

CURRENT EVENTS OF IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

OPPOSED TO TWO EXCHANGES

Mayor Morgan and at Least Two Councilmen So Declare Themselves.

DESIRE OUTSIDE 'PHONE CONNECTION

Indications that City Council Will Favor Granting a Franchise to the Company Headed by Dr. Macrae.

Mayor Morgan and several of the aldermen have expressed themselves as being opposed to two telephone exchanges in this city and are not in favor of giving any independent company a franchise, which would put the people to the expense of maintaining two separate 'phones. They are of the opinion that the desired connection with the independent telephone company now operating in this section of the state can be obtained under the proposition of the Western Iowa Independent Telephone, Telegraph and Terminal company, organized by Dr. Macrae and his associates.

Under certain restrictions several of the aldermen have said they would be willing to grant this company a franchise, but that they are opposed to having two exchanges in the city. Under the plan proposed by Dr. Macrae's company, persons desiring connection with any of the independent companies in this section of the state can obtain the same without necessarily having one of the company's 'phones in their place of business or residence. The company will maintain a central station and a number of public toll stations throughout the city. They will also place 'phones in a number of the banks, wholesale and jobbing houses. No rental will be asked for these 'phones, the company expecting to make its revenue from tolls.

Any firm or individual having such business in the country districts can have one of the company's 'phones placed in his residence or place of business without cost, but the average citizen, who probably would not have need to use the independent 'phone connection but a few times in the year or month, can, when he seeks such connection, use any one of the toll stations, thus obviating the necessity of maintaining two 'phones in his house, store or office.

The proposition of the Council Bluffs Independent Telephone company, organized by H. H. Van Brunt, Emmet Tinsley and others, is entirely different and contemplated a complicated system.

While it is generally conceded that connection between Council Bluffs and the independent telephone companies in this section of the state is desirable, many citizens are opposed to the proposition of having two separate telephone companies in the city. Mayor Morgan and several of the aldermen are among this number.

The council will meet tonight and is expected to take some action in the matter.

GUARDS IN NEED OF ARMORY

Inspector Says They Must Have It or Be Mustered Out of the Service.

The visit of General Prime to Council Bluffs Friday, when he and Mayor Home held the annual inspection of the Dodge Light Guards, has resulted in the company making a renewed effort to secure a suitable armory.

General Prime informed Captain Mather that the armory in the opera house building was entirely inadequate and that unless the company managed to secure more suitable quarters he would be inclined to disband it. There were a number of towns in the state, he said, willing and anxious to organize a national guard company and to construct an armory large enough to accommodate it. General Prime expressed the opinion that if Council Bluffs did not take sufficient interest in its military company to provide it with a suitable armory it would be best to muster the company out of service. He said, further, that Council Bluffs was not alone in this respect as he had notified at least six other companies during the recent annual inspection that unless better armories were provided they would be disbanded.

The Dodge Light Guards have for some time been figuring on building an armory, hoping to secure assistance from the Commercial club. They have had an option on the Woodbury property at the corner of First avenue and Seventh street. They planned to erect a building which would provide an armory and auditorium, the latter for public use. Their plans contemplated a building costing about \$25,000. The members of the company have no desire to be mustered out and will make every effort to carry out their plan for the armory. They hope within the next thirty days to be able to show General Prime that such a building will be erected within a year. The committee of the Dodge Light Guards having the matter in charge will confer with the Commercial club at its next meeting.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 128 Main St.

Reverses Furniture Case.

The ruling of Judge Smith McPherson in the Grand Hotel furniture case has been reversed by the United States circuit court of appeals. At the time of the retirement of Major Smith as lessee of the Grand Hotel the firm of Penlon & Foley brought suit to establish a lien on the furniture given to protect an account for coal supplied the hotel. The claim of the firm was contested by the Penn Mutual Insurance company of Philadelphia, which claimed under terms of the sale of the furniture to Major Smith to be still owner of it. Judge McPherson decided in favor of the insurance company. The result of the decision of the court of appeals will be that the insurance company must now pay the amount of the claim of Penlon & Foley or permit him to pay the balance due on the furniture by Smith and take possession of it.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250, Night, 1967.

