

THE AVALANCHE.

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Hansen's Radical cough cure gives immediate relief and cures when others fail.

The annual tournament of the State Firemen's Association of Iowa will be held in Iowa City in June.

G. T. Thompson, postmaster at Thor, has been arrested for embezzlement of funds amounting to about \$1,000.

Paul Breen, of Dodge township, Dubuque county, was fatally killed by a horse he was leading to water. His head was crushed.

The C. & N. W. passenger depot at Dubuque was burglarized. The money drawer was forced open and \$40 taken. There is no clue.

The Wapello county grand jury is investigating the Ottumwa lynching affair, and it is believed will return indictments against the participants.

Ten of the twenty bondsmen of Mrs. Bennett of Marshalltown, charged with the murder of Anna Welch, have withdrawn, and she will probably be given over to the authorities.

Peter Kehn, a farmer, and Joseph Kehn, a blacksmith, of Rockcastle, had a bloody personal encounter, the result of which is that both men are badly used and severely injured.

A sudden stroke of paralysis dealt death to the relief of Joseph Shipley, a once wealthy and influential man, who died and was buried a poor man. At one time he was worth \$500,000.

About thirty cases of scarlet fever and one death in New Hartford have frightened the city board of health into ordering the public schools closed and forbidding any public gatherings either in churches or the opera house for thirty days.

Harry Schiner and his brother Charlie, of Burlington, were home alone when Harry was shot in an mysterious manner. There was no witness to the tragedy except Charlie, who tells conflicting stories. An investigation is in progress.

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E. E. Lyday, cashier of the First National bank of Newton, who was badly burned in the recent Rock Island wreck near Grinnell, will recover, but will lose the use of both hands and one eye.

A young man by the name of Ockebath, in the employ of Nielsen Bros., of Earlville, was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and badly injured, and it is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

James Rowland died at Davenport at the age of 88. He was born in Scotland, and the descendants of James Rowland, the last of the Scotch mariners, he came to Davenport in the interest of a large English syndicate in 1845, expecting to establish a factory for the manufacture of lard oil. The plan failed. He built the first saw mill in that city, carried on other lines of business and made a fortune.

The Iowa Producers' Association held its meeting in the agricultural rooms at the capitol, Des Moines. Their next meeting will come the second Thursday in January, 1905.

In recent session the society elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. L. Plummer, Jr.; Vice President, J. A. Langdon; Secretary, P. S. White; Treasurer, Henry Hollister.

A few days ago a Sioux City justice of the peace who had trouble with the board of supervisors, secured and had published a list of warrants drawn by members of the board of supervisors to compensate themselves for each they alleged they had paid out to various parties. Now the people who are credited with receiving the money declare they did not get as much as some of the warrants represent. The matter has caused a sensation.

John Bryant, a well known and venerable carriage maker, of the firm of Bennett & Frantz, Burlington, suddenly dropped dead while eating a meal with his family. He has not been in court for many years, and also a feared death from heart disease. He was born in Pennsylvania 70 years ago and learned the trade of carriage making.

He came to Burlington in 1864 and established the factory which still exists in that city, and which has a reputation for fine carriage work, not surpassed in the country. He was widely known, having almost constantly traveled all over the country in the interest of the firm.

By tacit agreement between counsel for the defense and state, a continuance of the Weese-Bennett murder case at Marshalltown will be made to the March term. The case of Horace T. Weese, charged with the murder of John S. R. Brant for \$40,000, will stand over for a year.

Blind and conspiracy and malicious prosecution growing out of this case, will come up for hearing in the fall. This case will be watched with interest, as it is the only one of its kind in the state.

The friends of Mrs. Bennett are awaiting with interest developments in this case, hoping that something will turn up that will aid her. This is the reason for asking a continuance.

In the supreme court, the case of Dooley, the Adams county murder, was taken up and the finding of guilty was affirmed. The jury returned a verdict of guilty for Dooley.

Mrs. W. H. Coons and daughter Nellie, aged 10 years, at Prescott, on May 13, 1892, Coons had been away from home and returning late at night, and his wife and child on a bed. Apprehensions indicated at the time of discovery, May 13, that they had been dead from twenty-four to thirty-six hours, and further that an assassin had been attempted on Mrs. Coons.

Dooley was a nephew of Mr. Coons. He was arrested at Villisca on May 13, indicted and convicted of the murder of his cousin, Nellie Coons, and the opinion of the supreme court sustains the verdict of the lower court, which was a death sentence.

The directors of the Credit Computation Company, of Sioux City, in session at Chicago, was waited upon by a committee from the Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association of that city. The committee assured the directors that the citizens of Sioux City would co-operate with them in all plans undertaken for the revival of the business interests in the company's charge. The chief object of their mission was to urge the completion of the steel bridge across the Missouri river, and they pledged the city to vote two percent tax as a bonus to the bridge fund. The directors returned thanks to the committee and assured it that the bridge was one of the enterprises that would be among the first taken up by the company. Among the subjects considered by the directors was the purchase of the Sioux City engine works, which will be sold by the railroad next month. The stock yards and its allied interests were practically agreed to be pushed forward. The steel arrangements, however, were left to the executive committee.

Blocks of Dubuque city improvement bonds bearing 3 per cent interest have been placed in New York. The bonds were placed in New York by Mrs. Henry Rankin, Sr., who was found dead in her bed at Boone, her throat cut from ear to ear. She had inflicted the wound herself with a pair of scissors. She was 77 years old and was dependent because her son had left town a few days before, leaving numerous debts and having forged signatures upon checks. She had raised \$1,500. The young man is thought to be in Australia where he has a sister.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

CAREFULLY SELECTED NEWS OF CURRENT EVENTS.

