ADOPT GRAIN CHECKS

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN IOWA CITY AID CROP MOVING.

SUBSTITUTE FOR CASH

Banks in Portland, Ore., and Oakland, Cal., Suspend Temporarily—Receiver for Motor Car Company.

Sioux City, Ia.—Grain checks will be in circulation throughout the towns and surrounding country and will be accepted as cash by jobbers as well as merchants and small business houses, beginning Thursday morning.

A committee of bankers and grain dealers, in session Tuesday at the Commercial club, completed the arrangements for this scheme for moving the grain. The grain dealer who purchases the grain from a farmer will issue a ticket to him, indicating the number of bushels, the price paid and the face value of the ticket. These tickets will be stamped across the face: "Payable in Sioux City or Minneapolis exchange."

Bankers and grain dealers from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota towns were present at the meeting. Thirty banks have agreed to support the plan.

Portland Bank Closes.

Portland, Ore.—The Merchants National bank of this city is for the time being in the hands of the comptroller of the currency. Its doors were not opened Tuesday morning because of idle and unfounded, but persistent, rumors which resulted in heavy withdrawals lately. Though said to be strictly solvent, the bank was obliged to close temporarily.

Oakland Bank Embarrassed.

Oakland, Cal.—At the earnest solicitation of the Oakland Clearing House association, the California bank, D. Edward Collins president, did not open its doors Tuesday morning and will take advantage of the legal holidays. The closing of the bank of William Collins & Sons at Ventura, of which D. Edward Collins is also president, is what affected the California.

Receiver for Automobile Company.

Cleveland, O.—The Superior Savings & Trust company was appointed receiver Tuesday for the Royal Motor Car company in the United States circuit court.

Wholesale Grocers Bankrupt.

Selma, Ala. — The Gary Grocery company, on of the largest wholesale firms in central Alabama, was declared bankrupt Tuesday afternoon and E. Lemar was appointed receiver. The liabilities are estimated at more than $100,000. Assets as yet are unknown. Bad collections are given as the cause of the failure.

Small Bank Shuts Doors.

Chicago. — The doors of the Ravenswood Exchange bank, 1305 West Ravenswood Park, were closed for business Tuesday. The bank was of a local character doing business in the suburb of Ravenswood, and the event created no stir in down-town financial circles.

QUAKE'S VICTIMS ABOUT 14,000.

First Direct Reports Received from Karatagh, Turkestan.

St. Petersburg.—The first direct reports from the scene of the great earthquake at Karatagh, Russian Turkestan, about three weeks ago, reached this city Sunday from a correspondent who accompanied the relief expedition sent from Jamarkan. Telegraphing under date of November 9 the correspondent says:

"The town of Karatagh was completely destroyed. The victims number about 4,000 in Karatagh and about 10,000 in the adjoining district of Denausk. All the villages in the vicinity were wrecked. It is probable that there are hundreds more dead in these villages, but investigation is only now determining the approximate number."

Barcelona.—An earthquake Sunday caused a serious landslide close to the village of Valcombre, the population of which fled.

Fairbanks in a Train Wreck.

Baltimore, Md. — The engine and tender of a Baltimore & Ohio train to which was attached a private car bearing Vice President Fairbanks and a party returning from the funeral of Judge McComas was derailed at Weverton Junction Tuesday night. The engine ran into a "deadhead track," but as the train was running slowly the passengers were not injured.

Sabbath Breakers Indicted.

Kansas City, Mo.—The grand jury Tuesday night returned 149 additional indictments against persons charged with violating the state law which forbids labor on Sunday. The indictments are against 88 persons, 14 of whom are charged with selling intoxicants on Sunday. All the indicted persons will be arrested and compelled to give bond within 48 hours.

Snow Falls at Shreveport, La.

Shreveport, La.—Snow flurries occurred here Monday morning, being the earliest on record at the weather bureau. The earliest previous record was November 24, 1898. There has not yet been a killing frost here.

Falls Under Train and is Killed.

Kansas City, Ia.—A man identified as Joseph Endman, of Newark, N. J., in attempting to board a train at Wesley Sunday, fell under the car and was killed. He was en route east from South Dakota.

LABORITES IN CONVENTION

ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN FEDERATION IS OPENED.

President Gompers Says Organization Is Peaceful But Is Ready for a Frolic or a Fight.

