

# CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

## COUNCIL BLUFFS

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### ONE BID FOR WATER WORKS

Wickham Only One Who Submits Proposal for the Entire Plant.

### ABOVE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

Plans Submitted and Approved for the New Central Fire Station—Wickham Stands by Proposal to Erect Building.

But one complete bid for the construction of the proposed municipal water works plant was received yesterday. This was from E. A. Wickham of this city, whose bid aggregated \$611,536. The Alphonse Custodis Construction company of New York City submitted four bids for the construction of the chimney of the power plant, the figures ranging from \$2,950 to \$3,500. The bids were referred to the city engineer and the committee on water works for tabulation, without discussion.

Mr. Wickham's bid in detail is as follows:

Pumping station.....	\$117,500
Settling basins.....	\$9,750
Distribution system.....	\$28,750
High pressure reservoir.....	\$27,500
Relaying pavement.....	\$1,750
Real estate.....	\$5,000
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It will be seen that Mr. Wickham's bid is considerably higher than the city engineer's estimate. To Mr. Wickham's \$611,536 must be added the \$3,000 for real estate and the \$50,000 for financing and they would bring his total to \$664,536.

While Mr. Etnyre estimated \$5,000 for real estate, the general opinion is that the ground for a pumping station, settling basins and high pressure reservoir could not be bought for anything less than \$5,000. The probable cost of the necessary real estate is placed as high as \$20,000.

The presence of several supposed contractors and representatives of contracting firms in the city led the city officials to expect several bids. It turned out, however, that the supposed contractors were merely representatives of supply firms and that they were here to furnish figures to Mr. Wickham.

City Treasurer True in his report on the city finances relative to the issuance of bonds for the construction of a water works plant submitted to the council in the early part of last month said:

If the law is such that we can incur an indebtedness of 5 per cent of the actual value of our taxable property for the purpose of building a water works plant, it would be to the advantage of the city to issue bonds for \$1,000,000, and 5 per cent of this amount would be \$50,000.

Deducting from this amount the present net debt of \$250,000, it would leave a balance of \$225,000 available for the purpose of applying to the purchase or building of a water works system so far as a bond issue is concerned.

The city has plenty of rock on hand as well as the necessary hammers for breaking it up. Further supplies of rock and hammers will be procured if needed.

"The presence of these men is a menace to the community," said Major Richmond. "They have no work and would not work if given employment. They must eat to live and most of them live merely to eat. To secure food they must either beg or steal and they do both. I have determined to take stringent measures to rid Council Bluffs as far as practicable of this class of men. The officers will make regular roundups of the railroad yards and other places where the hoboes and tramps congregate and they will be given regular employment on the rock pile. As soon as it becomes generally known that the rock pile swarms them in Council Bluffs, the tramps, I believe will give this city a wide berth or at least will not make it a 'stop-over' place."

The city council last night authorized Major Richmond to employ three additional policemen for a stated period. These special officers will be assigned to the task of rounding up the tramps.

**Waterloo to Have Convention.**  
WATERLOO, Ia., May 19.—(Special.)—Waterloo is to entertain the state republican convention June 24, and the committee on arrangements has appointed the various committees, and in co-operation with the citizens every detail will, before the date, be in perfect adjustment. The committee appointed a week ago, consisting of W. W. Marsh, W. F. Parrott, C. W. Mullan, S. B. Reed and J. E. Williams, has outlined the

### CUMMINS PLAYS BIG CARD

Meeting at Des Moines Intended to Offset the Dilliver Rally.

### OUT FOR PROUTY AGAINST HULL

Taxation Reform League Planning for an Active Campaign as Soon as the Primaries Are Out the War.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
DES MOINES, May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The widely advertised Cummins' meeting and probably the last big meeting for either side to be held in Des Moines this campaign, was held tonight in the auditorium, which was well filled. D. C. Chase of Webster City, Attorney General Byers of Harlan, Judge Prouty and Governor Cummins of Des Moines were the speakers. Judge Prouty, who is a candidate for congress against Captain Hull, paid some special attention to Senator Dilliver and the railroad rate question, and attempted to prove that every year the Interstate Commerce commission in its report asked for legislation to reduce the rates because, he alleged, Dilliver was asleep on the question. He pointed out that though in every congressional campaign it is claimed that a new congressman cannot get appropriations for his district, yet the congress now in session has given Dan Hamilton, a democrat and congressman from the sixth district, a larger appropriation for that district than for any other district in Iowa.