The Prussian diet was opened by Emperor William in person on the 15th of the month. The president appointed W. H. Hachmann of Sioux City minister to the Argentine Republic.

Mrs. Anna Austin has been elected mayor of Pleasanton, Kas., by a majority of 8, in a total vote of 338, of which women cast 123.

The Illinois state building at the World's Fair grounds has been sold for \$1,500 to M. C. Sloan & Co., of Chicago. There were only twelve bidders.

In a game of billiards in Minneapolis, Henry Sampson, of St. Paul, champion of the northwest, made a run of 800 with an anchor shot, thus beating Schuster's famous run of 564.

Representative Lane, of Illinois, introduced the following bill in congress: "That all contracts for the payment of any sum of money, whether in gold, silver or coin, may be discharged by any money which by law is a legal tender for the payment of debts without the contract matures."

The house committee on labor reported a favorable report on the congressional resolution providing for an investigation relating to the effects of machinery on labor. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to enable the commission to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

Gov. Mitchell of Florida has ordered several companies of militia from the state to Jacksonville on the 15th inst. The officers of the militia club say they anticipated such action and that arrangements are perfected to thwart the last move of the governor.

The republicans of Chicago have determined to contest the election of John P. Hopkins as mayor, and the papers have been filed in the circuit court. Hopkins is a democrat, and the republicans, states the contest will be made on the ground of fraud.

In response to request from Chairman Voorhees of the senate committee on finance, Secretary Casselman has made a public statement showing the treasury to be in a critical condition, and making an appeal to congress to at once authorize the secretary to issue bonds for a short time at a low rate of interest.

Affairs in Sicily are becoming serious. The anarchists seem to have secured a firm hold upon certain sections and are pillaging and firing villages. Troops have been dispatched to the districts and several desperate encounters have occurred during which numerous persons have been killed.

A rear-end collision between two passenger trains on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway, broke at Hackensack, N. J., resulting in the death of fifteen persons, while about thirty were more or less injured. A thick fog prevailed and the rear train dashed into the other at a speed of twenty miles an hour.

The details of the provisions of the new internal revenue bill, which imposes a tax of 10 per cent on incomes over \$4,000 will be taxed a straight 2 per cent. The tax is to go into effect on January 1, 1905. The tax on incomes of less than \$4,000 persons will be subject to the tax.

Secretary Carlisle has issued a call for funds for \$50,000,000 of 3 per cent bonds. The bonds will be received at a lower price than \$117,223, which is equivalent to a 3 per cent bond at par. The bonds are to be redeemable in cash at the pleasure of the government in ten years from the date of issue.

Representative Darboven of Illinois has introduced in congress a bill authorizing the transfer to the trustees of the Columbian museum, of Chicago, of all the exhibits of the department of state at the World's Fair, exhibited in the building known as the convent of the United States government building.

The navy department is informed of the arrival of the cruiser New York at Rio. Our government now has at New York, New York, San Francisco, New York, and Detroit. This is a stronger force than any two other navies. It is a stronger force than the United States has had in foreign waters at any time since the civil war.

At the recent meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance at Chicago in the election of Elwood Furness, of Nevada, Iowa, president; August Post, of Missouri, Iowa, secretary; and the following vice-presidents: J. T. Furrow, of Iowa; William Toole, of Nebraska; W. P. A. Meighan, of Forest Grove, S. B. W. A. Kelsey, of Dunes, Ind.; J. A. Smith, of Colfax, Wash.; J. A. Arrowsmith, of Mont.; J. Burrows, of Lincoln, Neb.; Lecturer, George F. Lawrence, of Ohio.

A very few white men in Alaska are legally married, nearly all, according to the native custom, having bought grand wives to inherit, because the natives of the island themselves are guilty. New United States Marshal Porter has instructed his deputies throughout the territory to arrest all white men of this class. As a result several white men are in jail at Sitka, and hundreds of other leading citizens will be taken into custody.

The senate in executive session rejected the nomination of J. Scott Harrison to be surveyor at Kansas City. Harrison is the brother of ex-President Harrison, and was defeated over the protest of Senator Vest.

Passenger train No. 3 on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Leavenworth railway, was held up on the 17th of the month by a mob of about 100 men, who were armed with revolvers and shotguns. The train was stopped and the passengers were held for several hours.

The annual report of the World's Columbian commission has been submitted by President T. W. Palmer. Detailed statements of the various features of the exposition are left for the final report to be prepared by a special committee of the commission, which will be a work of great magnitude, practically a history of the exposition.

The senate finance committee held a meeting to consider Secretary Carlisle's statement of the treasury condition. The committee is of the opinion that it thought it best to rely on existing law for relief. Its opinion was that the law of 1875 empowered the secretary to issue bonds to meet the needs of the treasury.

In regard to the published statement that the ex-president of Hawaii had given up the contest for the throne and would sue the United States for damages, Samuel Parker, prime minister of the queen, now in San Francisco, has written Secretary Casselman denying the correctness of the statement.

Representative W. A. Stone, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill in congress providing for the inspection of railways by United States consuls. The bill provides that no alien shall be permitted to take charge of a railway unless he shall exhibit to the United States consuls a certificate of fitness issued by the United States consul at the place nearest where such railway is located, setting forth the consular investigation and that he does not belong to the class of alien immigrants excluded from the United States.

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