

### NEW TURN TAKEN IN MASTERY

**Detectives Now Seeking Men  
Heard Disputing in the  
President's Yard.**

### ESTATE SHRINKS QUEERLY

**Interest Now Centers in Inquest,  
Which Is Expected to Reveal  
Important Facts—Policies  
Likely to Be Protested.**

CHICAGO, July 26.—(Special.)—Authorities of Winnetka, who yesterday took possession of the Summer residence of the late Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon Railway, were expected tonight to issue a statement that would have an important bearing on the inquest tomorrow evening, but at a late hour it was announced that no statement would be made.

The residence was seized by the president of the Winnetka Council, who intimated that vital information was being withheld. He placed Chief Police Coutry in charge, together with enough policemen to patrol the grounds. Members of the Rawn family are permitted to go and come freely, but they are not permitted to carry away any article and every visitor is subjected to constant espionage.

Chief interest now centers in the inquest tomorrow evening. It had been expected that President Lovett, of the Illinois Central, would arrive today, presumably to attend the inquest, but if he is in the city, no trace can be found of him.

**Estate Dwindles to \$120,000.**  
Considerable surprise was caused today when it became known that the estate of Ira Rawn, instead of amounting to a million dollars or more, will not exceed \$120,000 and perhaps not more than \$100,000. This estimate does not include the life insurance or casualty insurance of \$125,000, payment of which may be contested unless the companies are convinced Mr. Rawn did not die by his own hand. Attorneys for the Illinois Central still insist that Mr. Rawn must have had an estate of nearly \$2,000,000 and will want to know what happened to it.

The Pinkertons announce they are working on a new clue which they assert may lead to the slayer of Rawn. Two mysterious men arrived in Winnetka at 12:30 o'clock on the night of the tragedy and inquired the way to the Rawn home. Neighbors have been found who heard the men coming in and out of the Rawn home. One was protesting against some act at the other proposed.

**Mysterious Strangers Sought.**  
These men had been seen in Winnetka a few days before the shooting and at that time they obtained general directions as to the locality of the home from a chauffeur who has given the detectives a fairly good description of them.

Superintendent Sennacher, of the Pinkerton Agency, says there never has been any ground for the theory of suicide. "I have been wrongly quoted in saying I could prove this was a case of murder, but I believe this evidence will be in my hands inside of two days," he said. "The talk of suicide is preposterous."

### GRANGE PLANS BIG MARKET

**Washington Farmers Hope to Eliminate  
Middle Men.**

SEATTLE, Wash., July 26.—Delegates to the State Grange representing 22 counties, at a meeting here yesterday decided to form an organization for the purpose of marketing the products of the farm direct to the consumer, eliminating the middle man entirely. To organize such an association a committee of three managers was appointed. The committee will consider a plan to unite all the co-operative stores in the state, now numbering over 150, with a market to be established in Seattle, forming one vast organization that will buy the entire output of manufacturers and establish a distributing plan in Seattle.

The board of managers elected by the delegates given full power to act by the Washington State Grange, consisting of C. H. Keagle, of Palouse; for a term of three years; Chris McDonnell, of Colville, for two years, and S. M. McKee, of North Yakima, one year.

In addition a committee consisting of L. V. Williams, of O'Brien; E. Hazleton, of Monroe, and L. L. Snow, of Olympia, was elected, to have charge of the establishment of the market for the farmers' products in Seattle.

### MOSHBERGER IS ELECTED Woodburn National Guard Fills Vacant Captaincy.

WOODBURN, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—At an election held by Company E, Third Infantry, U. S. G., tonight First Lieutenant Eugene Mosberger was elected captain to fill the place made vacant by the appointment of Captain F. W. Westheimer as major.

Second Lieutenant Grover Toad was appointed first lieutenant, and First Sergeant P. A. Livesey second lieutenant.

**Lumbermen to Meet in Tacoma.**  
SEATTLE, Wash., July 26.—Prominent lumbermen from all parts of the Pacific Coast, Northwest and British Columbia will meet at the semi-annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association in Tacoma next Saturday. Lumbermen and others indirectly identified with that important industry will speak. Reports of many descriptions will be submitted and discussed. The lumbermen's organizations of Tacoma and the commercial associations are arranging for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, including an afternoon automobile ride for the ladies and a banquet for all visitors in the Tacoma Hotel in the evening.

**Barcelona Is Quiet.**  
MADRID, July 26.—This is the anniversary of the general strike at Barcelona, but the threatened walkout did not materialize today. Official dispatches state that tranquility reigns in Barcelona. Ten thousand troops occupy strategic points in the Catalonian capital.

