

Current
Comment

Autos And Roads.

Those who advocate a gasoline tax sell the idea by explaining that it would make those who use the roads most bear the greater part of the burden of improving them. In other words, motorists, paying the gasoline tax, would contribute most toward road development.

Statistics show two important things in Iowa. First, that more than eighty per cent of the traffic is on the primary roads. Second, that there is one automobile for every 4.1 persons. Only California leads this state in automobiles per capita.

The legislative reactionaries at Des Moines demand that the entire gasoline tax be devoted to the by-roads, secondary and township. In other words, they want Iowa's vast motor-owning population, which uses the primary roads eighty per cent, or four-fifths, of the time to pay a tax that would produce upwards of four millions of dollars, every penny of which would, in effect, be devoted to roads which this population uses only one-fifth of the time.

That is the reactionary idea of economy. To taxpayers of common sense it looks more like political and economic insanity.

What Goes Up—

That two dollar wheat collapsed to \$1.64 in Chicago yesterday. Something seems to have gone wrong with the "foreign shortage." Gentlemen from abroad are said to have unloaded several millions of bushels. Maybe it was American wheat they sold, but at any rate, they sold it.

The slump was not without its fortune takers, however. Numerous traders, some of whom even now are sejourning in Florida, where land and not wheat is the present god, sold short and made their cleanings when quotations kept on sliding down.

If any of the clerks, stenographers, plumbers and grocers who climbed on the wheat skyrocket a few weeks ago still were clinging yesterday morning, early, they probably took grotesque tumbles before the day was ended.

Likes A Fight.

Now we know that President Coolidge likes to meet the issue when confronted by a fight. Today may be considered another chapter in the Charles R. Warren serial, but it will not be the end of the story if Mr. Coolidge again is turned down, and it looks as though that is what will happen.

Just what the executive is after in his second effort to gain senatorial confirmation of the Michigan appointee to the attorney general's position is known only to himself, but it is certain that he is after more than a mere cabinet appointment, although that is considerable. Tradition gives the President the right to choose his own cabinet, for which he then must assume responsibility. There have been but few exceptions. Mr. Coolidge apparently does not enjoy the thought of being a party to one of those.

Wanted—Honesty.

When the state of Iowa once more can produce political leadership and responsibility that refuse to capitalize the once dying but now revived distinction between town and country its people will be infinitely better off than they are today. When the people of Iowa realize that it is time to administer a swift kick to every office seeker and office holder who arrays one class of citizenship against another we will have an altogether different kind of legislature at Des Moines.

If there is one thing that can wreck a community or a commonwealth it is this constant emphasis on prejudice. Brookhart started it in Iowa and his temporary political success was sufficient to inspire others to follow suit. Brookhart's close shave last fall seems not to have given pause to his imitators at Des Moines. And the result is a situation that should make good Iowans ashamed of the state school. When the house cleaning comes it will be a terrifically strenuous affair. Sooner or later voters in both city and country are going to tire of political sap heads who advance their own interests at the expense of the whole state.

Uneasy Million.

William D. Shepherd of Chicago is learning that happiness is not the inevitable companion of money. Shepherd inherited a million dollars or more from William Nelson McClintock, who died of typhoid fever which Chief Justice Harry Olson thinks was contracted by the boy under suspicious circumstances.

For weeks Shepherd has been kept on uneasy street by the persistent efforts of Judge Olson to show that the heir had given evidence of "immoral interest" in bacteriology classes and the study of typhoid bacilli. The latest development in a case that has attracted nationwide attention is the assertion by the head of a science school that Shepherd attended classes in that institution, and that tubes of typhoid culture disappeared from the school at about the time Shepherd quit it. Shepherd is under arrest.

Whether or not Shepherd succeeds in clearing himself of all suspicion that million dollars is not given to provide the satisfaction he had anticipated

7 Killed, 24 Shot In Red Battle

GERMAN COPS
TURN LOOSE
GUNS ON MOB4,000 Communists In
Wild Scene At Halle
Hotbed Of Red
Movement.

HALLE, Germany, March 14.—(By International News).—A communist pre-election meeting that developed into a gun battle when police broke it up, resulted today in the killing of seven persons and the wounding of twenty-four.

Six of the injured, four of them policemen, suffered wounds that doctors said would doubtless prove fatal. The communists were meeting in preparation for the coming presidential campaign.

Thousands jammed the meeting hall where Ernest Thälmann, communist candidate for president, and other speakers delivered inflammatory speeches.

Police had permitted the meeting only on condition that two English and one French communist who had been scheduled to make addresses would not be permitted to speak. The trouble started when one of the English speakers started to deliver a speech despite police injunction.

Police Jeered. A police officer started to interrupt him. He summoned a squad of policemen. When police entered the hall they were jeered and jeered. One of the reds swung a chair at the police.