In the campaigns that have passed Governor Cummins has been friendly to but has never taken the stump for Prouty. Tonight for the first time, and that in opening his remarks, he advocated Prouty's election. His speech was devoted mainly to the legislation enacted since he has been governor and declared that he had not said and would not say a word during the campaign against the character of Allison.

**Reform in Taxation.**  
Iowa will go deep into the question of taxation as soon as the primary election is over with and between that and the convening of the legislature next January the Iowa Tax Revision association will have speakers visit each of the principal cities of the state and discuss the subject of a revision of the taxation and assessment laws. The association is now arranging these dates and is in communication with the business men of Des Moines in the hope of arranging some to have a speaker visit this city.

The business men of Des Moines have already become interested in the matter themselves and have met to discuss the subject of a revision of the laws. The revision of the assessment laws of Ohio so far as to put Cleveland on an ideal basis so far as taxes were concerned, come to this city and deliver an address upon the subject some time in about three months.

There is already a strong sentiment in Des Moines and elsewhere in the state, especially in the larger cities, to have the laws revised so that there will be no taxation of monies and credits and mortgages. When the legislature met in 1907 there was an effort made by the business men of Sioux City, through their representatives in the legislature, to get this change made and when they failed an attempt was made to get the appointment of a tax revision commission. This failed also and members of the legislature with some city officials formed "Iowa Tax Revision Association," with the avowed purpose of securing from the legislature a revision commission and ultimate revision of the laws. Political campaigns have been occupying the public mind, but following the primary election on June 2 an effort will be made to have speakers address the commercial clubs of the various cities and the organizations with the view to agitating for sentiment in favor of revision.

**Agnes Keating Dies.**  
Miss Agnes Keating, the 17-year-old high school girl of this city, who disappeared and was found by her parents only after she had been badly burned at St. Catherine's hospital here last night. The girl died after a long illness and it was afterwards learned by her folks that she went to Omaha. She returned but instead of going home went to St. Catherine's home, a boarding place, where it is claimed she accidentally set fire to her clothes, while curling her hair.

Three candidates are in the field for the position of commander of the Iowa department of the Grand Army of the Republic. They are ex-Lieutenant Governor Millman Logan, Hon. J. C. McDonald of Bayard and Hon. H. A. Dyer of Merrick county. The annual encampment will be held next month.

**Head to Sioux City.**  
Articles of incorporation of the Des Moines and Sioux City Railroad company have been filed with the secretary of state with a capitalization of \$20,000. The object of the company is to build an electric railroad from Des Moines to Sioux City. S. M. Elwood is president of the company. The other officers are: M. H. Miller, vice president; A. O. Anderson, secretary; E. N. Bailey, treasurer. The board of directors are J. H. LaGrange, W. C. Edson, A. C. Martin, C. B. Hopper, M. A. Miller, H. H. Felge and S. M. Elwood.

**Storm Spells May Festival.**  
AMES, Ia., May 19.—(Special.)—As a result of the heavy rainstorm, which passed over Ames Friday afternoon, the May day festival, which had been so long in the making and which had been looked forward to with so much expectation by the students, was out of the question. It has begun, however, a few of the numbers were given before the rain came and were witnessed by a great crowd of spectators seated about the beautiful campus. Miss Lillian Storms was the May queen, and as she issued forth from Margaret hall and came across the campus under the richly made canopy which was upheld by her beautiful attendants, accompanied by scores of pretty May maidens dressed in gorgeous colors, she presented a most charming picture. Indeed, the festival was given in honor of the "Senoritas," the May queen being one of their number. The Ames campus affords a very pretty place for such festivals, especially at this time of the year, when the trees are all in leaf and the flowers are blooming among the fresh green grass of the campus, and it is to be regretted that the exercises could not have been completed, especially after the careful preparation which had been made to make the occasion such an attractive one.

