

BLUFF TRACT NOT SO SURE

Resolution Requesting City Council to Acquire Land is Withdrawn.

JORNISH HAS ANOTHER BOULEVARD PLAN

Proposition to Buy a Strip of Land Encircling Cut-Off Lake for the City's System of Boulevards.

The proposed Bluff Tract park received a black eye yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners. A resolution advising the city council to take steps to acquire the land for Bluff Tract park was withdrawn upon motion of E. J. Cornish.

Major Wants Cut-Off, Too.

A communication was read from Mayor Moore, in which he requested that the estimates of the expense of the park for next year be cut to the lowest possible figure.

Van Cort & Wynn were awarded a contract for paving a strip eighteen feet wide in the center of Florence boulevard between Nicholas and Charles streets.

FUNERAL TO BE IN OMAHA

Remains of Mr. and Mrs. George Rudlo Will Arrive from Chicago Tuesday.

The remains of Mr. and Mrs. George Rudlo will arrive in Omaha from Chicago this morning at 8 o'clock and will be taken to the Rudlo home at 137 North Thirty-second avenue.

Northwestern special car No. 401, one of the finest in the possession of the road, was placed at the service of the Rudlo relatives for the conveyance of the remains to Omaha.

At Council Bluffs a committee from Ivanhoe commandery, Knights of Pythias, headed by J. C. Mitchell of that city, will meet the remains and conduct them to Omaha, where a committee from Mount Calvary commandery will assume charge.

The funeral will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon and the ceremonies will be in charge of the Knights Templar. Mr. Rudlo was a familiar figure around Omaha passenger stations, and was known to nearly all the employes at Union station.

From conversations it was reported that Mr. Rudlo intended to be in Chicago but a few days, after which he proposed starting south with his wife. It had been their yearly custom for a long time to spend a portion of each winter in Florida and surrounding states.

Depot gossip had it that Mr. Rudlo carried \$30,000 in accident insurance and \$20,000 in life insurance. Because of the nature of his work he carried this unusually large amount.

MRS. MINA HELD FOR TRIAL

Bound over to District Court for Complicity in Killing of Najeeb Saidy.

Mrs. Barbara Mina, charged jointly with Joe Beardwell with murder in the first degree, for stabbing to death Najeeb Saidy on the morning of November 30, was last night bound over to the district court by Police Judge Gordon in the sum of \$10,000.

Milk dealers who are seeking a revision of the ordinance providing for the license fee to be paid by dairymen appeared before the committee, but the committee refused to take any action.

A bottle of Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne will buy your dinner makes it complete. It pleases everyone.

The Night Coughs of Children. Take a neighbor's advice and give sugar, lemon, molasses, vinegar, or the following: I recommend and prescribe Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for colds, night coughs, severe coughs, and for all throat and lung affections. J. H. Young, M.D., New Cumberland, Pa. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

TO IMPROVE IOWA SCHOOLS

State Superintendent Suggests Things Which Are Much Needed.

BETTER SUPERVISION OF RURAL SCHOOLS—TEACHERS MUST BE BETTER TRAINED—MORE NORMAL OR HIGH SCHOOLS.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The closing session of the forty-seventh annual convention of the Iowa State Teachers' association was given by the presentation by State Superintendent Barrett of his annual address, as required by law.

In this address, which was a carefully brought out appeal for a few things that would tend to the improvement of the school system of the state of Iowa, he declared that to train for citizenship and life a half million children is a task worthy the anxiety of all thoughtful men.

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