

COUNCIL OF THE WEST FROM IOWA. COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockert sells carpets and rugs. Expert watch repairing. Leffert, 609 B'way. For rent, 6-room house, 715 Sixth avenue.

TELEPHONE FIGHT UP AGAIN

Independent Operators of Southwestern Iowa to Meet in Council Bluffs.

ARE SEEKING A TERMINAL IN THIS CITY

Call for the Meeting is Signed by a Large Number of Independent Companies—Sequel of Recent Meeting in Chicago.

A convention of the independent telephone companies in southwestern Iowa will be held in Council Bluffs at the Grand hotel, Tuesday, December 23. The call for the meeting is signed by the following: George E. Atkinson, Creston Mutual Telephone company; B. P. Babson, Conway Telephone company; H. W. Cuthall, Shelby Telephone company; J. F. Glenn, Crawford County Telephone company; P. C. Holdoegel, Central Telephone company; J. W. Huff, Monona Telephone company; F. R. Musson, Musson Bros. Telephone company; H. A. Kinney and M. A. Reed, secretary Woodbine Telephone company.

CLEARING UP OF OLD CASES

Supreme Court to Hold Special Term to Pass on Pending Litigation.

INSURANCE MEN ARE MUCH EXERCISED

Swamp Land Controversy Breaks Out in a New Place—Vote of Woodward to Run for Candidate for Postmaster.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The special term of the Iowa supreme court for clearing up the business of the year will begin next Tuesday. It will not be a submission term, but one in which there will be decisions rendered on cases already submitted. An unusual large number of important cases were submitted at the October term of the court and many of these will be decided. Among the criminal cases now in the hands of the court are those of C. C. Baird, convicted of murder at Keokuk; Jack Phillips, convicted of murder at Ottumwa; A. M. Hunter, convicted of murder in Ringgold county; Jerome W. Hoot, convicted of using dynamite in Blackhawk county; J. W. Sale, murder case from Page county; and the case involving the hanging of Lewis Brooks and Albert Phillips from Buena Vista county, who are under sentence of death for murder. The big Monona county ditch case, which has been before the court in various forms for many years, may be decided finally. The cases involving the right of the state of Iowa to tax the cigarette business to death in Iowa is also in the hands of the court and may be decided. There will be no change in the personnel of the court with the close of the year, but the members desire to have the work all cleared out of the way.

HEADQUARTERS TO BE MOVED

Keokuk & Western Railroad to Be Operated from St. Joseph After January 1.

KEOKUK, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The headquarters of the Keokuk and Western Railroad company will be moved to St. Joseph on January 1.

WILL BE BITTERLY CONTESTED.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Selleck will case in the district court of Wright county will probably go to the supreme court for a decision. The contest grows out of two wills, one of which is dated a year later than the other. The judge held that the first will offered, which was the one bearing the latest date, should be admitted to probate, and the jury held that the will made a year prior to the other should be admitted. The contest is grounded on the statement that in the execution of the later will the decedent was mentally incapable of making a will. A motion for a new trial has been filed and whatever the ruling of the court the contest under the case will be appealed to the supreme court for adjustment.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Aetna Insurance company has issued a warrant for the arrest of W. F. Burke, a solicitor for it, whom it charges with embezzlement of funds collected. Burke is a one-armed man with a family. The officers have been unable to locate him. He is also wanted by the Citizens National bank for drawing checks on it for small amounts, ranging from \$1 to \$5, and cashing them with merchants here and at Waterloo, when he had no money on deposit.

ONAWA'S NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Tomorrow the new Methodist church building just completed, at a cost of \$10,000, will be dedicated with appropriate services. Bishop J. W. Hamilton of San Francisco will preach the dedicatory sermon. The first Methodist services in Monona county were held at Ashton in 1856 by Rev. William Black in a log tavern, while a euchre game was in progress in the loft above.

IOWA BOY DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Russell Annibal, 11 years of age, was drowned in the Cedar river while skating. Two companions, who went through the ice, were rescued.

FIGHTS FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Union Pacific Railroad Seeks Injunction Against Kansas City & Topeka.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—In the common pleas court in Kansas City, Kan., today Judge Holt took under advisement the injunction suit brought by the Union Pacific to prevent the Kansas City & Topeka railway from condemning a part of the old Union Pacific right-of-way in the Kaw valley.

