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DELEGATES FINISH WORK

Editor Long of Road Maker Makes Closing Address.

MANY ROADS BEING BUILT

United States Making Swift Progress in This Direction—Secretary of State Tax Commission Writes to Suspend Judgment.

The four state conventions that have been meeting in Council Bluffs closed their three days sessions yesterday. The chief thing of interest yesterday was the address of Joseph Long, editor of the Road Maker, a national magazine published in Iowa and devoted to spreading the gospel of good roads. It was delivered before the supervisors' section of the conventions and attracted much interest. Mr. Long said the question and problem of good roads was the paramount one of the times, and that in its solution the best brain of the age and hundreds of millions of money would be involved. He said the United States was now the greatest nation of road builders in the world.

He said we are building more roads than all of Europe combined, and that within the present generation our roads will be better than the highways in the older civilizations that have taken centuries to produce. He referred to the mastery of railway construction and declared that American ingenuity will solve the highway problems with the same speed and precision as it solved railroad building. He said it would cost more to build our wagon roads than it has to construct the railroads of the country, but that the returns upon the investment would be greater. He approved the work of the State Highway commission and the new road law and urged the supervisors to co-operate heartily in the effort to realize the greatest benefit from the law and the assistance of the commission.

Increase in Farm Values.

A letter from Secretary Brindley of the State Tax commission was read and discussed. The letter refers to the large increase made in the assessed value of farm property in comparison with that belonging to public service corporations and concerning the proposed increase of the same.

I hope that this matter will be very thoroughly discussed at the Council Bluffs meeting and that the supervisors and other county officials will, as a result, take a more favorable view of the permanent tax commission plan as recommended by the special commission of which I was secretary.

In July, 1912, an average increase of about 125 per cent was made in the assessed value of farm lands, no increase being made at that time in the assessed value of city property or the property of public service corporations. This increase was made on the basis of wholly inadequate information, in fact, no information at all.

It is stated in the report of the special commission and I have suggested on different occasions that farm lands would probably continue to be increased in the future on the basis of inadequate information until a tax commission was appointed with power to make a thorough investigation and administer the revenue laws on an efficient and equitable basis.

The executive council, sitting as a state board of review, has considered what it considered right on the basis of information presented and I do not desire to offer any criticism of that body. The farmers ought to realize by this time that when real estate is equaled by the state board of review and the county board of review, all have their attorneys and special tax commissioners to present their side of the case, whereas little or no effort is made by any responsible authority to ascertain what the assessed value of farm lands actually is. For this reason, the assessed value of other taxable property of the state.

The Register and Leader of August 3 states that "while the railroad assessment was increased as much as it has been in the last five years, the increase was boosted more proportionately. Valuations were reached in each county by mathematical calculations of different classes of property as a necessary basis of state review of equalization."

I desire to suggest that it will be generally recognized by authorities on taxation that this statistical information is superficial and untrustworthy for two obvious reasons: First, the state has no means of ascertaining actual values of the property of public service corporations really, and will not have until a permanent commission is created with power and authority to perform this work; and second, the statistical information is based on the actual value of farm lands and town lots are not so fragmentary and incomplete. The council not possessing the necessary information to investigate this complicated subject in a satisfactory manner.

It had been known to my mind for two or three years that the farmers of Iowa will not get a square deal in taxation matters until an impartial tribunal, such as a permanent tax commission, is created and clothed with adequate authority to make a thorough investigation of the comparative assessments of different classes of property as a necessary basis of state review of equalization.

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Accomplish this result. In doing this he followed, in a large measure, the recommendations of the special tax commission, but the general assembly decided to repudiate any and every plan for equitable taxation and to be guided by the advice of a "pettifish factory" operated at the Manhattan building in Des Moines, which flooded the state with thousands of printed petitions, all of which grossly misrepresented the facts regarding the important subject of revenue reform.

Minor Mention

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Dr. James McRoberts has returned from his automobile trip into South Dakota. He reached his home at 21 Benton street yesterday after an absence of three weeks. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter-in-law. They report a very pleasant time.

Lesley P. Miller, yesterday filed in the district court a suit for divorce from her husband, Harry N. Miller. They were married in Council Bluffs on August 7, 1912, and separated on August 16 of the same year, according to the petition. She alleges that she is unable to cohabit with her husband because of his drinking habit.