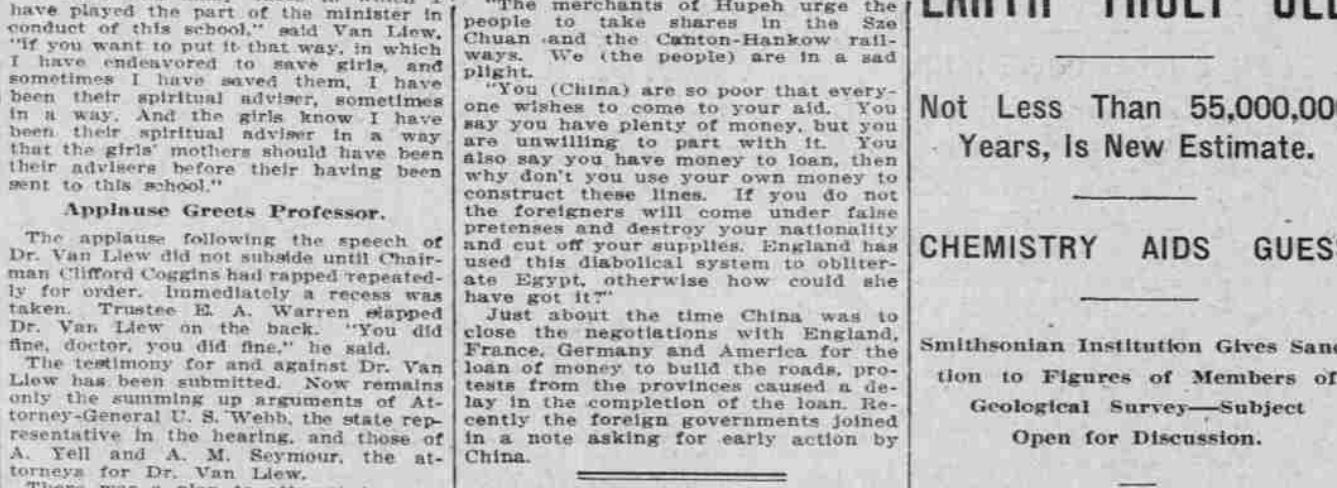
### THREE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS OF IRA G. RAWN, MYSTERIOUSLY DEAD, WHOSE FORTUNE APPEARS TO DWINDLE.



Mrs. C. G. BRINDLEY



Mrs. DAVID BIGELOW.



Mrs. R. S. COBURN.

### VAN LIEW ADVISER TO GIRLS, HE SAYS

**Accused President of Chico  
Normal School Makes  
Dramatic Witness.**

### APPLAUSE FOLLOWS WORDS

**Students, Graduates and Their  
Mothers Volunteer Testimony  
to Good Character of Profes-  
sor—Verdict Likely Today.**

CHICO, Cal., July 26.—(Special.)—Bringing his story to a dramatic climax this afternoon when he testified as the closing witness in the inquiry into the charges against him, Dr. C. C. Van Liew, his voice breaking, his lips quivering, proclaimed himself the guardian of such young women in his school, set himself up as the protector of their morals, not their teacher, and won wild applause from his friends and supporters who crowded the office of the normal school president, where the hearing is being conducted.

Overcome with emotion, the accused head of the state co-educational institution declared the charges against him "unjust and unjust."

**Women Volunteer Testimony.**  
Public sentiment in favor of Dr. Van Liew showed itself at the hearing. Not only the personal friends of the accused head of the school, but mothers and school graduates had graduated from the school, and their names had been educated there and women who had lived their lives within the shadows of the school came forward to tell of their regard for the accused man. It was a demonstration in which all classes took a part, and was one that has made a remarkable impression upon the trustees of the school who are sitting as the judges of the president.

As Dr. Van Liew denied bit by bit the story of Ada Clark, chief accuser, the young woman sat within a few feet of him, watching his face as he uttered every word, oblivious to all around her. At her left sat her friend and confidant, Nona Lindley, the young woman who furnished the only bit of corroborative testimony to her story. Her patriarchal father, intent upon what was being said, sat on her right.

**Rev. Clark Listens Closely.**  
His eyes fixed upon the face of the man his sister accused, Rev. C. Todd Clark, drank in every word of testimony given by the school president.

It is a question of veracity between Ada Clark, the pretty young woman, when, as a student at the school, went into the office of the president upon school business, and there says Dr. Van Liew hugged her, and the word of Dr. Van Liew, who denies the story of the girl in full. There was no third party present. It remains a question of veracity for the trustees to decide between the young woman, who has stuck to her story, and that of a man who during 11 years of work as head of Chico Normal School has not had a charge involving his morality or good character brought against him.

### CHINA IS AFRAID OF LOANS

**People Fear Foreign Financiers May  
Get Control of Kingdom.**

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Some light on the nature of the opposition in China to the \$40,000,000 foreign loan for the construction of the Sze Chuan and Canton-Hankow railways has reached the State Department through articles in the Chinese papers of the

Hankow Hupeh province. These articles were printed. It is understood with official consent.

### EARTH TRULY OLD

**Not Less Than 55,000,000  
Years, Is New Estimate.**

### CHEMISTRY AIDS GUESS

**Smithsonian Institution Gives Sanc-  
tion to Figures of Members of  
Geological Survey—Subject  
Open for Discussion.**

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(Special.)—Old Mother Earth, like femininity through all time, but with far greater success than most of her sex, has defied man to learn her age. Scientists still admit their defeat. Their latest estimate credits her with "not above 70,000,000 years or below 55,000,000 years."