Norfolk, Va.—The first session of the American Federation of Labor, which began its twenty-seventh annual convention at the Jamestown exposition Monday, was devoted to speechmaking and the reading of reports.

In response to the addresses of welcome by Gov. Swanson and Exposition President Tucker, Mr. Gompers paid a tribute to Virginia and to the exposition. He confined his remarks chiefly to general matters, but toward the end came down to labor principles, and said:

"I know of no organization that makes so little pretense of patriotism, but in which true patriotism prevails to such a large extent as in organized labor. We want peace; we love peace and are working for peace, and in the proportion that our working people are better organized we will secure peace. But we are not supine; we are not driveling sycophants; we know our rights—or we think we do, and that is just as good—and we are going to stand for them.

"I do not want to discuss any military or naval affairs or the policies of our government, but we all know that the federal government authorities have decided that the navy of the United States is going to be transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There is a man chosen to boss the job of taking the entire fleet from one ocean to the other of whom I wish to speak. That is Fighting Bob Evans, who said in connection with transferring the fleet:

"'I don't know what may be the result of this cruise. I have only one mission and that is to see that the fleet goes to the Pacific coast; and whether it was to be for fun or frolic or a fight, we will be there.'

"It is to that I want to refer and make the application to the labor movement. If it is to be peace, if it is to be fun, or if it is to be a fight, we'll all be there."

LIVED AS MAN SIXTY YEARS.

Catherine Vosbaugh Dies After Long Masquerade.

Trinidad, Col.—Catherine Vosbaugh, who for nearly 60 years passed as a man, died at a hospital in this city.

Miss Vosbaugh was born in France 83 years ago. When a young woman she found it difficult to make her way on account of her sex and, adopting men's clothes, she obtained employment as a bookkeeper in Joplin, Mo. This position she held for nine years, and then accepted a position in a St. Joseph (Mo.) bank. While in St. Joseph she married a woman, with whom she lived for over 20 years. The woman was in trouble, and "Charles" Vosbaugh married her to protect her. The two women, still masquerading as man and wife, came to Trinidad two years ago.

After the death of her "wife" Miss Vosbaugh worked here in various capacities until she became feeble, and last year was taken to the hospital. It was then that her sex was discovered, but even after her recovery she refused to change her clothing.

ILLINOIS PROPERTY VALUES.

Results of Work by State Board of Equalization.

Springfield, Ill. — The state board of equalization, which has been in session ten days after the limit allowed by law, adjourned Wednesday morning. The report of the railroad committee shows a total assessment of railroads in Illinois to be about $100,000,000, an increase of $5,000,000 over 1906. The assessment on capital stock of corporations in the state is $10,598,100, about $3,000,000 less than the assessed valuation for 1906. This is explained by the fact that the tangible stock of Chicago corporations has been assessed at a much higher valuation by the local assessors than last year.

In 1907 the total equalized value of personal property in Illinois is $246,519,650. The total equalized value of lands is $371,904,086. The total equalized value of lots is $499,894,562. The equalized value of personal property, lands and lots in 1907 is $1,138,622,298, compared to $1,015,653,662 in 1906.

Conflagration in Iquique.

Iquique, Chili.—This port has been visited by a fire, the biggest since 1882, which has entailed losses amounting to over $1,000,000. It broke out Saturday and seven and a half blocks were burned over before it was under control. The property destroyed was mostly dwellings of the poor and no less than 3,000 people are homeless. The fire was about one mile distant from the commercial quarter of the city.

Gas Overcomes Mayor and Family.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Mayor William S. Pratt, his wife and their two children and Mrs. Jennie Taylor, the mayor's sister, were overcome Monday night by gas from the hot-air furnace at their family home. All will recover.

Fallieres Decorates Amador.

Paris.—President Amador, of Panama, who has been traveling in Europe for some months past, Tuesday paid his farewell visit to President Fallieres, who made him a commander of the Legion of Honor.

A NEW POWER HAS ARISEN.

$22,000 IS LOST OR STOLEN

DISAPPEARS FROM STAGE IN TRANSIT TO MINERS' CAMP.

Large Sum for Payment of the Employes at Cokedale, Col., Is Most Mysteriously Missing.

Trinidad, Col.—Checks and currency to the amount of $22,000, intended to pay the wages of the Carbon Coal & Coke company's miners at Cokedale, were lost or stolen Monday afternoon while in transit in a stage from the Longdale railroad station to the camp, a distance of only two miles.