Woman's Club Politics.

A number of club women of this city have received assurances that Mrs. W. H. Bally of Des Moines has reconsidered her refusal to be a candidate for re-election as president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs. When it was first announced that Mrs. Bally had declined to serve a second term as president friends of Mrs. Walter J. Smith of this city induced her to allow her name to be mentioned in connection with the office. Mrs. Smith, however, since it has been learned that Mrs. Bally has consented to stand for re-election.

LEWIS CUTLER

MORTICIAN.
28 Pearl St. Council Bluffs. Phone 21.

DISCHARGE RAILROAD CLERKS

Action Claimed to Be Taken Because They Were Members of the Union.

During the last two weeks nine clerks employed in the Union Pacific freight office at the transfer depot have been given their walking papers and replaced by other men. Several others, it is said, are on the slate to get their discharge before long, as "subs" are now working with them with a view, it is claimed, to step into their places as soon as they become competent.

The discharge of the men is said to be due to the fact that they recently joined the Railway Clerks' union. The discharged men have received assurances of help if they need it, from other railroad organizations and talk around the transfer depot indicates that trouble is brewing.

The clerks in the employ of the other railroads in Council Bluffs are members of the Railway Clerks' union and, as far as they have learned, their employers have raised no objection.

Appoint Loomis Commissioner.

W. W. Loomis of this city has been appointed commissioner for the Council Bluffs Commercial club at a salary of \$2,000 a year. The appointment was made by the executive committee. Mr. Loomis has been a resident of Council Bluffs for twenty years and until a few months ago was a member of the wholesale agricultural implement firm of David Bradley & Co. He will assume active charge of the affairs of the club at once. His office will be in the room of the club in the Woodbury building.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.
Stocks sell carpets.
Expert watch repairing. Leffert, 409 E. Y.

Celebrated M&M beer on tap. Neumayer.
FOR rent—Modern house, 719 Sixth ave. Cabinet photos, 35c per dozen. 308 B'way.
Mrs. Boyce of St. Louis is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Horace Everett.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Warner, 335 North First street, a daughter.
Miss M. J. Riggs will entertain the Athenian club Tuesday afternoon.
George Elliott left yesterday for Sioux City, where he will engage in business.

Mrs. Horace Everett will entertain the Every Thursday club Thursday afternoon.
Real estate in all parts of the city for sale. The Commercial club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mark L. Willard, 523 Avenue A.

The ideal club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas B. Metcalf, 323 Avenue A.
Mrs. C. A. Lemm of Grable, Ia., is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kenyon, 523 Avenue A.

Another half-price sale on short lengths of picture frame mouldings. C. E. Alexander, 523 Avenue A.
Word has been received here of the death in Toledo, O., of Miss Josephine Perrigo, a native of Council Bluffs.

Before papering your rooms we want to show you our elegant 1903 designs. C. H. Fain, Oil and Glaze company.
The fencing class of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Pelt.

Owing to the Sunday closing of the saloons, the Bartenders' union has changed its meeting place to the evening to the afternoon on Sundays.
Miss Adah Sargent is home from St. Mary's college, where she spent the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sargent.

The Sioux Falls college club will give a concert Saturday evening, April 4, at the Broadway Methodist church, under the auspices of the ladies Aid society.
Miss Adah Pagenstecher and Miss Beale Pryor will entertain the young people of the Iowa Commercial club Tuesday evening at the home of the former.

Schmidt's elegant new photos, very latest shapes and sizes, \$2.50 and \$3.50 down. First-class work guaranteed. Schmidt, 33 Broadway.
The Ladies Aid society of the Episcopal church will hold an all day sale today at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Pelt, 523 Avenue A.

The United Commercial Travelers of Council Bluffs will give a poverty ball the first Saturday in May. These comprise the first and second nights of the week in the United Brethren chapel on Twenty-fourth street and Avenue B. Rev. V. Cronk of Des Moines will be in charge.