At the height of the rioting shots were fired from the gallery. Police returned the fire and the disorders became widespread. The outbreak was finally quelled.

Four hundred and four communists participated in the outbreak. Halle is an industrial city and a hotbed of communism in Germany.

The city has been the scene of bloody class war. After the revolution the tide of bolshevism was stemmed only by the genius of the leadership of President Thälmann.

During the tumult, the stairway broke under the weight of men and women were running down stairs, pushed by the hundreds before them. Many of the injured were hurt in the crash.

Aversion To Liquor
Changed Career Of
Calvin Coolidge

NEW YORK, March 14.—(By Associated Press).—The aversion of Calvin Coolidge to selling liquor now is revealed as one thing that possibly started him on the road to the White House.

At a banquet of Amherst alumni last night, President George Daniel Olds of Amherst, said that John Coolidge wanted to apprentice his son as a druggist clerk at the age of 15 until a terse objection was made by the boy's father.

The story came from Col. Coolidge while bound to Washington with Mr. Olds for the Harding inauguration as Mr. Olds told it.

"Col. Coolidge warmed up and told me that when Calvin was 15 years old he had a serious question whether or not he should be sent to college."

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FILES DIVORCE



—Pacific and Atlantic Photo.

Mrs. Bennett is the wife of Richard Bennett, the distinguished actor. They separated six months ago, he taking a house a few doors away. Now she has brought suit and Bennett says he will not contest it. He says he loves her, admits he is temperamental and that she is entitled to a divorce.

HONOR WORLD FLYER

WORCESTER, Mass., March 14.—(By Associated Press).—A silver globe, a gift from the Swedish speaking people of New England at a banquet here last night, was presented to Carl L. Childers of Chicago, who was named the flyer of the world.

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FLOUR AND WHEAT IN
SHARP DROP TODAY

Breadstuff Off 65 Cents Barrel At Minneapolis; Chicago And Winnipeg Both Show Decline In Cereal.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14.—(By Associated Press).—Flour took one of the most radical declines in many months today when the large elevator here cut their quotations 65 cents a barrel for the best grade of family patents. The range today was \$8.90 to \$9.10 a barrel, it being the first time since last December that a figure under \$9 was quoted here.

The severe drop in wheat yesterday was given as the cause by millers.

WHEAT DOWN AGAIN

CHICAGO, March 14.—(By Associated Press).—Wheat made a wavering start today and then plunged downward far below yesterday's bottom figures. The dive carried the market five cents a bushel under the preceding close, May touching \$1.62. Trade was of huge volume with reports current that wheat at Liverpool was unsaleable.

Wildness of price fluctuations was such that the blackboards at times marked no change of less than a cent a bushel. From \$1.62 the market jumped back to above \$1.66 within a few minutes. Corn, oats and rye were almost equally irregular.

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STOKES WEEPS
AS JURY FINDS
HIM NOT GUILTYAged Millionaire Is
Freed Of Charge Of
Defaming Wife;
Acquit Negro.

CHICAGO, March 14.—William E. D. Stokes, 75-year-old New York millionaire, is not guilty of conspiracy to defame his 33-year-old pretty wife, Helen Ellwood Stokes.

He was acquitted late yesterday by a jury in criminal court after a sensational trial of six weeks. Three ballots were taken, the first two standing eleven to one for acquittal.

Robert F. Lee, his Negro co-defendant, was acquitted on the first ballot.

The jury retired at 3:07 p. m. and was out approximately an hour before reaching a verdict. Rendering it was delayed another fifteen minutes while search was made for Lee. It was discovered he had gone home with his wife and was not present when he was freed.

Judge W. N. Gemmill ruling his presence was not necessary.

Stokes sat in his chair, impassive, hands folded in his lap as the verdict was read. He watched out a handkerchief, dabbed tears from his eyes and got to his feet.

"Your Honor," he said to the court, "I want to thank you for a fair and impartial trial. Now I want to thank the jury."

He shook hands with each of the twelve, saying only "thank you."

Stokes at her hotel denied herself to everyone.

She had come to court to hear the court's instructions but arrived after Judge Gemmill had started reading answers to her questions in chambers until he had finished.

Stokes' defense was that he believed true the reports about his wife and conducted an honest investigation.

As a result she had said, before the trial, that she had followed the outcome of the trial no longer interested.

Colder Weather Is
Due To Strike East
Iowa This Evening

DES MOINES, March 14.—(By Associated Press).—A cold wave that struck Iowa late yesterday, continued today, with the United States weather bureau predicting it would be still colder in the eastern portion of the state tonight, with weather conditions "very unfavorable."

