

CONFIDENCE MEN CLEAN IOWA MAN AT LOCAL HOTEL

Oskaloosa Man Loses \$25 After
Listening to Clever Tale of
"Sister's Letter."

ENROUTE TO HIS HOME

Money Is Duped from Him in Room—
Waits for Their Return but
They Came Not.

The confidence men who continue to hover about Rock Island despite the recent clean-up, have another victim—a farmer residing near Oskaloosa, Iowa and they nailed him for \$25.

They were probably a couple of the most clever, because the deal was a rough one—the kind that the average 6-year-old with but a penny in the clutches of his hand, would have pointed and stamped his foot at in disdain. This farmer, whose name could not be learned, was en route to his home from Ottumwa, Ill., where he had been visiting relatives. He was at the Rock Island depot Saturday afternoon and was standing at the window where tickets are purchased. He inquired of the agent of the next train to Oskaloosa, and was informed that he would have to wait for several hours.

"Con" Men Nearby.

The two "con" men were standing nearby and overheard his questions and the answers and when the farmer turned from the window they approached him, introduced themselves

and told him that they were going to Oskaloosa also.

He joined in conversation with them and they proposed a trip to town to show him an automobile for which they were agents.

The farmer agreed and they then started for town. They steered him into a room in one of the downtown hotels, where one of the men asked the farmer how much money he carried with him. He answered that he had but \$25.

One of the men then stepped towards him and told him that his sister had written to him for \$25 and that he had but silver in his pockets, and if the farmer would not be kind enough to loan him the paper money until he could change his money for paper and pay Mr. Farmer back.

Farmer Gives \$25.

Willingly the farmer extended the \$25 in paper to the man, who neatly placed it in the envelope for "his sister" and then handing the farmer the envelope which contained the letter from his sister asking him for the money, the "con" man and his partner went "down to the corner to mail the letter," containing the 25 bucks.

They cautioned him to wait until they came back, but they were contrary to the old adage concerning bad money. The farmer after a long time, during which he paced the room back and forth, decided that he had been "hornswoggled" and went to the Rock Island depot where he told the agent his story.

The confidence men have departed presumablv. Who's going to be the next?

SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE TOMORROW

The board of supervisors will convene tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in special session. A county superintendent of schools is to be appointed and Wallace Treichler will be made superintendent of highways.

FOR THE SANTA CLAUS GOOD FELLOW

Cut Out and Mail to The Argus.

I will agree to buy Christmas gifts for poor children. I desire that the names of the poor children together with their ages and addresses be furnished me through The Argus Santa Claus Fund Committee.

Signed

Address

RICH FATHER HAS CUT OFF HIS SON

Fred Averett of Rome, Ga.,
Telegraphs Boy Not to Re-
turn Home Again.

MARRIES AN ACTRESS

Groom Is Employed at Colonial Hotel
—Bride Was a Cabaret Singer
at Same Place.

The Chicago Examiner of yesterday contains the following story relative to the marital difficulties of James Averett and Miss Henrietta Rosetta Becker, who were the principals in a romantic wedding which occurred here during the summer:

Rome, Ga., Dec. 6.—"You have played the devil. Never again darken the door of the home you have disgraced."

This is the message which Fred Averett, one of Rome's wealthiest and most prominent citizens, sent his son James when he wired him from Rock Island, Ill., that he had married Miss Rosetta Becker, a cabaret actress of Hamilton, O., whose stage name is Dolly Varden.

James Averett, 18 years old, left Rome about four months ago under his father's displeasure, supposedly on his way to Chicago. At Rock Island his funds gave out. His father refused to give him more money unless he used it for car fare to Rome. He then obtained a position as pantry boy in the Colonial Hotel. On November 7 he married Miss Becker, one of the singers in the hotel buffet. She is a member of a prominent Hamilton family, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Becker. It is said she was disinherited when she went on the vaudeville stage.

Communications from Rock Island where the couple now are, say that they will live there permanently. Mrs. Averett says if her husband's position as pantry boy is not sufficient for them to live on she will continue on the stage to supplement his salary.

They Should Worry.

"They should worry and not us," Mr. and Mrs. Averett are quoted as saying when they received Fred Averett's telegram.