Mrs. Mary Tice, wife of G. W. Tice, 1901 Fourth street, died at 2 o'clock yesterday of tuberculosis, aged 36 years. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Lunkley's chapel and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

At the meeting of the Barbers' union this evening the president was elected in place of Frank Smith, who has resigned on account of his becoming an employer, and a new secretary will be selected in place of Fred Carthy, who has resigned.

The choir of the Broadway Methodist church is preparing to give a concert Monday evening, March 30. The choir will be composed of the following: Robert Cusack, violinist, and augmented for the occasion by a large chorus.

The young men of the Commercial club are expected to take up the appropriation ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year, which begins April 1. The finance committee has been working on the measure the last week and is expected to make its report today.

A general invitation is extended to the men of the city to attend the meeting of the Commercial club at 8 o'clock at the Broadway Methodist church lecture room this evening. The subject of the lecture will be "The Commercial Club," by Dr. D. D. of the First Methodist church of Omaha.

C. C. Thornburg, superintendent of schools of Polk county, is the guest of County Superintendent O. J. McManus. To-day he will make a tour of investigation of the consolidated schools of the county. For Thursday evening the consolidation of a number of the rural schools in the vicinity of Des Moines.

Council Bluffs council No. 146, United Commercial Travelers, has elected these officers: President, W. W. Loomis; Vice-president, senior counselor, J. H. Hansen; junior counselor, J. P. Daehler; secretary, treasurer, James Mitchell; conductor, Max Goodwin; bookkeeper, W. M. Money; sentinel, John Arbuckle; executive committee, C. H. Byers and Paul C. De Vol, Jr.

CONSPICUOUS IN A BALLROOM

Flakes of Dandruff on the Collar and Shoulders of a Gentleman in Full Dress.

This is the thing you quite frequently see in the ball room—a man's black dress coat literally covered with dandruff. It must be annoying to the wearer and certainly not a pleasant thing to observe. But dandruff can be eradicated. It is a germ disease that will some day cause baldness. Newbro's Herpicide kills the hair destroying germ and stimulates the hair to rich, abundant growth; it does more—keeps the hair soft and pliant.

Furthermore, Herpicide is a most pleasant toilet accessory; pleasing in odor and cooling to the scalp. For sale by all druggists. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

BUILDERS' PRICES TOO HIGH

State Unable to Let Contracts for Work Within the Appropriations.

IOWANS GOING TO ISLE OF PINES

Governor LaFollette Takes Some Lessons from Iowa in the Matter of the Regulation of Railroad Rates.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, March 22.—(Special.)—The high prices prevailing for material and labor this year are causing the State Board of control no end of trouble in the matter of having the state work done as contemplated by the legislature. Appropriations were made for certain permanent improvements at the various institutions and a great deal of this work was done last year. This year plans were laid for completing the improvements and on the 10th of the present month the board opened bids on improvements estimated to cost about \$175,000. The bids were not opened until this morning for a two-story brick schoolhouse and a workshop at Eldora, for a powerhouse and heating station at Davenport, for a laundry building and a cow barn at Mount Pleasant, for two cottages, a fire station and a new barn at Glenwood. The contracts can be let at any time for two smokestacks and some other improvements, but the offers made on a proposed warehouse for the state hospital at Independence and a pump house and a brick cottage at Mitchellville were too high and the prospect is that this work will have to go over until the legislature makes a larger appropriation. This is the first time in the history of the board that it has been unable to get work done that was planned, though a number of instances it has been necessary to make some changes in the specifications. All the contractors hold off or place their bids very high. The work contracted for this year all at once from last year's work in hand and the big contractors failed to get any of the jobs.

Excursion to Isle of Pines.

A large number of Iowa people are interested in the Isle of Pines off the coast of Cuba, having invested in the Isle when it was supposed the same belonged to the United States and would be separated from Cuba. A few days ago a large excursion party started from Council Bluffs to visit about forty persons from different parts of the state, to make a trip to the almost unknown Isle and to arrange for caring for their property interests there. They are understood to have acquired a large tract of land on the island, to be used to plant an Iowa colony there and engage in farming and gardening. The party went by way of New Orleans.