Dora B. Monson and McDonald Monson, of the best of Des Moines, Iowa, filed a district court suit yesterday against Dr. Heinrich, claiming \$500 for personal injuries sustained when a buggy in which they were riding was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. Heinrich and partly overturned, throwing the children into the street. The accident happened in July last in front of the Metzger restaurant.

The All-Stars, a new baseball team organized this month from players from teams that disbanded, would like to get some for next Sunday with some fast team in Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Last Sunday they defeated the Omaha team in a game at the stadium. The All-Stars have some of the best players of the Imperial and Eighth Street Giants in their ranks. For more information apply to George Putnam, Bluffs phone, L. 1390.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Herbert Thomas, died at 5:30 yesterday morning at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital, following an operation. The funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Second Presbyterian church. Burial will be at Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Thomas had until recently been suffering from cancer of the breast.

Once Bee Carrier, Now a Millionaire

Among the numerous representatives of big concerns attracted to Council Bluffs by the four state conventions, the state associations of county supervisors, county auditors, county treasurers and county stewards, that held daily sessions for three days, was S. B. Barfield, special representative of the Midland Chemical company of Dubuque, Ia., the largest maker of antiseptic compounds and insecticides in the world.

Mr. Barfield, accompanied by his secretary, Walter Brown, spent the week here, with headquarters at the grand hotel, meeting hundreds of men from all parts of the state. L. O. Hilliard, president and chief owner of the chemical company, gave his representative special orders to get acquainted with the people of Omaha and Council Bluffs, for Mr. Hilliard has a very warm spot in his heart for Omaha, and particularly for The Bee, for he began his business career as a carrier on The Bee twenty-five years ago when he was a boy 12 years old.

He recalls the fact that he made a good carrier while laying the foundations for character and business principles that have not only made him a millionaire, but caused him to create one of the largest business enterprises in Iowa. The factory at Dubuque covers a whole city block.

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Flower Parade Prizes Are Made More Attractive

A flower parade of the most gorgeous character, with cash prizes of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10 as one of the incentives, was decided upon at the meeting of the Council Bluffs Automobile club last night as the chief event of the opening day of the carnival, August 25. Owing to the fact that it is to be a flower parade, it was decided that it should take place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon instead of 7 in the evening.

George F. Hamilton, chairman of the carnival committee and member of the club, introduced Marcus Peterson, son of Theodore N. Peterson, representing a Chicago firm handling decorative materials, who submitted for inspection a splendid array of decorative stuff and gave estimates of the cost of decorating cars in accordance with large number of photographic designs. The stuff was so pretty, the possibilities so great, that every automobile owner present became interested.

The proposition to increase the prizes from \$50 to \$100 was made by Chairman Hamilton, who said he would today recommend the increase to the carnival committee and felt quite sure the recommendation would be approved. The increase was based upon the further proposition that not less than fifteen entries be made at the start.

It was realized that to make a flower parade a success the women must be interested, so a committee comprising Mrs. Donald Macrae, Mrs. Emmet Frank, Mrs. C. R. Hannan, Mrs. Frank Pinney, Mrs. Carlton Woodward, Mrs. E. H. Louger, Mrs. P. H. Davis, Mrs. Bess Stewart-Wildman, Mrs. George Van Brunt, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Frank Everett and Mrs. J. B. Long, was appointed.

George S. Wright, as chairman of the carnival amusement committee, becomes chairman of this committee, and he was instructed to call a meeting of the committee women at the Commercial club rooms this afternoon for the purpose of planning the work and looking over the decorative material that will be there for inspection. It will be the work of this committee to arrange the salient features of the parade and secure the largest possible number of automobile owners to enter their cars. Seven entries were announced at the meeting last night, and it is believed that many more than the required 15 will be secured.

The carnival committee, under the spur of George F. Hamilton, its chairman, and comprising E. L. Duquette, F. D. Simpkins, Frank Egan, F. E. Cox, Martin Peterson and J. B. Long, yesterday started the work of preparing the carnival arches and putting in readiness the great mass of building material stored at the Auditorium. They also arranged for awarding spaces to the automobile firms taking part in the automobile show. Contracts have been signed with twenty contractors to build manufacturers of thirty different cars. Each will be given a space 15x30 feet. Assignment of places will be by lot and the drawing will be held Monday.

