

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA. COUNCIL BLUFFS.

HELLO MEN SHY AT TAXES

Nebraska Phone Company Declares Bluffs Assessment Highly Illegal.

PROTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Board of Review Declared Incompetent to Raise Levy, State Executive Council Being Alone Powerful in Such Cases.

The city council will meet this morning and board of review to hear the protest of the corporations, business firms and private individuals whose assessment as placed by the city assessor was raised by it.

The Council Bluffs City Water Works company and the Citizens Gas and Electric company will be represented by counsel and make objection to the increase of \$40,000 placed upon their assessments by the board.

The attempt of the Board of Review to assess the Nebraska Telephone company on its franchise also will be resisted on the ground that the state executive council is the only body which can, under the statutes of the state, fix the assessment of such corporations.

In view of the fact that the City Board of Review deemed it advisable to assess the telephone company \$40,000 in addition to whatever assessment may be placed on it by the state executive council, the company has filed the following protest, which will be presented at the meeting of the board this morning:

The Nebraska Telephone company hereby enters its objection to the assessment of \$40,000 on its property in this city, made by your honorable body on the 11th day of April, 1903, for the reason that said assessment is not warranted by and is contrary to the provisions of the state of Iowa, and amounts to and is a double assessment of said property.

Section 1330 of said code of 1897 provides that all telephone property in the state shall be assessed by the executive council, and chapter xiii, of the Twenty-eighth general assembly provides as follows: Said assessment shall include all property of every kind and character whatsoever, real, personal or mixed, used by said companies in the construction, operation and maintenance of telegraph and telephone business; and the property so included in said assessment shall not be assessed in any other manner than as provided in this act.

Said act further provides that telephone companies shall be assessed by the executive council and that their assessment shall be certified to by the county auditor and that the county auditor of each county shall certify the same to the various townships and municipalities within the county and that the proportionate amount of property in each township or municipality shall be assessed by the local authorities as the property of individuals as assessed by the county auditor.

It will be readily seen by the above that the only authority to assess telephone companies lies in the executive council. This assessment being made, the assessment made by your honorable body would amount to a double taxation of the property of this complainant and your action of making such an assessment is illegal. First, because made without authority or contrary to the authority given by statute, and secondly because such assessment would be a double taxation and consequently contrary to the constitution of the state of Iowa.

Protests will also be made against the action of the board in raising the assessments of the following firms: The Harlan-Hass Drug Company, from \$48,500 to \$50,000; Keller-Farrar Furniture Company, from \$3,000 to \$12,000; Iowa Furniture Company, from \$3,000 to \$5,000; Ohio Cultivator Company, from \$1,000 to \$4,000; Swaine & Mauer, hardware, from \$6,000 to \$10,000; the Empire-Shugart & Hill Company, from \$35,000 to \$50,000; Union Transfer Company, from \$2,000 to \$4,000; Cole-Brelsford Hardware Company, from \$10,000 to \$12,000; P. C. DeVol, hardware, from \$3,500 to \$12,000; Wallace & Grout (the Bluffs City Laundry), from \$500 to \$2,500; Evans Laundry Company, from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

National Roofing Co., 126 Main Street.

NEOLA SEEKS CONVENTION

Promises to Give Republicans Hot Time if County Meeting is Called There.

For years the republican convention of Pottawattamie county has been held in Council Bluffs, but this year the republicans of Neola are urging that it be held in their town. Chairman Wright of the county central committee, has been besieged within the last few days by numerous requests from prominent members of the party in the east end of the county on behalf of Neola.

R. B. Felton, one of the leading attorneys in that part of the county, has written Chairman Wright urging that the convention be held in Neola this year. He contends that as Neola is a strong democratic center it would be of considerable advantage to the republican party to hold its convention there. Mr. Felton assures ample hotel accommodation and the assistance of the citizens, irrespective of party, in entertaining the delegates. The democrats held their county convention last year in Neola and the citizens, democrats and republicans alike, did everything in their power to entertain the delegates.

George L. Wilkinson postmaster of Neola, a leading member of the republican party is taking a prominent part in the movement. He offers the use of the opera house for the convention and agrees to furnish a competent band. Mr. Wilkinson calls attention to the fact that Avoca has been honored in the past but up to date Neola has not so been recognized. In concluding his request for the convention, Mr. Wilkinson says Neola promises the hottest time in republican history if Chairman Wright will call the convention there.

