

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

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CALL FOR A GAS INSPECTOR

Citizens Complain of Quality of Gas and the Size of the Bills.

MAYOR MORGAN ONE OF PROTESTANTS

Reduction in Price, According to Complaints, Has No Effect on the Size of the Illuminating Bills.

City officials yesterday were discussing the advisability of appointing a gas inspector in view of the many complaints received by them from citizens. For months past complaints have poured into the city hall from all parts of the city that the gas furnished is of an exceedingly poor quality, but also that the bills are excessive.

As one citizen put it when registering his complaint yesterday, he did not think the people of Council Bluffs should be compelled to pay \$1.45 per 1,000 cubic feet for fuel instead of gas. Before the new contract with the Gas and Electric company the citizens of Council Bluffs paid \$1.75 for illuminating gas and \$1.50 for gas for fuel purposes. Under the contract now in force they pay \$1.45 for gas for both illuminating and fuel purposes, but they complain that their bills are now greater than when the higher rates prevailed and in addition the gas is of a much poorer quality.

It was expected that when the gas company completed its improvements to its plant that the quality of the gas would be improved, but from all parts of the city complaints come that if anything it is worse. One city official who had tried to cut down his gas bill by installing electric lights in his residence and store, stated yesterday at the city hall, when the matter was being discussed, that his gas bill for the month of February was larger than in January before he commenced using electric light for illuminating purposes.

Citizens from all parts of the city also have made complaint that month by month, no matter how they endeavor to economize, their gas bills assume an upward tendency. The general allegation is that the gas company, by purging air through its pipes, makes the meters register the same as if gas instead of wind was passing through them.

Mayor Morgan is one who registered a vigorous protest with the company, but received no satisfaction and he is determined to bring the matter to an issue, especially as hundreds of citizens have complained to him. As an instance, one citizen stated yesterday at the city hall that while in January his gas bill for illuminating purposes only had been less than \$5, it reached close upon \$6 in February, a shorter month than the one previous, and as far as he was aware he had not used any more gas. In view of the numerous complaints and the investigation made by City Electrician Bradley and others, who state that the quality of the gas furnished by the company is not up to the standard, the city council is expected to take some action in the matter at its next meeting.

ENJOINS THE GREAT WESTERN

Terminal Company Objects to Grade Crossing of Its Tracks in City.

The Omaha Bridge & Terminal Railway company is not willing that the Great Western railroad shall cross its tracks on Fourteenth street between Ninth and Tenth avenues, unless it agrees to construct and maintain interlocking switches. This the Great Western has declined to consent to, and yesterday the Terminal company requested a temporary injunction restraining the Great Western and the sheriff's jury from condemning a right-of-way across its tracks. In its petition filed yesterday the Terminal company sets up that it is incorporated and operating under the laws of Nebraska and has owned and operated a railroad extending from Council Bluffs to Omaha for ten years. The Great Western, it asserts, desires to cross its track with four tracks on Fourteenth street at grade, and a temporary injunction restraining the Great Western and the sheriff's jury from condemning a right-of-way across its tracks is being sought. It is willing, it states, to permit the Great Western to construct either an overhead or undercrossing, but if it persists in a grade crossing it must do so with interlocking switches.

The sheriff's jury, consisting of J. P. Head, F. J. Trice, L. A. Casper, W. P. Baker, J. J. Brown and A. U. Wyman, had been summoned for Tuesday, March 10, to fix the damages which it might consider the Terminal company was entitled to by reason of the Great Western crossing its tracks. Unless some agreement is reached between the two railroads before that date the matter will have to be postponed, as the temporary injunction will hold good.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Rain and Snow Are to Be Today's Common Portion, According to Weather Bureau.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Forecast: For Nebraska and Kansas—Rain and warmer Friday; Saturday fair and colder. For Iowa and Missouri—Rain Friday and Saturday; colder in west portion Saturday. For Illinois—Rain Friday and probably Saturday; variable winds, becoming fresh to brisk.

For Wyoming and Colorado—Snow Friday; colder in west portion; Saturday fair. For South Dakota—Snow Friday and in east portion Saturday.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 6.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Precipitation. Rows for 1932, 1931, 1930.