Completing New Burlington Line.

A large force of men is at work on what is known as the Tracy cutoff of the Burlington railroad, which will connect the Des Moines and Iowa City lines. It is expected that the line will be completed in July next and that as soon as completed there will be practically a new arrangement of the local trains in Iowa, especially in the eastern part of the state. The cutoff will enable the Burlington to send trains directly to Burlington over a new route, via Tracy and Oskaloosa.

Baby Telephone System.

The telephone report blanks have been started out to the 700 or 800 telephone companies that are required to make reports to the state executive council for assessment purposes, and a few of the reports have already been received. One of the state auditor. One of the first to come in is a baby system in Jones county. It is made out on the extensive blanks sent out and duly sworn to. It is a 3-cent telephone company, owned by T. W. Morris at Morley, Mo. It has 100 lines, one pole; original cost, \$1; one instrument. The council will have difficulty in assessing this kind of a proposition.

LaFollette Commands Iowa.

Iowa people who have lost some of their loyalty for Iowa might gain something by perusal of the annual message of Governor Robert M. LaFollette, himself an Iowa educated man, in which he made some surprising comparisons between Wisconsin and Iowa, especially in the matter of industrial development and the causes leading thereto. Copies of the message have been received here by the Commercial club and are being perused with pleasure. That part of Governor LaFollette's message in which he urges upon the Wisconsin legislators that they adopt for that state a system of free trade of railroad rates affords him an opportunity to refer kindly to Iowa. He does, in fact, take Iowa as a model and declares that no state has done better in regulation of freight rates, though Iowa people are sometimes heard to complain bitterly. Anticipating the argument that Iowa has suffered greatly from the operations of a rate law the Wisconsin people are given a series of statistical tables which show how much more Iowa has grown than Wisconsin. Wisconsin, both in agriculture and manufacture. Tables are given to show that freight rates in Wisconsin are higher than in Iowa on all classes, very much higher on many of the leading classes, in no case less than 10 per cent higher than in Iowa, and averaging 40 per cent. "It is shown," said Governor LaFollette, "that the agricultural and manufacturing interests in Iowa have been greatly benefited by the establishment of a railway commission controlling rates. That while one of the greatest financial panics experienced in a century has occurred since the enactment of that law, the progress and prosperity of the state of Iowa has continued without interruption. When the law was enacted in that state it was denounced as a movement designed to confiscate the property of the railway corporations and as certain to bring demoralization and disaster to the railroad interests. Wisconsin, however, was enacted, the rates of the railway commission have been enforced, the railroads have been prosperous. They have continued to extend their lines, to earn fair profits, to render good service."

The Iowa railroad commission has just received high commendation from another source. The Interstate Commerce commission set out to secure statistics regarding complaints to the different railway commissions, and obtained them from all parts of the country, but the reports show that the best statistical information came from Iowa and that the work has been better attended to here than elsewhere.

LAUNDRYMAN HAS GOOD TIME

One Night in Chicago Costs Five Hundred Dollars of Another Man's Money.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Five hundred dollars in a single night is the last record made by G. A. Refenbury of Des Moines, whose mother lives there now, and who is under arrest in Sioux City, charged with embezzlement. Refenbury was brought home last night by

Chief Davenport from Chicago, where the \$500 was spent in fast and riotous living. With him was Camille Poling, an inmate of a Sioux City resort, who assisted Refenbury in doing the town. Refenbury is charged with stealing a whole laundry. He had been placed in charge of a Yankton laundry by L. M. Woodward, for whom he sold the concern. Instead of handing over the money, it is alleged, he came to Sioux City, and, taking the Poling girl with him, he fled to Chicago, where he was just one day when arrested by the Sioux City chief, who went after him. Of the \$500 he took with him he had just \$300 left. He explained that the money had been spent in seeing the town. He didn't remember much about the details. He did remember the back cost \$25 and then his memory became confused in the recollection of champagne and other items of expense. He was formerly connected with a Des Moines laundry and worked here for Nolen & Frazer.