Fred Averett was formerly a director of the State Mutual Life Insurance company and of the defunct Rome Insurance company, which failed last year for several hundred thousand dollars. He was tried on an embezzlement charge, but acquitted.

Mrs. Fred Averett is a society leader here. She was formerly Miss Sue Lee of Birmingham and her relatives there are members of the exclusive set. James Averett is a graduate of Sewanee Military academy and also attended school at Dahlgren.

Not Here.

It is understood that Mrs. Averett left Rock Island soon after the ceremony and has not returned to the city. Her husband is still employed at the Colonial.

GENESEO MAN IS Y. M. C. A. TALKER

Rev. A. E. Moody Spoke at the
Weekly Service—Delegates
Give Reports.

The Y. M. C. A. was the scene of two very interesting meetings on Sunday afternoon. Rev. A. E. Moody of Geneseo talked to men in the lobby at 4 o'clock. His message was given in the informal, man to man way which characterizes these meetings. Prayer and songs, with a record on the Victrola filled out the hour.

At 3 o'clock in the boys' lobby, boys over 15 met to hear reports of the delegates to the state conference for older boys which was held at Peoria in November. There were 45 fellows present. The delegates brought very fine reports, and expressed their confidence that the conference would be held in Rock Island next year, with over 200 delegates from the high schools of the state. After the meeting, the boys enjoyed a victrola concert.

On Saturday a goodly number of young people gathered around the piano for a song fest of popular songs in the lobby. There was also an interested audience. Mrs. Litt at the piano made things lively and Mrs. I. Green gave three or four songs.

most pleasantly. To close the evening there was an exhibition in the swimming pool which was very interesting.

RETURNS GAMES TO THE COUNTERS

Commissioner Hart in New Rul-
ing Allows Merchants to
Dispose of Stock.

GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 1

Official Takes Action in Consideration
of Heavy Christmas Supply—
Lid on Others.

Punchboards and other apparently innocent games of chance of similar order are once more being temptingly displayed on the counters of the various merchants of Rock Island who formerly sold a large portion of their stock in this method.

After several weeks, during which times the police did not tolerate it, Commissioner Archie Hart today issued an order rescinding for several weeks the ruling, which was the action taken by the council several weeks ago.

Talks of Ruling.

Many of the merchants had stocked up with these punch boards preparatory for the Christmas trade and so as to not cause them any loss the commissioner took this action. In speaking of the new order, Commissioner Hart said:

"On account of many local merchants having made extensive purchases preparatory to the holiday trade, I have found it expedient to allow them to dispose of their punch board goods between now and January 1.

"Or six years punch boards were tolerated without complaint and I do not think it will work a hardship on anyone to allow the merchants to dispose of their stock. I understand that the dealers cannot return their goods to wholesale concerns, and therefore I think it only fair that they be saved this loss.

"I do not want the public to misunderstand this order. It does not mean a step backward in the position taken by the city council relative to games of chance. After January 1 punchboards will not be allowed in any form. This order does not apply to dice games and dice games will not be allowed."

FOURTEEN CARS ARE DERAILED

Cross Bar Throws Entire Train
in Ditch—No. 47 Delayed
Over Three Hours.

A train of 14 coal cars jumped the track near Orion, Ill., Saturday night, causing considerable trouble and delay. A cross bar fell from one of the cars under the wheels, throwing it off the track, and the rest followed. As far as could be learned no one was injured.

Burlington train No. 47, due here at 7:40, was delayed and arrived over three hours late. There was no train through Orion yesterday, but two arrived about 10 o'clock this morning and left about 12:30. According to reports from Orion the wreckage had not been cleared up at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

HARRY NEALY IS SENT TO JOLIET

This afternoon Harry Nealy, charged with burglary and larceny, pleaded guilty in circuit court and was given an indeterminate sentence in the state penitentiary of from one to 14 years by Judge R. W. Olmsted. He burglarized the home of Oscar Gunstrom at Taylor and was brought here from Muscatine.

The trial of the William Dieters murder case was started this afternoon in circuit court. Most of the afternoon was spent in getting a jury. Dieters is alleged to have killed Andrew Nelson in a fight following a saloon brawl. Dieters claims self-defense. John K. Scott is his attorney. State's Attorney F. E. Thompson is prosecuting.