Normal temperature... 31. Excess for the day... 6. Deficiency for the day... 0.4 inch. Total rainfall since March 1, 1932... 7.2 inch. Deficiency for cor. period, 1932... 12.5 inch. Deficiency for cor. period, 1931... 39.5 inch.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Temperature, Wind, Clouds. Rows for Omaha, Valentine, North Platte, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, Chicago, Davenport, Kansas City, Helena, Hiram, Galveston.

TALK CO-OPERATIVE STORES

Miners' Convention at Des Moines: Looks with Favor on the Plan.

DECIDE ON RAISING A DEFENSE FUND

Corn Growers' Association Urges that Corn Judging Contest Be Held at St. Louis Exposition.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, March 5.—(Special.)—The district miners' convention, held here today, considered a number of matters and the most important was a proposal to establish co-operative stores for the miners under the control of officers of the miners' union. This was discussed at length and while no definite action was taken at the meeting today the sentiment was strong in favor of such stores and it was made plain that miners would engage in this in Iowa at no distant day.

The First National bank brought suit yesterday against the Interstate Realty company and Charles R. Hannan, former president of the bank to foreclose a lien on thirteen shares in the Realty company on account of the alleged failure to pay \$3,000, the balance due on a note for \$9,800 given in July, 1930. The bank does not ask a personal judgment against Mr. Hannan.

The defendants in the suits of Petrus Peterson against the State and Anchor Insurance companies of Des Moines yesterday filed motions for new trials. The trial of Leon Lezier and Ed Moore, charged with conspiring to defraud Charles Gregory and William Barker out of \$5,000 in connection with an alleged fake foot race at Webb City, Mo., in January, 1932, has been specially set for next Wednesday by Judge Thornell.

The controversy between the heirs over the will of the late Christopher Omg has been amicably settled by a compromise, admitting the pretended will to probate and the payment to each of the contesting heirs of \$3,000. At the trial before Judge Macy in the district court last September the jury found that the signature to the will offered for probate was not that of Christopher Omg.

Bloomer School Entertainment.

The pupils of the Bloomer school will give an entertainment this evening in the school house for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a magic lantern and slides for the illustration of work in language, history and geography. The program, which is a diversified one, will include Indian club drill by the boys, dumbbell exercises by the girls, a minuet danced by pupils of the kindergarten, songs by a chorus of girls and a concert of recitations by several pupils. In connection with the entertainment there will be an exhibit of the work of the school, which will be held on the second floor.

Tests of Iowa Coal.

AMES, Ia., March 5.—(Special.)—During the year the department of mechanical engineering has determined the heat value and power of samples of coal from twenty-one different mines in Iowa representing all of the important mining districts. The average of all samples tested shows Iowa coal to have a heating value of approximately 11,000 heat units (a heat unit is the amount of heat to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree). The maximum and minimum results were 12,200 and 8,500 heat units respectively. Concurrent tests of about 1,500 samples in lump of foundry coke 12,150 and of Beaumont crude oil 19,900.

Chemical tests on Iowa coal show that it is higher in combustible material than Illinois and Alabama coals and that it is higher than Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia coals. Some Iowa coals are high in sulphur and others are high in ash, which facts account for difficulties experienced in using them for domestic and steam-making purposes.

LEMARS, Ia., March 5.—(Special.)—The Lemars Telephone company, with a capital of \$50,000, was organized today. The incorporators are: J. W. Sammis, A. C. Colledge, E. A. Dalton, L. Duke Narven, M. H. Breen. The capital stock of the company is divided into 500 shares of \$100 each and all stock issued fully paid up and non-assessable. Twenty-five thousand dollars of the stock is issued as preferred stock, on which a dividend of 8 per cent is guaranteed.

READY FOR ADJOURNMENT DAY

Dakota Legislature Has Cleared Up About All the Business Before It.

PIERRE, S. D., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate cleared its calendar today and has little work for tomorrow. Before the close tonight there was warm discussion on a committee report on a bill introduced by Close to pay interest on certain claims at the Reform school. A house bill to pay the claims and interest was introduced early in the session and before the close tonight there was warm discussion on a committee report on a bill introduced by Close to pay interest on certain claims at the Reform school.

WOMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

One is Suffocated in Smoke and the Other Jumps from the Fourth Floor.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Ellen Vail, 55 years old, and her daughter, Elizabeth Vail, 22 years old, met death in a fire in East Seventh street today. The older woman was suffocated and the younger jumped from the fourth floor. The property loss by the fire was small.

James Vail, the son, was the only one of the family to escape. He had tried to rescue his mother and sister, but was cut off by the flames and forced to run to the rear fire escape to save his own life. The ten families in the house, numbering 100 people, became panic-stricken from the fire.

Two hundred guests in the Sturtevant house at Broadway and Twenty-ninth street were greatly excited early today by a blaze in the basement of the building which filled the halls with smoke. Men, women and children rushed to the sidewalk and one woman, who appeared at the second-story window with her baby in her arms, tried to jump to the street. Firemen stopped her.

Two men were arrested and locked up charged with robbing several rooms from which frightened guests had fled. The property damage was confined to the basement and did not exceed \$1,000.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5.—Fire early today damaged the Dormer building on Lock street to the extent of \$75,000. The Dormer Fish company, owner of the building, was the principal loser. Fire Lieutenant Joseph Herschel was painfully injured.

DENVER, March 5.—A warrant has been issued for W. C. Munsell, formerly chief clerk of the flat tax department of the state auditor's office, on the charge of embezzling \$7,000 of the state's money. The discovery of the shortage was made by a special examiner appointed by the governor.

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DYING MAN TELLS OF CRIME

Confesses to Part in Murder Committed Three Years Ago.

VICTIM IS GIVEN KNOCKOUT DROPS

Falls to Recover from Effects of Drug and Dies While Being Taken to Station in Patrol Wagon.

CHICAGO, March 5.—A murder committed by a band of thieves, who dragged and robbed strangers nightly in West Madison street saloons and which has been concealed for three years, has been made known to the police by John Lyons, one of the band. Lyons, who is said to be dying of consumption, says his conscience gave him no rest, and that he will find peace only in death.

George Howard, a printer, was the victim and on the statements made by Lyons charges of murder have been placed against Joseph Moore and James Bray, who are under arrest in St. Louis. Lyons said he was unable to recall the times or places, and so accustomed were the men to dealing out chloral to their intended victims that the danger of fatal results was not considered. Lyons said he was frightened and the possibilities of the gallows frightened the robbers from their career.

Howard was drugged in a saloon in West Madison street. After he fell into a stupor the trio carried him to the walk in front of 137 West Madison street, where he was strangled. He was picked up by the police and died in the patrol wagon. Lyons was serving out a fine in the bridge well, when his falling health quickened his conscience and he made a confession, on the length of which the search for Moore and Bray was commenced.

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(Continued from First Page.) proper and a breach of the privileges, which, if they are not in the written law, practically stand in the judgment of all good men as the equity between the two houses.

Allison Also Takes Hand. Mr. Allison, also a member of the conference committee, followed. He commended and approved every word Mr. Hale had said. "I think it is fitting that we should say," said he, "not once, but always, that the rules of this body will be settled by the body itself in accordance with its own best judgment."

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WAR RELICS ARE DUTIABLE

Court Decides that Ancient Cannon Must Pay Customs Dues as Manufactured Articles.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Nearly 100 ancient Spanish pieces of ordnance, cast nearly 200 years ago, were today declared in the United States circuit court of appeals subject to duty as "manufactured articles."

The guns, which once formed the armament of Morro castle and other Cuban fortresses, were bought from the Spanish government at the close of the war for their value as oil brans and bronze, the purchaser agreeing to import them free of duty as scrap metal.

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NEW THEATER. Tonight—Prices 10-20-30c. NICKMAN-BESSY COMPANY. LEWIS CUTLER. MORTICIAN. 22 Pearl St., Council Bluffs. Phone 8.

Real Estate Transfers. The transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street: Ernest G. Oakes and wife to Caroline Frost, lots 5, 6, 15 and 16, block 103, Crescent, G. O. Green, sub 27-1-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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