

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS

COURTS ON FULL TIME NOW

Judge Macy Comes to Help Judge Thornell Out With the Business.

IMPORTANT DAMAGE CASE ON

Louis A. Weber, a Mail Clerk, Sues Rock Island Road for \$85,000 Damages for Injuries in Wreck.

With two courts running a busy time is looked for in district court this week. Judge Macy, who will assist Judge Thornell in disposing of the business of the present term, arrived in the city yesterday.

One of the most important personal injury suits ever tried in Pottawattamie county will be begun today before Judge Thornell. It is the case in which Louis A. Weber, a railway mail clerk of this city, seeks to recover \$85,000 from the Rock Island Railroad company for injuries received in the wreck near Honesdale, Ia., on March 22, 1905.

The case is important not only from the large amount of damages sued for, but also from the fact that the railroad company disclaimed any responsibility on the grounds that the wreck was caused by Eric von Kutzleben, a young man residing at South Amans, Ia. Kutzleben was convicted of wrecking the train, but his supreme court appeal was reversed.

The first criminal case assigned for trial before Judge Macy today is that of August Carlson, indicted on the charge of passing a forged check on Saloon-keeper Smith of West Broadway. Carlson was tried last week, but the jury after being out for eight hours without being able to agree on a verdict was discharged.

Following the Carlson case the second trial of Roy M. Stevens, the Ioway machineist charged with attempted criminal assault on 11-year-old Christina Christensen, is to be commenced. At the former trial Stevens was convicted, but a new trial was granted by Judge Green on a technicality.

Candidates to be Heard.

Candidates for nomination at the city primary election to be held Monday, February 24, will have another opportunity to state their position on law enforcement and municipal ownership. The West Council Bluffs Improvement club has arranged for a meeting at its club house on Broadway and Thirty-fifth street tomorrow evening.

It developed at the business session of the Central Organization of Federated Improvement Clubs Saturday night, which was held after the candidates had had their lining, that a Municipal Ownership league has been instituted in this city, with O. J. McManus, former county superintendent of schools, as chief promoter.

Today will be observed by the members of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance union by fasting and prayer that Iowa may be soon freed from the legalized saloon. Members will observe the day in their own homes by fasting and prayer and meet at 5 o'clock in the club rooms of the public library building for a one-hour service.

Willard Memorial day will be observed by holding a parlor meeting at the residence of Mrs. D. G. Frank Monday of next week from 11 to 1 o'clock. A server offering will be collected at this meeting for the work.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19, in the club rooms.

Move to Boom City Trade.

The trade extension committee of the Commercial club will meet this evening for the purpose of devising a plan to continue the campaign for the promotion of local trade.

Since the first batch of circulars was issued the committee has made no further progress.

Advertisement for Blatz beer, featuring the text 'There's Class to Blatz' and 'Every bottle bearing the familiar triangular label and every glass that's drawn from a Blatz keg is full of character.'

Iowa's Rivers Have Mint of Money in Latent Power.

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"The fact is," continued Mr. Ketchum, "that the rivers of the state could supply all the light, practically all the power and most of the heat in the state if they were only turned to that end. This state is covered with mill streams, as they used to say in the old days. Take the Des Moines river. From one end to the other it ought to be used for power, light and heat. Look at the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Missouri on the other. That water floating past the state represents just that much energy ready to be converted into power, light or heat.

"Look at Keokuk and what they are trying to do. There is enough power to be obtained right at Keokuk to run every street car in the state of Iowa and light all the cities. Give this matter a little thought and anyone will at once be convinced of the enormity of the proposition. There ought to be organized a syndicate with millions of capital to build dams here and there along the rivers and supply the state with power and light.

"My attention was called to the matter by traveling about the state and seeing so many places where steam is being used when water power ought to be used. Look at this new electric line up to Fort Dodge. That line should be operated entirely from electricity from water power. This line is close to the Des Moines river most of the way. There at Frazier they have gone and erected a big fine power plant for steam. They have it there close to the source of coal supply. The plant is directly over the coal mine and the coal is hoisted from the ground and shoveled into the furnace without being transported. This is a very fine idea, but that power plant stands almost exactly where they ought to have a dam across the Des Moines river and get their power for next to nothing.

"Over at Peterson, Ia., there is a little mill dam running a mill. It is a waste of power, just when it ought to be lighting the streets of the town and furnishing electric heat possible for the homes. There is hardly an important town in the state but is on a river or close enough to a river that it could utilize the water power. It is not necessary that the dam be at the city. It can frequently be miles up or down the stream. There is the town of Ackley, a fine little town. It ought to get power and light from a dam either at Iowa Falls or Steamboat Rock.

"Iowa Dam Syndicate. There never was a proposition presented to me that seemed to have greater possibilities than this. If I was a man of wealth I would like nothing better than to invest in a syndicate to build dams all over Iowa. Iowa is full of good rivers. No need to name them. They are everywhere. Electric energy can be transmitted almost anywhere in the state, and can be transmitted across the entire state. But that is not needed, for here is the Mississippi on one side and the Missouri on the other and the Des Moines river in the middle, with any amount of other streams in between these.