Charles Macomber, driver of the stage, was arrested on suspicion, but he declares he knows nothing about the supposed theft. The money package had been carelessly thrown with other express matter into the stage.

Abraham Thompson, the paymaster, accompanied by Jim Williams, a guard, left here at dusk Monday night to drive to Cokedale, the biggest camp operated by the American Smelting & Refining company. The money, which was contained in two canvas sacks, was placed under the seat.

According to the story of Thompson they encountered no one en route to their camp, but when they arrived at Cokedale and the miners had formed in line to receive their pay, it was discovered that the money was missing. Thompson and Williams immediately retraced their tracks for several miles, but could find no trace of the thief, and returned to Cokedale, where they notified the sheriff by telephone. Some of the miners obtained horses and rode over the surrounding country, but encountered no suspects.

FIVE DIE IN HOTEL FIRE.

Blaze in the Garde at New Haven is Fatal.

New Haven, Conn.—Five persons, at least, lost their lives as a result of a fire in the Hotel Garde Tuesday morning, and several others were injured.

The fire broke out shortly after one o'clock in the servants' quarters on the fifth floor of the north wing and here four persons were suffocated to death. Another man lost his life by falling from a rope which he was using as a fire escape.

The fire was confined to the fifth floor, where it started, and the one below. It was out shortly after two o'clock. The damage, it is thought, will be over $25,000, although no estimate could be given.

BATTLE WITH UTES REPORTED.

Six Indians Said to Have Been Killed by Troops.

Durango, Col. — A report reached here Tuesday that a battle occurred at McElmo canyon, between Ute Indians and United States troops, in which six Indians were killed. No soldiers were killed or wounded. McElmo canyon is in Montezuma county and close to the Navajo reservation. The Utes have been resisting the attempts of the soldiers to compel them to return to their reservation. The report of the battle has not been verified but is believed here.

D. M. Ferry, Seed Man, is Dead.

Detroit, Mich. — Dexter M. Ferry, head of one of the greatest seed firms in the United States, which bore his name, and prominent in local business enterprises, was found dead in bed at his home here Monday. He retired last night in apparently good health and died from heart disease during the night. He was born near Rochester, N. Y., in 1832. He came to Detroit when a young man and amassed a large fortune, being one of the wealthiest men in Detroit. He was a prominent Republican.

Alleged Lynchers Indicted.

Guthrie, Okla.—Mike White, C. A. Green and Frank Williams, charged with leading the mob that lynched a negro murderer at Osage Junction two months ago, were indicted for first degree murder by a federal jury at Pawnee Tuesday.

Boiler Explosion Kills Six.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—A boiler at the gin-house on the Trulock plantation, near here, exploded Tuesday, killing the owner, J. B. Trulock, and five negroes and demolishing the gin.

BAD BLAZE IN DULUTH.

One Man Killed and Property Valued at $3,000,000 Destroyed.

Duluth, Minn. — Fire which started in the Great Northern elevator at Superior, Wis., about nine o'clock Friday night was not extinguished until late Saturday, destroying the elevator, three flour mills, 40 homes and 700,000 bushels of grain.

The loss is estimated at $3,000,000. One man who entered the plant of the Duluth-Superior Storage company to rescue a tool chest was not seen again, and it is feared that he perished in the flames.

The estimated losses are partially distributed as follows: Great Northern elevator and power house, $350,000; Freeman flour mill and elevators, $250,000; Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., $75,000; Mankato flour mill and elevator, $50,000; Webster Chair company, $30,000; Superior Ship-Building company, $25,000; Whitney Bros., marine contractors, $25,000; Northern Pacific railway bridge, $50,000.

ADAMS' CONFESSION HEARD.

Recital of Murder Involving Chiefs of Miners' Federation.

Rathdrum, Idaho.—The confession of Steve Adams, made in the office of the warden of the Idaho state penitentiary February 27, 1906, was introduced in evidence at the trial of Adams for the murder of Fred Tyler Tuesday.

In the confession Adams is quoted as saying that he met Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in Colorado "the summer following Arthur Collins' assassination at Telluride," that they told him to go to Idaho and meet Simpkins in regard to Steunenberg, whom they wanted to "get," and gave him $200. Adams then told how he, Newt Glover and Alvah Mason went to Simpkins' claim and killed Tyler and Boule, who, Simpkins said, were jumping his claim.

