brilliant and I have risen high. But what a difference from ancient times! Look at Alexander the Great! After he had conquered Asia he declared himself the son of Jupiter, and, except his mother Olympias, Aristotle and a few Athenian pedants, the east believed him. Nowadays if I were to declare myself the son of the Everlasting Father there isn't a fishwife but would hiss me! The nations are much too enlightened now, and nothing great is left to do."

"And France," says Mr. O'Connor, "in conclusion, 'sacrificed a million lives to the monomania of a megalomaniac. What tragedy in history is so gigantic, so appalling, so pitiful, in a sense as ironic?"

ABOUT A MILE.

It Makes a Difference in Which Land One Travels This Distance.

If you take a notion to settle down for a time and after you have been whisked out and back in a motorcar you think to ask how far the house is from the station the agent carelessly waves his hand and airily remarks, "About a mile." You had best take heed as to what country you are in at the time.

If it is in England you are all right, for the familiar 1,760 yards is the standard, but if you have taken a fancy to some sod thatched Irish cottage it means a tramp of 2,240 yards, and if you are moved to linger in the highlands remember that the braw Scot calls 1,970 yards a mile. Considering the size of Switzerland, one might expect a mile to be about as far as one could throw a ball, but the hardy mountaineers think 8,153 yards the proper thing, even when, as it generally is, it is very much uphill. The Swiss is the longest mile of all, being followed by the Vienna post mile of 8,296 yards.

The Flemish mile is 6,800 yards, the Prussian 8,237 yards, and in Denmark they walk 8,244 yards and call it a stroll of a mile. The Arabs generally ride good horses and call 2,148 yards a mile, while the Turks are satisfied with 1,826 yards, and the Italians shorten the distance of a mile to 1,765 yards, just six yards more than the American has in mind when the agent waves his hand and blandly remarks, "About a mile."—Chicago Record Herald.

ICEBERG GROUPINGS.

Clusters and Long Lines Formed by Storms and Ocean Currents. Among the perils and wonders of the ocean there are few more interesting things than icebergs, interesting not only by reason of their gigantic size, their fantastic shapes, their exceeding beauty, but also for the manner wherein they array themselves. Icebergs exhibit a tendency to form both clusters and long lines, and these groupings may arise from the effects both of ocean currents and of storms. Some very singular lines of bergs,



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extending for many hundreds of miles east of Newfoundland, have been shown on official charts issued by the government. Two of these cross each other, each keeping on its independent course after the crossing. In several instances parallel lines of bergs leave long spaces of clear water between them.

Curiously enough, while enormous fields of ice invade the sea called "steamship lanes" of the Atlantic at the opening of spring during certain years, in other years at that season there is comparatively little ice to be seen.

The ice comes, of course, from the edges of the arctic regions, from the icebound coasts of Greenland and Labrador, where huge bergs, broken from the front of the glaciers at the point where they reach the sea, start on their long journeys toward the south, driven by the great current that flows from Baffin bay into the northern Atlantic ocean.—Harper's Weekly.

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