"Des Moines is an excellent example of how money is going to waste down the river. The only use to which the Des Moines river is being put is by the Edison Light company. It uses it for electric light. Then there is enough energy in the river to run a mill for a month of the year. There is enough energy in the Des Moines river, if rightly used, to run every factory in town. A half mile below the Edison dam another dam could be constructed that would duplicate the amount of power from the Edison dam, and half a mile below that another could be constructed that would do the same thing over again, and still another could be constructed above the Edison dam. The Edison dam, furthermore, is not constructed to get the greatest amount of power possible from the stream at one point.

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Report on the Weeds. A preliminary report by the State Agricultural college at Ames on the prevalence of noxious weeds in the state of Iowa shows that unless strenuous efforts are made at once, it will cost the state of Iowa thousands of dollars to rescue the state from these weeds. Industrially, Iowa is barely a generation old, and in that time, and more especially in the last few years, weeds that are not native to the state, such as quack grass, burdock and cocklebur, wild mustard and the like, have spread over the state in some places it has cost farmers hundreds of dollars in efforts to kill out the weeds.

Furthermore, when they are killed out in the fields, they still thrive in the roadsides and the railroad right-of-way and spread back into the fields. In the preliminary report it is stated that 100 acres belonging to H. L. Emmert near Shelby, Ia., became infested with quack grass so badly that for one entire year he had to keep the greater part of it plowed under and continually cultivated with no crops. Later he was able to raise a crop of wheat on portions and corn on others, and by vigorous cultivation and by going over the worst portions of the land with forks and continually keeping the ground stirred, it was finally killed out of the farm.

Other farmers have been forced to cover great patches of their farms with tar paper to smother out weeds. Ragweed, morning glory and milkweed are native to Iowa, but cultivation of the land has caused them to spread and become more prevalent. The worst of the weeds, however, are those that have been imported by civilization by being spread in seeds that are sold for planting and by getting started along the railroad tracks and highways. They spread by being washed about by melting snows and running streams.

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Our clubbing announcement for the coming season is without a doubt the cheapest and best ever offered, either by a publisher or subscription agent, and contains several combinations at less than one-half the regular price. We have been careful to select Magazines and Periodicals that we can recommend as being reliable, interesting and the best in their particular line. Many of them are the largest sellers at news stands and book stores.

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We suggest that you take advantage of these offers with as little delay as possible, as they may be withdrawn at any time.

Advertisement for magazine subscriptions, listing various titles like 'The Twentieth Century Farmer', 'The Twentieth Century Home Journal', and 'The Twentieth Century Boy' with prices and special offers.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

Quaint and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

Come On—There will be a dance at the hall Saturday night—North Loup Loyalist.

Dedication of Fine Structure Erected by the Methodists.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The opening and dedication of a magnificent new church in this city yesterday marks a great stride in the advancement of Methodism in the middle west.

At a cost of \$100,000 the present building has been completed. It is built of rock-faced white sandstone, trimmed with Bedford limestone. The architecture is Gothic of the fifteenth century.

A Snag—Right in the midst of an unusual rush of job work this week our big Gordon jobber suddenly, and without the least warning, stopped. It balked without any apparent cause. Nothing was broken and nothing was out of repair.

GLASSWORKERS KEEP UP FIGHT

Funds Being Raised to Carry Up Case Involving the Life of the Organization.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the executive board of the National Window Glass Workers held last night, it was decided to fight the recent decision of Judge Phillips, in common pleas court, which resulted in the dissolution of the old union, the Amalgamated Window Glass Workers of America, of which the National Window Glass Workers are the successors.

It was stated by President A. L. Faulner that funds for the purpose of carrying the fight to the higher courts, had been donated by organized labor from all parts of the country. The fight, he said, would be waged upon the theory that the decision was a blow at organized labor. Judge Phillips dissolved the union upon the grounds that the principles were in restraint of trade.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

Advertisement for 'Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna' by California Fig Syrup Co., describing its benefits for constipation and as a laxative.

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COAL LAND VALUES NOT FIXED

Oklahoma Commission Says Sufficient Facts Are Not as Yet Available.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 10.—The report of the commission authorized to inquire into the extent and value of the segregated coal and asphalt lands belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nation, looking towards their purchase by the state, will be submitted to the state legislature within a few days.

All the Latest Improvements—The galvanizing iron lining of the baptistry in the old Christian church proved to be unsatisfactory when placed in the new church. It was, therefore, taken out and lined with sheet zinc.

Look It Up Right Away—One of Gresham's citizens looked through the Bible to find scripture to justify him in using tobacco, and he found but one passage. It is in the last chapter of Revelations, and is the second sentence of the sixteenth verse.

Vienna Denies Report of Friction With Its Neighbor, Russia.

VIENNA, Feb. 10.—The foreign office today denied the report that the Russian ambassador to Austria-Hungary, Prince Gurosoff, had been recalled by his government. The ambassador is staying along in years, and is in delicate health, and has received permission to go home or to some southern resort as soon as the weather and his health permit him to travel.

A Burning Shame.

It is not to have Buckle's Arnica Salve to cure Burns, sores, piles, cuts, wounds and ulcers. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

S.S. OF SCROFULA

One of the unchangeable laws of nature is that "like shall beget like." Parents who are related by the ties of blood, or who have a congestive tendency, or other family blood taint are sure to transmit it to their children in the form of Scrofula. Swollen glands, brittle bones, weak eyes, hip disease, pale, waxey complexions, sickly bodies, running sores and ulcers, etc., are the usual manifestations of the disease.