Architect Gets Fine Decoration

Caught in a group of admiring friends yesterday, Architect Cox was congratulated upon his successful achievement in damming Indian creek and decorating with a proper emblem. He was towering above a crowd of enthusiasts gathered upon the Bryant street bridge watching the constantly rising tide of water above the upper dam. The decoration that had been provided for his friends was not, however, and the occasion was seized upon as an opportunity to present it. It was a lurid red button, and emblazoned on its surface in white light letters was the bold inscription: "I'm the Guy That Built the Canal." It was adroitly attached to the lapel of his coat when Mr. Cox was not looking, and as the coat was worn on his arm, the emblem was covered until the keen eyes of Ed Rogers observed it. It will be handed down as a heirloom in the Cox family.

FAMILY TO HOLD REUNION OF ALL ITS MEMBERS

A pleasant family reunion will be held today and tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Trumbull on Logan street, when Mrs. Trumbull will have her two sisters, Mrs. Viola Hale of El Paso, Tex., and Mrs. Mecca Harley of Pawnee, Wis., and her son, Mrs. Varney and her son, who are on the Hedpath Lyceum circuit doing chautauque platform work, have been her guests during the week, and Rev. Mr. Varney, her husband, will return here on Sunday.

Mrs. Hale was en route with her husband and Cub, and had reached New Orleans when she received a wire from Mrs. Trumbull telling of the visit of Mrs. Varney, and she concluded to forego the Cuban trip for the greater pleasure of joining in the family reunion. Her husband, O. H. Hale, is a railway master-mechanic who has been ordered to take charge of the motive department of the Cuban railroad at a salary of \$50 a month.

Both Mrs. Varney and Mrs. Hale, who were formerly the Misses Dougherty, have many friends here. At the time of her marriage she was principal of the first-second street school during the superintendency of Prof. Sawyer. Her debate with her 12-year-old son on Woman's suffrage is one of the most attractive features of the chautauque programs.

Saturday Specials in Our Sanitary Grocery

Fancy California freestone Elberta peaches, today only, per crate, 50c. Tomatoes, per market basket, 25c; assorted sweet corn, dozen, 12c; home grown milk melons, 5c-10c; fresh wax beans, pound, 12c; cucumbers, two for 5c; large fancy egg plants, each, 10c; cooking apples, per peck, 20c; southern sweet potatoes, 75c; home grown grapes, per basket, 20c; peaches, per basket, 25c; small basket tomatoes, 10c; water melons, up from 25c; lemons, large and juicy, 40c; Denver head lettuce, per head, 10c; Michigan celery, per stalk, 5c; seven cans oil sardines, 25c.

August One Dollar Down Sale

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Third Week of Our Great One Dollar Down Sale. Hot weather seems to have no effect upon the buying enthusiasm created by this great sale and why should it when you stop to consider that you can come to this store and select any article of furniture, any rug, any gas range or steel range, any kitchen cabinet, and buffet, any parlor set that suits your fancy and pay only the small sum of \$1.00 down and then have the rest of the payments made to suit your convenience.



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\$1.39

\$1.00 will deliver to your home this massive Duofold Bed Davenport, upholstered in genuine Spanish leather. This is a very fine article for small rooms, can be used as a parlor piece, frame finished in fumed oak. It's a \$55 article, sale price. **\$32.75**

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\$1.25 dining room chairs, wood seat, golden finish, sale price, \$1.95	\$1.25 DRESSEERS—Three large drawers, sale price, \$7.95
\$2.50 seven drawers, mahogany, golden finish, sale price, \$3.95	\$25.00 three-piece parlor suite, mahogany, finished frames, sale price, \$33.50
\$1.50 box seat dining room chairs, highly finished, sale price, \$1.85	\$25.00 buffets, American quarters, sale price, \$33.95
\$4.50 sanitary couches, framed, sale price, \$2.55	\$17.50 fumed oak pedestal extension tables, circular tops, sale price, \$9.95
\$7.50 extension table, six foot slides, sale price, \$3.95	\$17.50 refrigerator, made by the Gurney people, sale price, \$11.75

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WILL BE BUILT NEXT YEAR

Controversy Over Buying Three Additional Parks for Des Moines Brings Out Charge of Graffiti in Land Values.

(From a Staff Correspondent)

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Officials of the Des Moines City railway announced today that a survey for extension of the interurban line from Colfax to Newton has just been completed and a survey will be made for a new line to Indianola. Both lines will be built next year.

To Buy Park Land.