SHOT AT PARTNER IN QUARREL OVER MONEY DIVISION

W. L. Peterson Is Held to Grand
Jury on Charge of Commit-
ting Assault.

OCCURRED OVER SALOON

Proprietors of Barroom and Wife of
One Arrested—Mayor Revokes
License Held by Them.

In the midst of a quarrel in a room over the saloon conducted by W. L. Peterson and H. F. Thede, 2101 Third avenue, early Sunday morning, Peterson drew a 32-calibre revolver from his hip pocket and fired at Thede, the bullet narrowly missing the latter's left arm.

This morning Peterson and Thede were arraigned before Police Magistrate C. J. Smith. Peterson, charged with assaulting Thede with a deadly weapon, was held to the grand jury in the sum of \$500. He waived preliminary examination. Peterson was fined \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Trouble Over Money.

Thede and Peterson formed a partnership to conduct the saloon some time ago. Thede had the greater amount of money invested in the business. Following the closing of the saloon Saturday night, Peterson, his wife and Thede adjourned to the room over the place of business where the money was to have been divided.

An argument then resulted in the proper division of the money. It lasted for some time. Peterson, his wife and Thede all engaging in the verbal warfare.

Thede was standing close to Peterson and several threats were made, when finally Peterson drew the weapon from his pocket, leveled it at Thede and then fired. The bullet missed Thede's arm only by a fraction of an inch and was buried in the wall at the other side of the room. So close did the deadly lead come to penetrating Thede's arm that his shirt sleeve was scorched by the fire.

The police were called and Thede, Peterson and Mrs. Peterson were taken to the police station where they were held until this morning. Efforts were made yesterday by attorneys representing the three to release them on bonds, but Chief of Police Brinn would not listen to it until formal charges were made against them.

This morning Mrs. Peterson was released after investigation of the case by the police. Thede was first tried on a disorderly conduct charge and then Peterson was arraigned on the more serious charge.

Revoke License.

Mayor Schriver this morning ordered the saloon license held by Peterson and Thede revoked. Officers were sent to the saloon where the permit was secured. The license held by the men was one of the seven which were temporarily held pending investigation several weeks ago, when the city commissioners only issued licenses after an investigation into the manner in which the proprietor conducted his saloon.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Maloney.

Mrs. Margaret Maloney, aged 86 years, passed away at her home, 2428 Seventh avenue, at 10:30 this morning. Death came as the result of a recent fall in which Mrs. Maloney sustained an injured hip.

The deceased's maiden name was Miss Margaret Tuohy and she was born in Claire county, Ireland, in February, 1827. She was married to Patrick Maloney in Ireland in the late 40's, who passed away in 1868. The couple moved to this country from Ireland in 1854, and settled in New Jersey, removing west five years later.

Mrs. Maloney was an active member of the Sacred Heart church at the time of her death and has been a member of that church since its organization. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Nevin and Miss Mary Maloney, who reside at the home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning in the Sacred Heart church, Dean J. J. Quinn officiating. Interment will be in the Calvary cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. J. V. McClain.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. V. McClain, who passed away at the home of her daughter in Chicago, were held yesterday afternoon at Marion, Iowa, the burial being made at that place. Mrs. J. M. Beardsley of this city is a sister of the deceased.

Anna Gertrude Becker.

Anna Gertrude Becker, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Becker, 725 Thirty-third street, died last night at 7:45, following an illness of two days with pneumonia. She was born in July, 1911.

The funeral services will be conducted from the house tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Ira O. Northstein officiating. The interment will be made at the Chippelannock cemetery.

GREEK IS TAKEN TO PEORIA FOR TRIAL

Alasazo Ronenos, a Greek, arrested by Officer Collins, is this afternoon being given a hearing in the federal court at Peoria on a charge of having burglarized a freight car in the yards of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad yards in this city.

The charge preferred against the

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Greek is a serious one and if found guilty he will be given a heavy fine or long term of imprisonment. A United States marshal arrived this morning and accompanied by Officer Collins, who will testify against the Greek, took the latter to the distillery city.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barth are spending the day in Taylor Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wanner of Geneseo were in the city today.

Abe Rosenfield of Chicago spent Sunday with friends in the city.