**Chicago Boy Hurt in Creston.**  
CRESTON, Ia., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter Dunham, a 14-year-old Chicago boy, lies in the hospital here with a fractured leg resulting from attempting to board an eastbound freight train. In company with another boy he had beaten his way from Chicago to Omaha and back here when the accident occurred.

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### NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

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

A Base Slander.—We never did believe the story that Gentleman George D. Melkies wore a corset, but if he does, and if the report is true that he is soon to join the benedictines, he will soon be buying them two in a box.—Elgin Review.

Well, Really, What Does the Editor Refer To?—We have faith in Beaver City and faith in her people. And we have faith that we will all be on the next graft that comes along. "Now is the time to subscribe."—Beaver City Times-Tribune.

EX-MAYOR SHOOT BURGLAR  
Former Official of Terre Haute, Ind., Kills Negro Who Was Frying Open Window of His Home.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 19.—Ex-Mayor Edwin J. Bidaman late tonight shot and killed a negro who, it is alleged, was attempting to gain an entrance into Bidaman's home at Sixth street and Maple avenue for the purpose of robbery. Mr. Bidaman was aroused by a noise upon investigation found one of the windows being pried open by some unknown person, whereupon he drew a revolver and killed the intruder. The dead man has not been identified.

EPOCH IN IRRIGATION WORK  
Government Provides Agent to Direct Best Land for Prospective Purchasers.

A representative of the government will meet your party at Powell, Wyo., and give them all the information possible concerning the government irrigation work.

It Will Not Down.—The old rivalry between Grand Island and Hastings, of which there had been little sign of late, has broken out in an unexpected manner. A Hastings man married a wife at Omaha. Returning home by way of Grand Island, the Hastings man and his wife stopped for the night at the latter place. The groom went out on a business errand and when he returned the bride was gone and could not be found, although several suspects were searched. It is clearly up to Grand Island to clear her skirts. Good natured rivalry is admissible always, but it should

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Following his victim half way across the continent with an alleged assignment of wages, F. A. Newton, chattel loan man of Oakland, Cal., has secured a default judgment in district court against John R. Holley, formerly an engineer for the Bemis-Omaha Bag company, and Holley, in an attempt to get away from the exactions of the money loaner, has left Omaha. The judgment against him was secured without any defense on his part. The Bemis-Omaha Bag company was originally a party to the suit, but as it showed fight the case against it was dropped and judgment taken against Holley.

Holly until recently worked on a through lining car between here and San Francisco. Becoming hard pressed for cash, he borrowed, according to his story, \$12 from Newton, signing a number of blank salary assignments as security. He says he after-

ward paid back \$4. Then he came to Omaha and went to work for the Bemis-Omaha Bag company. Not long ago the company received a salary assignment which had been signed by Holly in blank, the name of the firm having been filled in later. Accompanying it was a letter demanding \$48. No attention was paid to the salary assignment, and through T. W. Blackburn, his attorney, Newton began suit in Justice Cokrell's court. Judgment was rendered in favor of Newton there and the case was carried to the district court, where it was dismissed as to the Bemis company.

In the meantime, Holly had thrown up his job and left the city. He was not present in court to defend against the action and judgment was rendered by default. The Bemis company threatened to make it a test case and this was the reason the case against it was dropped.

### THE HIGH INSTEP

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Mr. Deaver left Tuesday for the Big Horn Basin country with a party of forty-five prospective settlers who go to look over the newly irrigated sections.

"O'Neill has a new industry which is keeping quite a number of men busy," said Mr. Deaver, who returned Monday from O'Neill. "Daniel Burr, who formerly lived in Omaha, is now located at O'Neill and has a cement block factory which has more business than it can do. Located on the railroad near a gravel pit, Mr. Burr is making cement blocks for all sorts of purposes and they are being used in that section of the country in place of lumber, being cheaper. He has orders ahead sufficient to keep his plant going for seven months."

The homeseekers train for the southwest on the Rock Island left Omaha in two sections Tuesday.

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