BALTIMORE, DE. 12.—THE BALTIMORE

Ohio will fix a schedule of increased wages for employees next Monday. The increase will not be horizontal or uniform, as in some instances there may be a rise of 40 per cent and in others much less, while in some there will be no increase at all. During the last year the Baltimore & Ohio salary list has been increased \$75,000 a year.

BLAME BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Juryman Hold Lincoln Hotel Disaster Resulted from Pure Negligence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The inquest over the Lincoln hotel fire victims resulted in a verdict tonight, placing the blame on the owner and agents of the building, the proprietor of the hotel and the city building department.

SUN LIFE DIES TOMORROW

Transfers Business to Metropolitan of New York, Thus Committing Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.—The transfer of the business of the Sun Life Insurance company of this city to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York was completed today, when the stockholders of the Sun Life ratified the action of the directors and the head officers of the company in transferring its business to the Metropolitan. The Sun Life consequently goes out of business on Monday.

CALL ALLEGED FAKE LABEL

Philadelphia Paper Sues Its Own Correspondent and Gets Judge to Issue Warrant.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 13.—A warrant was issued this evening for William H. Draper, who is charged by the Philadelphia North American with imposing on that paper a story which accused White Buffalo, an Indian of Darlington, Okl., with three separate murders.

BIG STRIKE IS THREATENED

Six Thousand Electric Workers at Schenectady May Quit on Monday.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A committee appointed by the machinery building section of the Trades assembly waited on G. E. Emmons, general manager of the General Electric works in this city, to demand the reinstatement of Edward Utting, secretary of the Trades assembly, business agent of the Schenectady Association and third vice president of the Allied Metal Mechanics, who had been discharged on the allegation that he had been away from his work for nine days without the consent of his foreman.

BATTLESHIP NEEDS REPAIRS

Wisconsin Sails for Bremerton Navy Yard on Puget Sound for Overhauling.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The battleship Wisconsin, recently arrived from Panama, is to sail next Tuesday for Bremerton navy yard, on Puget Sound, for minor repairs made and receive a cleaning.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Mother is Sent to Hospital and is Said to Be Insane Through Grief.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Three girls, aged 2, 4 and 7 years, children of Louis Smith, a negro, were burned to death today in a sixteenth street tenement house.

BICYCLE RIDERS ARE INJURED

Barclay and McFarland so Badly Hurt that They Are Obligated to Withdraw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Today saw the spills in the bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, and Barclay and McFarland received injuries which made it necessary for their partners to leave the course at 1 o'clock.

FREES FEMALE STAGE ROBBER

Governor Pardons Woman Who Held Up Coach Three Years Ago.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Pearl Hart, the female stage robber, was paroled by Governor Brodie today on recommendation of the Board of Control and the Prison board.

HARVARD MEN HOLD MEETING

Associated Clubs Dispose of Routine Business and Then Hear Speeches.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—The sixth annual meeting of the Associated Harvard Clubs was held here today.

ILLINOIS MEN FIGHT DUEL

Eight Revolver Shots Send One Man to Hospital and Another to Jail.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 13.—Roy Colson and Leaders Parker fought with revolvers tonight in the highway near Atlanta, Ill. Eight shots were fired. Parker was hit five times and will probably die in the arm.

RAPID FIRE GUNS ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A contract for the manufacture of thirty fifteen-pound rapid fire guns and mounts has been awarded to the Bethlehem Steel works at \$3,300 for guns and mount. The only other bid received was from the American and British Ordnance company at a slightly higher figure.

GETS DAMAGE A SECOND TIME.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—For the second time Fred Pfeiffer has obtained damages in his suit against the New York baseball club. A jury before Justice Denno in the supreme court today returned a verdict in favor of the once great second baseman.

WILL AID RISE SHOOTING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Colonel Sanger, assistant secretary of war, this afternoon BELFAST, Dec. 12.—The visiting Canadian team in their first foot ball match today defeated the Ulster eleven by a score of 12-0, with one touchdown to a goal and one touchdown.

GERMAN SOCIALIST HELDS REICHTAG FROM VOTING ON TARIFF.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—In the Reichstag today Herr von Buelow opened the discussion on the third reading of the tariff bill, saying that the allied governments had agreed on the bill as it passed its second reading and would accept the abolition of the municipal octrois now that the date of its taking effect had been fixed for 1910.