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Town Of Andrew
In Grip Of Flu;
School Is Closed

(BY LONG DISTANCE PHONE.) ANDREW, March 14.—With this community in the grip of a serious epidemic of influenza, the public schools were closed yesterday by the board of education. Thirty children, nearly half of the entire enrollment, are out of school on account of illness and as many more adults have been stricken by the disease.

To prevent further spread of the flu and also because it was difficult to continue classes with only half attendance, the board decided to shut down the school will be closed for a week at the minimum and possibly longer if the epidemic does not abate.

Other families are reported to have the flu and there are a few homes in this town of 232 persons where one or more members of the family are not sick. Business has suffered and farm work has been handicapped.

Adding to the seriousness of the situation is the almost impassable condition of the roads which have been treacherous lanes of muddy ruts, now crusted with ice and snow.

There is but one physician in the town and he has been kept busy. Other medical assistance comes from Maquoketa, seven miles to the south, when doctors can get over the roads.

Thus far there have been no deaths here directly attributed to the flu, but there are several serious cases which it is feared may develop into pneumonia.

Fight On Couzens
Leads Senate To
Choke Off Senator

WASHINGTON, March 14.—As a sensational climax to a fight over the right to search the treasury department, the senate today voted to "choke off" Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan.

The vote was taken on a motion to restore Ernst's floor privileges after he was "called to order" for reading answers to her questions in chambers until he had finished.

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POISONED RUM
IS NOT DIRECT
CAUSE OF DEATHNavratil Suffered Of
Broken Blood Vessel
In Brain; Alcohol
In His Stomach.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) A cerebral hemorrhage, induced by a long period of excessive drinking of alcohol, caused the death of Joseph Navratil, sr., farmer living near Gardendale, Thursday, according to Coroner J. A. Vorpahl today.

The report of Dr. H. L. Van Winckle, who examined the stomach fluids of the dead man, showed that there "was not a sufficient amount of poisonous substances present to have caused death."

Following the autopsy Thursday morning, when the stomach was removed, Dr. Vorpahl made a cranial incision late yesterday, and discovered that a hemorrhage had taken place in the brain.

The examination of the stomach fluids failed to show any trace of kerosene although there was an abnormal amount of clear, yellowish fluid, and some oily alcohol.

The stomach was greatly enlarged, and was lined with many sores three and four centimeters in diameter, caused, according to Dr. Vorpahl, by excessive drinking. His blood vessels were engorged, his heart dilated, and his arteries weakened by constant drinking, Dr. Vorpahl said.

Sick Day Before Death. Navratil worked hard the day before his death with his son in Cedar Rapids. He helped chop down and cut up a tree, and left for home in the middle of the afternoon, complaining of feeling a little sick.

He went to his home, not knowing that his wife, people he was with, had been poisoning him in his barrel had been poisoned by Prohibition Agent J. H. Buss, so as to render it necessary for the coroner to examine the body.

Navratil died on the way to the hospital. He was found by a fellow neighbor, who called a doctor.

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TEAPOT JUDGE



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JUDGE T. BLAKE KENNEDY. CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The governor's fight to annul the lease on the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, granted the Mammoth Oil company, by former Secretary of the Interior Fall, has been won in the federal court at Cheyenne, presided over by Judge T. Blake Kennedy of the United States court at Cheyenne.

The Shepherds were taken into custody after new charges had been made by Dr. C. C. Fairman, head of the National Union for the Prevention of Immoral Traffic.

Face to Face with Fairman. In Crowe's office, Shepherd said: "I do not know that man."

Mr. Shepherd was sent to her home in Kennilworth.

Shepherd denied that he had attended bacteriology classes in the school, that he was taught by Fairman how to use a microscope and how to identify typhoid bacilli; that he took a letter from the school files in which he made application for courses in the school and, after taking the letter, had \$50 on a table for Fairman; that he had anything to do with tubes of typhoid culture which Fairman charges were missing shortly after the quit-attending classes.

May go to Grand Jury. While Crowe was not committed himself, it seemed certain, those close to the investigators said, that the evidence would be taken before the grand jury once, possibly today.

At his home, however, it was declared in the state senate that "if there is anything disrupting the republican party in Iowa, it is this self-appointed committee, which does not express a sentiment of republicanism."

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SUSPECT HELD
FOR POISONING
OF M'CLINTOCKEffort Made to Bring
About Release On A
Habeas Corpus;
Denies Guilt.

BULLETIN. CHICAGO, March 14.—(By International News).—"Evidence against William D. Shepherd will be presented to the grand jury Monday."

Assistant State's Attorney Q. J. Chott told Chief Justice Jacob Hopkins of the criminal court today in the midst of a bitter habeas corpus battle between the state and counsel for Shepherd.

The battle raged over custody of Shepherd, now under armed guard in a loop hotel in connection with the investigation of the death of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan