

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Office 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

MINOR MENTION.

Wanted—Two carriers to carry The Bee, Omaha, 15 Scott street, weekly.

Excelsior Masonic lodge will meet in regular communication this evening.

Oak Leaf camp, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet in regular session this evening.

The meeting of the Board of Public Utility Trustees last evening was devoted to the allowing of the usual list of bills and regular routine business.

The funeral of Mrs. F. H. Hunt will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, 1725 High street, and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

J. C. Jenkins, a contractor and builder of Greenfield, Mass., is the guest of Councilman Hollinger, through honor from Colorado Springs, where he spent the winter.

Rev. Henry DeLong performed the marriage ceremony, Saturday, for Madison C. Green and Leona Rowe, both of Omaha, and Joe Indovina and Kestie Coon, both of Lincoln, Neb.

M. Gillman, who attempted to end his life a few days ago by the carbolic acid route, was said by City Physician Rice yesterday to be entirely recovered from the effects of the poison.

In the district court yesterday in the divorce suit of John C. Lindsay against Mary E. Lindsay, the wife was granted the decree on her cross petition on grounds of cruelty and intemperance.

Leland Charles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minton, 218 Sixth avenue, died yesterday morning.

The work of replastering, repairing and repainting the rooms of the Commercial club in the Woodbury building was begun yesterday. Secretary Reed expects it will be a week or ten days before he can again receive visit.

An Easter prize carnival in this city is certainly a new thing to Council Bluffs people. Judging from the large crowds of people who have gathered at the company's yard and partook of the delicate luncheon served and listened to a fine colored orchestra.

M. Saltzman and Jacob Stein, rival feed and junk dealers, are at odds. The latter will have a hearing in Justice Coopers court today on a charge of disturbing the peace, preferred by Saltzman, who will have a hearing in week court this morning on a like charge filed by Stein.

George Bowers, a car checker in the employ of the Rock Island railroad, was arrested yesterday charged with breaking and entering a car in the company's local yards. The information was filed by Special Agent John C. of the Rock Island, in preliminary hearing in week court this morning in police court.

The meeting of the local insurance agents to have been held tomorrow to make further arrangements for the state convention to be held in this city in June, has been postponed on account of the fact that the rooms of the Commercial club are undergoing repairs. The meeting will probably be held some days next week.

PROF. CLIFFORD IS RE-ELECTED

Vote Stands Four for Him and Three for McLean.

Prof. Wesley N. Clifford was re-elected superintendent of the public schools of Council Bluffs at the adjourned meeting of the Board of Education last night.

On the vote being announced Member Reed demanded a roll call which resulted in Members Tinley, Schoedsack, Shugart, and Elliott voting for Mr. Clifford, and Members Reed, Capell and Killpack for McLean.

Mr. Clifford has served several years as superintendent of the city schools, and prior to that was principal of the high school for two years.

The board spent some time discussing the kind of brick to be used in the construction of the new school house on Avenue E, but failed to reach any decision and the matter was referred back to the committee on buildings and grounds to wrestle with again.

The board adjourned to the regular meeting in May.

Contract for Y. M. C. A. Foundation.

The contract for the foundation of the Young Men's Christian association building at the corner of First avenue and South Seventh street was awarded yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the association to C. C. Norgaard on his bid of \$2,480.

Mr. Norgaard agreed to commence work at once, and expects to complete the foundation in from three to four weeks.

The other bidders were: Niels Jensen, \$2,750; Wickham Bros., \$2,750; D. A. Ender, \$3,150; Forbes-Greene Construction company, Omaha, \$2,825.

The contract calls only for the construction of the foundation, comprising excavation, brick and cement work. The plans for the remainder of the building, which it is hoped to have completed by autumn, are being prepared by F. E. Cox, the architect, and will soon be ready for the inspection of prospective bidders.

Easter Illus. Herman Bros., 10 Pearl St., Phones, Ind. 64 Black, Bell 53.

STATEMENT OF CITY'S DEBT

Treasurer True Responds to Request of Mayor Maloney.

BONDS OVER THE LIMIT NOW Proposed Change in the Law Would Permit the Issue of a Little Over Six Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Mayor Maloney brought disappointment to a number of candidates for appointive positions under the new administration by failing to announce at the meeting of the city council last night his remaining appointments. After the meeting the mayor stated that one appointment being still up in the air, so to speak, he had decided to hold all over until he was ready to clean the entire slate. He expects, however, to announce all of the remaining appointments on or before the meeting of the council next Monday night.

The delay is said to be due to a contest over the appointment of city physician.

City Treasurer True, in compliance with the request of Mayor Maloney, contained in his inaugural message, submitted a statement relative to the finances of the city and the ability of the municipality to float bonds for the construction of a water works system. The report follows:

Statement of Treasurer. The assessed valuation of all property within the city for 1907 upon which we collect the tax in 1908 is as follows:

Real estate \$2,800,000.00 Personal property 184,135.00 Railroad property 451,125.00 Express companies 1,241.00 Telephone companies 10,231.00 Telegraph companies 2,301.00

Total assessed valuation \$3,439,632.00 The constitutional limit of indebtedness is \$2,500,000. Our indebtedness at this date is as follows:

Municipal Bonds \$49,000.00 Loan 118,000.00 Loan 45,000.00 Loan 30,000-\$17,000.00 Intersection Bonds 388,000.00 Paving 8,000-\$85,000.00 Sewer 8,000-\$85,000.00

Total \$826,000.00 We have on hand funds applicable to the reduction of this debt to the approximate amount of \$212,000, which would make our net debt at this time \$614,000, or 24.5 per cent of our 1907 constitutional limit.

Although our debt is in excess of our constitutional limit none of our bonds are being sold for reasons which would be incurred our assessed valuation was much larger than now and undoubtedly sufficient to cover the indebtedness when we have under collection further funds which during the coming year will reduce this debt one year from now to a net amount of \$200,000, and it is hoped that by that time our valuation will be raised sufficient to make our indebtedness within the constitutional limit.

If the law is such that we can incur an indebtedness equal to 5 per cent of the actual assessed valuation of the city for the purpose of building a waterworks, and I understand this inquiry from Mayor Maloney, the amount of this indebtedness would be \$171,952. Deducting from this amount the present net debt of \$614,000 it would leave a balance of \$442,048 that would be available to apply upon the purchase or building of a waterworks system so far as a bond issue is concerned. In addition to this we have in the water works sinking fund \$142,000, and the additional sum of \$5,000 in our waterworks sinking fund, which one year from now would, with the amount available at this date, give us \$631,048.

Statement of City Funds. City Auditor McAneny submitted a report for the fiscal year ending March 31 as to the general fund from which the amounts for the maintenance of the several city departments are appropriated. The report shows that nearly all of the appropriations were exceeded and that only two had small balances left, namely that for the engineer's department, which had a balance of \$125.30 and that for printing and supplies which had \$234.44 expended. The overdrafts will be met out of the contingent fund.

The following shows the amounts appropriated and the amounts expended for each department:

Amount Year. Appropriation. Executive Dept. \$10,000.00 Police and Marshal's Dept. 25,750.00 Street and Alley 10,558.40

Fire and Police Telephone 2,625.29 Engineer's Dept. 4,574.10 Printing and Supplies 2,575.00 City Fund 600.00 Elections 2,534.92 1,000.00

Eleven transfers, aggregating \$30,321.31.

Y. M. C. A. Program. The meeting of the Forum this evening at the Young Men's Christian association headquarters, 125 South Main street, will be open to women as well as men.

Secretary Curtis has arranged the following program, which will be commenced at 7:45 o'clock.

General singing of popular songs. Travelogue, "The Royal Gorge," Earl Anderson.

Current news of week, Everett Wright. Selection by orchestra, "The Taft Banquet," Louise Orcutt. Original poem, Virgil Abbott.

Vocal solo, "The Royal Gorge," by the orchestra. Original story, "Making of Men," Lester Schiopp. Music by orchestra.

Improvement Club Meeting. A special meeting of the West Council Bluffs Improvement club at the Dub building on Broadway and Thirty-fifth street, has been called for this evening for the purpose of considering the establishment of the grade on Avenue A west of Twenty-eighth street, and the lowering of the street car tracks to conform to the grade. City Engineer Etny has promised to be present.

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN. A Certain Relief for Feverishness, Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Stomach Troubles, Teething, Colic, and all the ailments of Infants.

Trade Mark. Beware of cheap imitations. Sold by all druggists. Wholesale, A. S. OLSTED, La. Roy, N. Y.

Water Service Wanted. A request for the extension of water service to Angle and Commercial avenues was referred to the committee on water works.

Ed Rogers & Son were granted a permit to conduct a saloon at 518 West Broadway. The bonds of several of the members of the police force and other city officials were approved.

The councilmen were notified to bring in on or before May 1 the lists of new sidewalks desired in their respective wards.

Chairman Younkerman of the fire and light committee was given authority to sell one of the fire department horses.

Announcement was made that the city assessor had his assessment books ready and the council will begin sitting as a board of equalization tonight.

ADJUSTMENT OF CUMMINS CLUB

Members of the Cummins club in town knew of the Cummins meeting it being secret. J. S. Harlin was elected president, a vice president was selected for each ward in town. C. B. Clovis, clerk of the district court, was named for secretary and Albert Johnson for treasurer.

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SENATORIAL FIGHT IN EARNEST

CUMMINS AND ALLISON MEN BUSY IN CAS COUNTY.