Judge F. J. Ramsey of Morrison was in the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cunningham of Atlantic City are guests of relatives in the city.

Captain and Mrs. J. M. Beardsley leave tomorrow for Belleview, Fla., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Egan, formerly of this city, now of New York City, are visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver and son, Franklin, have gone for a month's visit to Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Oswald and Mrs. Charles Schneider have been called to Joliet by the critical illness of their brother, Joseph Schneider.

Ernst Harms stopped off here en route to New York City from El Paso, Texas. Mr. Harms, who was superintendent of a smelter at Torreon, Mex., left there in July on account of the Mexican revolution and has been living in El Paso since.

Commissioners Archie Hart and M. T. Rudgren and Chief G. W. Newberry of the fire department went to Muscatine yesterday where they inspected the combination hose and chemical motor which that city purchased from the American-LaFrance concern of Elmira, N. Y. Fire Chief Brown of that city was more than pleased with the way the truck worked and felt that Rock Island had not made a mistake in purchasing a machine from the same company.

AUTO FIRE TRUCK WAS BEING UNLOADED TODAY

The new auto fire truck which arrived in this city Saturday morning, to be tried out by the local department was being unloaded from a Rock Island car this afternoon.

A demonstrator of the company arrived today and after a thorough test it will be decided whether or not to keep it.

BLAZE DESTROYS FRAME BUILDING

House Owned by A. A. Rounds,
Valued at \$2,500 Is a Complete Loss.

A two-story frame building at 1126 Sixth avenue, burned early Sunday morning. The fire department received a phone call at 3:30, and responded immediately, but the building was completely gutted by the time they arrived. The fact that the house was empty at the time, the tenants having moved last week, and owing to the strong wind, the blaze had a good start before it was noticed. Several barns near the house were also badly scorched.

The house is owned by A. A. Rounds, who places his loss at about \$2,500, partly covered by insurance.

MAN IS FOUND IN SERIOUS SHAPE

Mystery Surrounds Injuries of
H. Stapleton, Discovered in
Square.

Harrison Stapleton, 66 years of age and an employee of the Rock Island Plow company, living at 519 Third avenue, was found in an unconscious condition in the Grand square. The ambulance was called and he was immediately removed to St. Anthony's hospital.

The physician who attended him, states that he is suffering from concussion of the brain and severe scalp wounds, and owing to his advanced age, is in very serious condition. How he came to be injured is not known, but the cuts were in all probability caused by a fall.

SOMEBODY HAD COLD FEET—NO TITLE GAME

According to "dope" members of the Greenbush football team is handing out, the Tigers have a case of "colditis" in the advanced stage. The two teams were to have played Sunday afternoon, but there were no Tigers to be seen, says a report sent in by a member of the Greenbush eleven. Consequently the buskies of the Emeralds have claim the lightweight football championship of Rock Island.

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Underwear, \$1.00	Ponchos or Raincoats, \$2.50
Drawers, 25c	Cartridge, 2c
Khaki Coats, \$1.50	Waist Belts, 10c
Khaki Trousers, 75c to \$1.50	Shoes, army, 75c
Candlesticks, 50c	Shoes, marine, \$3.00
Fancy Cloth, yard, \$1.50	Salters, \$2.50
Shirt, 35-40, 35c to 60c	Flags, hunting, \$1.00
Fancy Pillows, 60c to \$5.00	Rubber Ponchos, \$2.50
	Rubber Blankets, 75c to \$1.50

Besides these goods, we have many ornaments for homes and dens that are antique, ornamental, and cannot be purchased in any other store.

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Every customer in the store trading any afternoon this week, excepting Saturday, from 3 to 4, is invited to take a cup of coffee or cocoa in the the Tea-Room with our compliments. Simply show your trading check or transfer to the cashier.

Santa Claus Will Arrive

on his second trip for permanent stay at McCabe's on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be at the store each day thereafter at 3 o'clock, remaining for two hours each time, in order to meet every child and to shake hands with all who care to become better acquainted with their old friend.

Write your letters and bring them for the Santa Claus mail box over which he is especially watchful and will, no doubt, give them all his personal attention.

Bring the small tots early, as the larger children will come from school and swell the later crowd.

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