This estimate, to which official sanction is given through publication by the Smithsonian Institution, is the result of studies by Frank Wigglesworth Clark and George F. Becker, of the United States Geological Survey.

Prof. Clark in a paper entitled "A Preliminary Study of Chemical Denudation" presents a review of available data from a chemical point of view. Mr. Becker discussed the question in a paper on "The Age of the Earth" from a more philosophical point of view.

The age of the earth has always been a subject for discussion among men of science and largely without any definite agreement among the representatives of the different branches of studies on account of the different points of attack.

### STEEL BUSINESS IS VASTLY INCREASED

**Quarter's Returns Many Mil-  
lions Greater Than Those  
of Year Ago.**

### FUTURE EVEN BRIGHTER

**Only Non-Cancellable Business Is  
Intended in Corporations' Esti-  
mate of Orders on Hand.  
New Plants Planned.**

NEW YORK, July 26.—The quarterly statement of the United States Steel Corporation for the three months ended June 30 last, issued today, shows total earnings of \$40,179,864, an amount far in excess of unofficial estimates and greater than earnings of the first quarter by \$2,564,984. Net earnings for the quarter were \$31,180,755, or \$2,377,961 greater than the first quarter's returns.

Both gross and net earnings are vastly larger than those of the corresponding quarter last year, which were \$29,240,491 and \$23,322,395 respectively. At this period last year the corporation was at war with many industrial concerns and all products were being cut drastically. In contrast to the earnings, Wall street, expressed disappointment at the exhibit, made an amount far in excess of today's report. They are only 4,257,754 tons, a falling off of 1,244,575 tons in comparison with the previous quarter.

**Only Real Business Shown.**  
In this connection it was said unofficially that the report shows only the actual, or non-cancellable, business. Pursuant to the corporation's policy of publicity, the directors today ordered that the officers heretofore make public on the 10th of each month the aggregate tonnage of unfilled orders on hand at the close of the previous month.

The charge off for depreciation and extraordinary expenses for the last quarter was \$5,529,049, as against \$5,239,232 in the previous quarter and \$5,111,000 in the same quarter of 1909. The surplus for the quarter is \$6,419,093, against \$6,532,561 for the first quarter of the year, and \$5,894,244 in the corresponding quarter last year.

The sum of \$7,500,000 was set aside for account of expenditures that are to be made for additional property, new plants and construction.

The regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred and 1 1/4 per cent on the common shares were declared. No statement dealing with the trade outlook was issued, but several of the directors expressed themselves as convinced that the present quarter's returns will be even more satisfactory than those just published.

W. E. Corey, president of the corporation, presided at today's meeting in the absence of Chairman Gary, who is on vacation. The attendance of directors, which included J. P. Moran, was unusually large for a midsummer meeting.

### OSTEOPATH CAN'T COLLECT

**Tacoma Justice Says Patient Does  
Not Have to Pay.**

TACOMA, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—By holding that A. L. Goff, an osteopath, could not collect from Louis Olin for services rendered as a physician and surgeon and giving the defendant judgment for costs, Justice Card set a precedent for Pierce County that offers peculiar possibilities.

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J. L. Durhan... Vice-Pres't.  
W. H. Fear... Secretary.

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### THURSDAY'S SPECIALS

**\$13.50 Wash Tailormade Suits \$4.93**

—Faultlessly Tailored Suits of linen, cotton, poplins, marquisette and linen crash. Some are fancy braid trimmed, others strictly plain tailored. Shades of pink, blue, lavender, reseda, new blue, leather, violet and champagne. The skirts are full plaited and the jackets in 32 and 34-inch lengths. No C. O. D. orders and none sent on approval.

**\$2.25 Long Kimonos \$1.49**

—Ladies' Long Crepe and Challie Kimonos, in fancy figured and flowered designs. Made with Shirred yoke and Persian bandings on the front and sleeves. Also a plain flowing style. All shades. Sizes 36 to 44.

**Handbags Special at \$2.76**

—Black Seal Handbags in the latest avenue shape. Leather lined and fitted with a coin purse. Gold mounted and leather covered frames. Single or double strap handles.

**Silk G'oves Special 50c**

—Fine quality Tricot Silk Gloves, two-clasp style. In tan, brown, slate, white and black. Sizes 5 1/2 to 8.

**35c Linen Collars 19c**

—Embroidered Linen Collars in dainty patterns of eyelet and blind work designs. 1 1/2 to 2 inches in height. Sizes 12 to 14 1/2. Special 19c.

**Golf Stocks 35c to 75c**

—Golf Stocks tastefully embroidered in dainty designs in white and light colors. Made of fine linen and coarse woven effects.

**Persian Novelties 25c to \$2.00**

—Persian Novelties in Windsors, Bows, La Valliere and Coat Sets in light and dark color combinations.

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**Industrial Liberty and Progress**  
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good wholesome food, the kind that builds strong healthy bodies—take nature's warning of dyspepsia and regain at once the powers of good digestion that are so essential to health.

**Pabst Extract**  
The Best Tonic

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