BURGLARS TORTURE OLD WOMAN

Burn, Beat and Kick Her Until She is Near Death.

Rochester, N. Y.—Burglars on Friday night broke into the residence of Mrs. Stella Mauthner, an aged woman who lives alone near the state road, in the town of Perinton, and subjected her to terrible tortures in an effort to force her to reveal her savings. She was discovered Sunday by neighbors and is not expected to recover.

Two men forced an entrance to her house at midnight. They seized the aged woman, bound her to a chair and held lighted newspapers close to her eyes, allowing the flames to burn her hands and arms. Then they ransacked the house and finding only four dollars they vented their rage by beating the woman and kicking her into insensibility.

LOUIS E. M'COMAS DIES.

Justice of District of Columbia Court and Former Senator.

Washington. — Louis Emery McComas, associate justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, former United States senator and for four terms congressman from Maryland, died at his home in this city Sunday. His death was due to heart failure.

Judge McComas was born in Washington county, Md., in 1846, and the funeral service will be held Tuesday at Hagerstown, where he formerly lived.

Crazed and Killed by Peanuts.

Fremont, Neb.—Archie Venuto, of Fremont, attempted to live by eating nothing but peanuts, with the result that he died Monday after a week's peanut diet. At the end of four days Venuto went completely crazy.

Tobacco Man Driven from Kentucky.

Clarksville, Tenn.—Four masked men held up J. M. Wade and his two sons near Guthrie, Ky., Monday night and ordered them to leave home within 48 hours. Mr. Wade with his sons raised a crop of tobacco but had not joined the association.

Fatal Saloon Fight in Iowa.

Boone, Ia.—George Aumspach, during a quarrel in a saloon Tuesday, shot and fatally injured Frank Williams and seriously wounded W. Oviatt and Charles Ortner.

Illinois State News

Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

GETS HELEN CULVER MEDAL.

Illinois Woman Honors Capt. Amundsen, the Great Explorer.

Lake Forest.—Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the only navigator who ever sailed through the "northwest passage" and the discoverer of the north magnetic pole, during his recent visit to Chicago was awarded the Helen Culver

MISS HELEN CULVER.

medal of the Geographic Society of Chicago.

Miss Culver, of Lake Forest, has endowed the medal in perpetuity. It is to be given by the Geographic society to men and women deemed worthy of it by reason of their scientific achievements.

The committee which will determine awards will consist of Dr. J. Paul Goode and Prof. Zonia Baber, of the University of Chicago, Dr. George A. Dorsey, of the Field Columbian museum, James H. Smith, of the Austin high school, and Charles Hull Ewing.

TRACTION FRAUD SUIT FILED.

Sensational Charges Against Central Illinois Interurban Lines.

Mattoon. — Attorney Andrew L. Chezem, on behalf of three of his clients, claimants for damages against the Central Illinois Traction company and the Mattoon City Railway company as a result of the wreck of August 30, filed an intervening petition in the Coles county circuit court in the receivership proceedings brought by the Colonial Trust & Savings company, of Chicago, alleging that a mortgage of $350,000 was executed for the purpose of raising funds for the construction and equipment of the company's interurban railway between Mattoon and Charleston, when, in fact, this line already has been built and equipped, and that a $1,000,000 mortgage was executed for the purpose of defrauding holders of common stock in the company and creditors at that time and those who might arise in the future, particularly from wrecks or accidents on the interurban lines.

He alleges that the First Trust & Savings bank and the American Trust & Savings bank, knowing that these mortgages were fraudulent, entered into a conspiracy with the directors and officers of the Mattoon City Railway company to defraud the creditors and common stockholders.

He asks that summons be issued to Coles and Cook county for the various corporations named above and the officers and directors of the companies be compelled to account for all money expended by them.

Mail Carrier is Rail Passenger.

Springfield.—Judge Creighton, in the Sangamon circuit court, held, in the trial of William Barker, a mail carrier, who was injured in a collision on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad, that a mail carrier is a passenger on the road in the sense that he can obtain damages from the company for injuries in an accident the same as any passenger.

Break Engagement; Both Marry.

Alton.—Miss Benedetta Coniglio, whose engagement to Philip Maro was broken by the latter after the wedding dress had been purchased and the marriage license procured, was married at St. Mary's Catholic church to Anton Chicco, of Benbow City. Maro was married in Chicago last week.