SESSION BEATS RECORD FOR LENGTH

Member Retaliates on Colleagues for Holding House While Party Meetings Were Held at Which He Was Speaker.

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WANTS GENERALS TO TESTIFY

Major Accused of Cruelty to Filipino Summons Chaffee and Smith.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—Majors Walte and Dodds will defend Major Glenn at a court-martial for alleged orders issued during the Samar campaign.

DEWEY ANNOUNCES PLANS

Arranges Evolutions, Mimic Blockade and Return by Auxiliary Vessels.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 13.—Admiral Dewey is conferring with the squadron commanders regarding the impending evolutions.

SOCIALISTS ALONE WORTHY

German Professor Arraigns Reichstag Parties for Political Shortcomings.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Prof. Mommsen published today in Die Nation an article on the political situation, which he characterizes as a "selfish alliance between Squirearchy and priestocracy."

QUEEN WILL DINE WIDOWS

Marka Sympathy for Dead Soldiers' Dependents by Christmas Treat.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Queen Alexandra intends to mark her sympathy for the widows and children of those killed in the recent South African war by giving a Christmas dinner to all now in London. The dinner will take place on December 27 at the Alexandra trust restaurant, of which the queen is president and which was founded in March, 1890, at her instance.

AT SHRINE OF GUADELOUPE

Number of Pilgrims and Spectators is the Greatest Known for Many Years.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 13.—Many thousands of Mexican Catholics and a large number of Americans made the annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the little town of Guadalupe.

JAPS MAY ENTER CANADA.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 13.—The Dominion government has disallowed the recent Columbia anti-Japanese legislation, including the coal mines regulation act, which is aimed at the employment of Japs in the mines, and the British Columbia immigration act, which declares only those Japanese subjects who can pass an educational test in English admissible to the province.

AMERICAN ARTISTS MOVE CLUB.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The American Art association tonight inaugurated its new club rooms in the Rue Notre Dame Des Champs. Several hundred guests were present, including Mr. Forster and the consul general, Mr. Gowdy, and a large number of American and French artists.

PRISONER WITH A RECORD

Only Man Who Ever Escaped from New York Tombs Again in Custody.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—James "Red" Callahan, said to be the only man who ever escaped from the New York Tombs, is a prisoner at the Four Courts. He was arrested as a fugitive from justice on a telegram from Chief Titus of the New York detective force.

PASSENGERS ARE VACCINATED

Case of Smallpox Discovered on Train Causes Health Officer to Take Action.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 13.—A car load of passengers from Ripon, which arrived today, were vaccinated by officials of the Milwaukee health department before they were allowed to leave the train.

WHISKY TRUST BUYS LAND

Intends to Immediately Build a Big Distillery at St. Joseph, Missouri.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 13.—The International Distilling and Cattle Feeding company, an organization owned and controlled by the Whisky trust, today purchased 300 acres of land adjoining South St. Joseph. A distillery with a capacity of 30,000 bushels of corn a day will be erected at once and 10,000 head of cattle will be fattened for the market.

MILLION GOES IN SMOKE.

CANAL DOVER, O., Dec. 13.—The corrugating mills, the paint shop, the store room and the building containing the four miles of the west side of the American Sheet Steel company's mills burned to the ground tonight and the company is confronted with a loss of over \$1,000,000, nearly \$750,000 in finished product and the balance in buildings and machinery.

FRATERNITIES MAKING MONEY.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13.—Bob Fraternalism today, in reply to Gus Rubin's challenge for a six-round bout before the Penn State club in the world that can outdo "Jeffries and I can make more money than \$2,500 in one night. We are meeting with great success and from here we will work east and thence four Europe. We can draw \$200,000 in one night. I can outdo anything with any such challenge as Rubin sends us. Personally I am ready to meet any man in the world that can offer sufficient inducements. So far as Corbett is concerned, I will be on my feet and get a fight with Jeffries if he wants it bad."

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The following births and deaths were reported at the office of the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Saturday.

BIRTHS—O. L. Hargness, 1511 North Fourteenth street; Edgar F. Day, 2825 Franklin street; Frank Soukup, 1916 South Thirtieth street; boy; Julius Waxenberg, 106 South Twenty-ninth street; baby boy.

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