ATLANTIC, Ia., April 14.—(Special.)—The senatorial campaign is on in this county in earnest now, and both the Allison and Cummins forces are well organized so far as the town is concerned, and at largely attended meetings held in two different halls last night, plans were made by both factions to organize the county. Only Cummins members of the Cummins club in town knew of the Cummins meeting it being secret. J. S. Harlin was elected president, a vice president was selected for each ward in town. C. B. Clovis, clerk of the district court, was named for secretary and Albert Johnson for treasurer.

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HONOR PLACES GO BEGGING

Few Candidates Filing for Offices to Which No Salary Attaches.

ELECTORS COME IN THIS CLASS Only Ten More Days in Which to Circulate Petitions and Have Names Placed on the Primary Ballots.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DER MOINES, April 14.—(Special.)—Political jobs that it is counted a great honor to fill are going begging in Iowa this year. Jobs which the founders of the republic considered the most important in the gift of the nation are without a candidate.

The primary election law provides that presidential electors shall be nominated by the voters in the primary election to be held June 2 and there remains only ten days in which candidates can file their papers with the secretary of state and yet there is not a candidate in the state for republican presidential elector-at-large and candidates from only three or four of the congressional districts. The democrats have not a candidate out for any of these offices.

There are to be selected one elector from each congressional district and two at large from the state. In the democratic party the situation is still worse, for many of the congressional districts have no candidates for congress and have several vacancies on the state ticket. For a state office nomination papers must be circulated in at least ten counties and ten days is barely time enough to do it. The law provides that if there are vacancies remaining after the time for filing papers has expired the central committees of the parties can fill these by nominations.

When the primary election law was under debate in the legislature it was asserted that minority parties would have difficulty in getting candidates for the positions, especially when the compensation was small or amounted only to "honor." This claim has proven true. The republicans are having no trouble in getting candidates for positions that carry emoluments. The state central committees will meet immediately after the time for filing has expired and fill all vacancies.

Nomination Papers Filed. J. U. Williams, Plymouth county state senator for the position now filled by John L. Blakely of Ida county, Blakely is a candidate for state auditor. Sammis has pledged himself to stand by the results of the vote at large on United States senator.

Nomination papers were filed with Secretary of State Hayward today by the following: Willoughby E. of Pottawattamie county for representative on the republican ticket, G. H. Schulte for democratic representative from Clatsop county, H. S. Brown for republican representative from Lyon county, Thor Hanson for republican representative from Hamilton county, Edward C. Thompson for republican representative from Benton, Nelson L. Hood for democratic representative from Hamilton county, E. H. Cunningham for republican representative from Buena Vista, Hiram Howell for republican representative from Cedar, E. C. Perkins for republican representative from Delaware, Frank T. Swearingen for republican representative from state senator from Marshall county.

Cummins' Date for Sioux City. Governor Cummins and ex-Speaker George Clarke will address a meeting in Sioux City the first week in May. Governor Cummins will spend this week in the First and Sixth congressional districts.

Ministers Approve State University. At an executive session of the Ministerial association this morning a letter was formulated to President MacLean of the State University, in which the entire body, in the letter the Ministerial association declared its highest regard for the State university and stated that the report in which they were accredited with calling the university a "nest of infidels" was grossly exaggerated.

Soldiers Observe Anniversary. On April 15, the tenth anniversary of the calling of the Iowa troops into the service of the United States for the Spanish-American war the flags carried by these regiments will be placed in steel cases in the state house with appropriate ceremonies. The flags will remain in the cases probably for good, when in fact it is not in the position he has held for four years. The demand is made under the soldiers preference law. Mayor Mattha claimed that Jones had filed his application like the others and it has been so acted upon. Judge Spurrier gave notice that he would fight it through the courts.

Will Fight for Place. Judge W. H. Spurrier appeared before the city council today as the attorney for J. W. Jones and asked that the action of the council be annulled. Mr. Jones was re-elected and that Mr. Jones be retained in the position he has held for four years. The demand is made under the soldiers preference law. Mayor Mattha claimed that Jones had filed his application like the others and it has been so acted upon. Judge Spurrier gave notice that he would fight it through the courts.

Omaha Youth in Trouble. Clarence Hahn, a young man whose home is said to be in Omaha, is behind the bars of the city jail charged with attempting to entice away a 15-year-old girl, named Mabel Hayden. The arrest was made on complaint of the girl's mother. The girl has for some time past been employed at the Pennington Hotel, in Omaha, where Hahn became acquainted with her. It is alleged that Hahn endeavored to induce the girl to go to Kansas City with him.

Orders for New Bartender. Major G. H. Richmond, chief of police, yesterday morning ordered the saloon of S. P. Sorenson at 533 South Main street, closed until the proprietor provided himself with a new bartender. Peter Brandie, I know upon looking into the facts of the case, yesterday morning charged with disorderly conduct and was fined \$20 and costs. Brandie became involved in an altercation with a customer Saturday night in the saloon and the noise attracted a considerable crowd about the entrance to the place. Brandie was placed under arrest by Patrolman Gillespie after the latter, it is alleged had made a gun play.

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