Poor Farm Inmate Attempts to Kill.

Clinton.—George Mells, an inmate of the county poor farm, is under arrest here, charged with attempting to kill Superintendent Foster. On being reprimanded for a misdemeanor, Mells made an effort to stab Foster.

May Organize New League.

Peoria.—A new minor baseball league for the season of 1908, embracing the cities of Monmouth, Galesburg, Macomb, Kewanee, Pekin, Peoria and Canton is being proposed by the fans of central Illinois.

MAILED OBSCENE CARD.

La Salle County Girl First Offender in Illinois Arrested.

La Salle.—The first arrest in Illinois for mailing an alleged obscene postal card was made by United States Marshal Buchner, taking Miss Ida Armbruster, a young woman of this county, into custody. The postal authorities have previously been content with destroying all postal cards that were objectionable.

The recipient of the card was Miss Anna Shine, of Aurora. The postcard is not only declared suggestive in itself, but it contained words which referred to a visit to Chicago by Miss Shine, which the latter holds calculated to slander her.

Miss Armbruster was held to the grand jury in bonds of $300 and will be given a trial at the December term of court.

BURGLARS ROB POLICE STATION.

Gambling Paraphernalia Is Taken from Clinton Office.

Bloomington.—The robbery of the police station in Clinton is the latest sensation in De Witt county.

A gambling house was raided and an expensive layout captured and stored in a room above the police office, which is used as the council chamber. After the outfit had been on hand for some time it suddenly disappeared. The police declare they do not know how it got away. It is hinted the outfit was stolen by a gambler, and the charge is made that he engaged a liveryman to haul it to Decatur. The latter asserted the gambler owed him a bill, so, instead of delivering the goods, he retained them.

KIDNAP GIRL AND MARRY HER.

Freeport (Ill.) Young Woman Is Taken to Hotel at Rockford.

Rockford.—Miss Florence Lovin, an innocent country maiden who had promised her hand in marriage to Harry Ostrander, of Monroe, Wis., was kidnaped from the interurban station at Freeport, placed in a buggy containing two men and hurried to this city, where her marriage to Lee R. Miller was celebrated. Miller and his partner spirited the girl from her home and took her to a Warren hotel.

Warrants for their arrest were issued and the men held to the grand jury.

Fell in Love with Her Voice.

Greenville.—A telephone romance that started only a few days ago has just culminated here in the marriage of Miss Grace Seeger, a telephone operator of this city, and Samuel C. Wolf, cashier of a coal company. Miss Seeger was for a long time a telephone girl in the central office of the telephone company. When Mr. Wolf heard her voice over the wire a few weeks ago he fell in love with it. He knew Miss Seeger only by her voice until a few days ago, when he came to Greenville and secured an introduction. The marriage was performed by Rev. John La Due.

Pretty Girls Lure Worshipers.

Bloomington.—To attract the young men to church Rev. J. W. Bailey, pastor of the Congregational church, a Ottawa, selected 20 of the prettiest girls in the congregation and placed them in the choir to succeed the previous organization. The young women sing sweetly, and the novelty of a choir composed wholly of pretty girls is creating much admiring comment, and, it is claimed, has the effect anticipated, of attracting many young men.

Woodmen Purchase an Auto.

Streator.—The Modern Woodmen here have introduced a novelty in the shape of an automobile that cost $2,500, which was purchased for the sole purpose of conveying the members of the camp to neighboring towns where they may attend the meetings of other camps. The auto has a seating capacity for 12 passengers, and bears the lettering, "Camp 1,444, M. W. A., Streator, Ill."

Dedicate College Buildings.

Kankakee.—The two new buildings of St. Viateur's college which were built to replace those destroyed by fire were dedicated here. Father P. Conway, of Chicago, was in charge. Among the speakers were Archbishop Quigley, Ref. Father Tissa, Very Rev. J. Cavanaugh, Very Rev. P. V. Byrnes, Rev. F. Cassidy and Rev. Father Shannon.

$6,340 for Saving Souls.

Galesburg.—The five weeks' revival services by Rev. William A. Sunday closed with 2,300 converts, which breaks the record for revivals here. A free will offering of $6,340 was given Mr. Sunday and his assistants, Clark E. Carr, ex-minister to Denmark, headed the list with $100.

Christian Girls in Session.

Elgin.—The annual convention of the Illinois Young Women's Christian association was held here. Two hundred delegates were present.