Controversy over the purchase of three additional city parks came to a head today and in the council a resolution was proposed to have three disinterested real estate men appraise the value of the land and complete the deal for the city. Opponents of the park purchase plan are insinuating corruption in the proposed purchase of the land at prices said to be exorbitant.

County Auditors Satisfied.

A. H. Dalton, secretary of the State Executive council, after attending the convention of county auditors this week, declares that his information received there and by letter and otherwise indicates that county officials are satisfied with the assessment work of the state council, and that the only problem is that of securing sufficient help in the county offices to have the books brought up to date.

Rainbargees to Stay.

Board of Control to have one of the famous Rainbargees brothers sent from Anamosa reformatory to the prison at Fort Madison, along with nineteen others to be transferred; but the men pleaded that they could not be separated and the plea was heeded. They have been together in prison for over twenty-five years, and their application for pardon there on the ground that they were nineteen men sent to Fort Madison largely because none were needed there on the work of completion of the new cell house. These, with the taking of thirteen from Anamosa to engage in highway construction at Ames, makes some reduction in the population at Anamosa.

High School Statistics.

P. E. McClenahan, state inspector of high schools under the State Board of Education, has been securing facts regarding the high schools of the state, and he finds that in fifty-nine of the larger high schools there was enrolled last year 23,739 students, of whom 2,700 were graduated, and in the 24 smaller high schools there was enrollment of 15,352, of whom 2,961 were graduated. The larger schools have 72,000 volumes in their libraries and laboratories worth \$100,000, while in the smaller ones there are 184,572 volumes in the libraries and laboratory equipment valued at \$56,000. There are in grade schools 25,250 volumes in libraries.

School Building Expenditures.

The most expensive improvement in high school buildings and equipment last year was the new East High building in Des Moines erected at a cost of \$500,000. Some other improvements were \$50,000: Boone, \$125,000; Estherville, \$20,000; Spencer, \$85,000; Iowa Falls, \$75,000; Fairfield, \$75,000; Albia, \$50,000; Villisca, \$50,000; Victor, \$40,000; Lenox, \$30,000; Anita, \$30,000; Massena, \$20,000; Elkader, \$15,000; Orient, \$12,000. The total expenditures in the state for school buildings was not far from \$2,000,000 last year.

Irregular Insurance.

Mail order and other insurance companies are known to be soliciting business in Iowa, but apparently the local authorities are not giving the matter any attention. There are several fraternal orders, promising sick benefits and offering to pay on the death of the member, that refuse to recognize the authority of the state and will not comply with the insurance laws. Two of these are said to be at work in the state. One of them is advertising for members in Des Moines and a national organizer has opened headquarters. The state insurance department has received many complaints from out in the state as to the work of the unauthorised companies and he is sending out a declaration of the attorney general on the question as to what is an insurance company and the necessity for compliance with the law.

Governors at the Big Dam.

Governor Clarke has been assured by the committee on arrangements for the celebration of the completion of the Keokuk dam that he will be met there on "governor's day" by the governors of Illinois and Missouri, and also by a number of the other governors. The governor of West Virginia, who is a doctor and at one time attended college in Keokuk, has agreed to come to the celebration. This will be on the 26th, at the beginning of nearly a week of festivities.

Killed by an Automobile.

A skidding automobile turned over at the foot of a steep hill eight miles west of Des Moines on the River-to-River road Thursday night, fatally injuring Mrs. Harry L. Watson, 25, of Bouton, Ia., and causing serious injury to her husband. Their 6-year-old son escaped harm. Mrs. Watson died early Friday at the Methodist hospital. Watson is editor of the Bouton Press. He received a broken right shoulder. The car skidded when it struck a vein of sand at the bottom of a hill.

The car which Watson had been driving but a few days, was wrecked.

Attorney General Rules on Laws.

Contrary to the opinions of Judges Brennan of the Polk county district court, the law at the state house is that an enrolled bill is not conclusive as to what was passed by the legislature. Attorney General Cosson rendered an official opinion to the secretary of state involving that point. Brennan had held in the red-light injunction case that the enrolled bill was final and conclusive. A clause had been left in the enrolled bill, the bill which had been amended out of the bill, in fact, Mr. Cosson holds that it is not law even if it is in the enrolled bill.