WOOL GROWERS FILE PROTEST

Raise in Rate on Wool Hits the Western Flockmasters Hard.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 22.—(Special.)—The wool growers of Wyoming are up in arms as a result of the announcement that the railroads have raised the rates on wool shipments from \$2 to \$2.15. A meeting has been called to discuss the matter. The railroads say that the rate was necessitated by the advance by eastern roads of their pro rata from 44 1/2 cents to 63 cents. Two years ago the rate was from \$1.30 to \$1.50.

Prominent wool growers say that they cannot stand the rate and that if the railroads insist on the charge it will practically ruin many flockmasters, or those that have sustained heavy losses during the winter storm. Wool growers in the western and southwestern portions of the state are leading the movement of protest against the increased rate, and in all probability a joint conference will be held with growers from Utah and Idaho and the committee appointed to wait upon the railroads with a request that the old rate at least be restored.

Some growers say that even in the event the old rate is restored many flockmasters will not realize a profit unless, of course, wool increases considerably in price.

It is estimated that Wyoming this year produce at least 35,000,000 pounds of wool, and in the event the railroads do not reduce from their stand the wool growers of this state alone will be obliged upon to put up \$70,000 more to move their wool to market than was required last year.

WYOMING ROADS BLOCKADED

High Wind Fills Cuts Almost as Fast as They Are Cleared Out.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 22.—(Special.)—The snow blockade was in effect all day yesterday on the Cheyenne & Northern branch of the Colorado & Southern. All cuts between Cheyenne and Glendo were filled with snow that was packed so hard that in places it resisted the efforts of the big rotary plow. A high wind prevailed throughout the day and the cuts were filled with fresh snow almost as fast as the track was cleared by the plow. The rotary which was sent out at daylight to open the road, broke down a few miles from town and necessitated a long delay waiting for repairs. One passenger train was held up at Wheatland and was not released until today.

A train arrived from the east at noon over the Burlington, the first in three days. The trainmen report that deep drifts accompanied the snow, and that the Union Pacific has experienced considerable trouble, but has been able to keep open and trains moving.

Bishop Also Patron.

As to his attendance on the "jal alla", a public institution at Havana, at which the Spanish national game was played, General Wood calls attention to the fact that the bishop of Havana was present at the dedication of the institution and conducted the service on that occasion. As governor general of Cuba it was his policy to establish and maintain cordial relations with the people, including the Spaniards.

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The Misfortune of Mary

"I'm afraid, ma'am," said Mary.

"That these crackers are spoiled entirely."

"I thought I could run around

to the grocery between the showers

and get back without getting wet—

but while he was getting the crackers

weighed out and tied up it began to rain again."

"I started to run home

and the string came off and the bag dropped

and the crackers got broken and wet,

and I guess I might as well throw them out."

And all because Mary's mistress had never tried

Oneeda Biscuit

In the In-ear-Sec Package, which preserves

the goodness of biscuit, crackers and wafers.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

WOOD FILES HIS DEFENSE

Gives Statement to Root Denying Major Rathbone's Charges.

Says Only Duty Free Gift Received Was Properly Admitted Under Existing Laws by General Bliss.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Brigadier General Leonard A. Wood today placed in the hands of the secretary of war a voluntary statement regarding the charges filed against him by Major E. G. Rathbone, ex-director general of Cuban posts. No official notice of Major Rathbone's charges had been taken, but General Wood received permission to file a statement setting forth his side of the case before leaving for the Philippines.

General Wood leaves Washington on Wednesday afternoon for Boston, whence he sails on Thursday for Manila. Pending the action of the secretary General Wood refuses to comment upon the charges, most of which, he says, have been presented before, but he denies that he received any but purely personal gifts while in Cuba.

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The institution had a drinking and betting privilege legally granted by the authorities and was no longer in the evenings by from \$3,000 to \$4,000 people.