"In all legislative bodies," he wrote, "whether operating under written or unwritten constitutions, the very essence of a law or rule of action depends upon the proposed measure receiving the assent of a majority of all the members entitled to sit or at least a majority of all those present. This is not peculiar to any state or any country or any legislative body. It goes to the very essence of representative government. In my opinion it is vital and fundamental. I am therefore of the opinion that it cannot be set aside upon any legal theory that it is not permissible to go behind an enrolled bill."

He holds that the enrolled bill should govern in case of doubt, but where it is clearly shown beyond all reasonable doubt by the legislative journals that an act passed that should govern. He holds also that the failure of the clerks to strike

out the clause not passed will not invalidate the entire law.

Case Will Be Advanced.

The attorney general and attorneys in the case have agreed to an advance of the appeal in the case from Des Moines to the supreme court in October. The attorney general is preparing the papers in the case now and he will strictly insist that the lower court went wrong in holding that the law is invalid because of lack of one of four or five signatures to the enrolled bill.

Parole Board Hears Heavy Day.

The parole board heard a number of appeals for clemency in life cases today. The case of Roy Hull was taken up first. He was sent up for murder in 1906 from Tama county. C. J. Stevens and J. A. Harvey of Montour appeared for Hull and James A. Devitt of Okonkosa appeared to resist the effort. George Woodson of Buxton appeared before the board to ask for clemency for Richard Williams, colored, who was convicted in Mahaska county and at one time was sentenced to be hanged. Frank C. Byers of Cedar Rapids appeared to present the claims of Conrad Clute convicted of second degree murder in Bremer county. W. P. McCarty presented the appeal of John Brendt of Cherokee county for clemency, following time for larceny.

Atlantic Railway Organized.

The articles of incorporation for the Atlantic Northern railway were filed with the secretary of state today. The capital is \$500,000. S. C. Pederson is president, John Leitch is vice president and Peadar Lytkie is secretary, and these, with Willis Rattenborg and John Peterson, constitute the first board of directors. The company is to take over the north end of the old Atlantic North & South.

Conference on Rate Matters.

The railroad commission has called a conference of representatives of commercial bodies in Iowa to consider the matter of the grouping of rates as suggested by the Interstate Commerce commission in the western rate cases. It will be held August 22.

The Board of Control has received word that thirteen men from the reformatory at Anamosa have been put to work on the roads for the state college at Ames.

Trouble Over Buying Park Land.

Trouble has broken out in the city council over the purchase of certain tracts of land for park purposes. Two members of the council insist that the land is worthless for park purposes and that it is merely a scheme to unload on the city rough land and further that additional bodies in Iowa to consider the matter of the grouping of rates as suggested by the Interstate Commerce commission in the western rate cases. It will be held August 22.

Many Would Like Pensions.

The adjutant general has received a number of letters from persons in relation to the new state law for pensions for survivors of the Spirit Lake expedition. In nearly all cases it is found they are not entitled to the pensions which were exclusively for survivors of one small company and not general. A man at Elk Point, S. D., insists he was in the company that went to Spirit Lake, but his name does not appear on the roster. Several of the persons applying were enlisted in the northern Iowa border brigade, which was of later date.

Cedar Rapids Gets Pythians.

The grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, today voted to go to Cedar Rapids for the next session. A committee has been named to report on a revision of the laws of the order for the state and to compile the decisions. There will be no changes in the laws recommended and this will merely be a revision. The lodge meeting here was not largely attended, owing to the hot weather and members

declare that no action was taken of general importance.

Iowa News Notes.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Dr. Cook of the North Polk farm was the speaker at the chautauque here yesterday afternoon.

LOGAN—The Board of Education here has arranged to use electricity in heating and cooking in the domestic science department in the public schools after the coming year.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Thursday morning Jerd Purcell had the misfortune to fall from his bicycle and receive a broken arm and other injuries. He was taken to the Heise hospital, where his injuries were given attention.

LOGAN—As a result of careful investigation of different purporting stationery officials of Logan have bought a new pump and installed the same at the deep well here. The pump has a capacity of 200 to 250 gallons a minute. The city officials also purchased a large disintegrating engine.

LOGAN—J. C. Millman will be president of the day at the chautauque to be held at Madison, Thursday, August 28. Rev. W. H. Seagar and Judge Arthur will deliver the addresses in the morning and Frank E. Edinger of Missouri Valley and Dr. Hook and others of Logan and Magnolia will furnish the vocal and instrumental music for the day. The attendance is expected to be over 100.

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