Chairman Wright said yesterday he was willing that the county convention be held there but that the say so did not rest entirely with him. The members of the county central committee and the candidates were the ones who had the dictation. As no call for the county convention would be issued until after the state convention had been called, he could not say what the central committee would do but he was of the opinion that the candidates would prefer that the convention be held in Council Bluffs.

LEWIS CUTLER MORTICIAN

28 Pearl St., Council Bluffs, Phone F.

WANTS CASH MORE THAN WIFE

Kansas Husband Seeks Stolen Dollars, Seeming Indifferent About Erring Spouse.

Robert Caldwell and Mrs. Artie Ziegler

both colored and both from Kansas City, Kan., were arrested yesterday on complaint of the woman's husband, Allen Ziegler. They were found occupying apartments in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tannahill, 1122 Avenue C. Tannahill is a colored porter employed in a Broadway saloon.

According to Ziegler's story, he and his wife had conducted a boarding house in Kansas City, Kan., and Caldwell was one of their boarders. Until his wife left home, on Saturday, accompanied by Caldwell, he was unaware that the latter had been undermining the happiness of his home.

When Mrs. Ziegler left home she took with her \$20, and from the husband's statements to the police, he seemed more anxious about the money than he did about prosecuting Caldwell. After the alleged erring couple had been taken to the city jail Ziegler was willing to forget and forgive so far as his wife was concerned and the moment he confronted his wife he said: "Let us go home, babe, and let the other fellow take care of himself."

This did not suit Mrs. Ziegler, as she pointed out, "It's not on your life."

Ziegler then suggested that she turn over to him her pocketbook, but she refused. Ziegler snatched the purse from her hand, but Sergeant Gardner as promptly took it from him and returned it to the woman. Ziegler filed an information before Justice Carson against Caldwell, but declined to file one against his wife. Caldwell was held in \$1,000 bonds to appear this morning and in the meantime was committed to the county jail. When last seen Ziegler was trying to induce his wife to return home with him.

Discuss Street Cleaning

The city council will meet this afternoon to open bids for sweeping and cleaning the paved streets. The streets in the business center are to be swept and cleaned three times a week and the others once a week. If the bids exceed what the committee on streets and sidewalks considers the work can be done by day labor, they will be rejected and the streets cleaned by Commissioner Guitierrez, as heretofore. But in any case Chairman McDonald of the streets and alleys committee has announced that they will be kept clean even if the work consumes the entire streets and alleys fund.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., Tel. 250, Night, F667.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockist sells carpets. Expert work repairing. Leffert, 49 E. Y. Celebrated beer on tap. Neumayer. Cabinet photos, 25c per dozen. 208 W. 17th St. Mrs. T. B. Metcalf will entertain the Ideal club Tuesday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cone of Fairmount avenue, a son.

Good copper bottom wash boiler, Sec. at A. B. Jewe's, 210 Broadway.

Miss Beba Schneider of Dubuque is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mauch.

Miss Genevieve Wickham is visiting friends and relatives in Des Moines.

Free lessons given with purchases of pyrography supplies. Alexander & Co., 212 Pearl street.

Wanted, man with team to do job of sodding. Inquire at Bee office, Council Bluffs. Collectors will begin this week the active work of collecting the poll tax.

Mrs. F. C. Esquin will entertain the New Century club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Just Welliver of the Sioux City Tribune was in the city yesterday enroute to Des Moines.

The Orchard Avenue Reading club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. V. Street.

There will be special work for members of the Fraternal Union of America Tuesday evening.

The Knights and Ladies of Security will hold their regular meeting Tuesday evening in Marcus hall.

The Atlas club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. D. Wheeler on South First street.

Miss Cherrie Wells has been called to Lima, Mo., the serious illness of her friend, Miss Dempster.

St. Albans' lodge will meet this evening to discuss plans for the entertainment of the Fair at grand lodge.

Before papering your rooms we want to show you our elegant 1903 designs. C. B. Paine, Oil and Glass company.

Miss Winifred Petersen has gone to St. Louis to visit relatives and to take in the dedication of the world's fair.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Pike of Des Moines were guests over Sunday of Mr. Pike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pike of Glen avenue.

Millie Finch, a 7-year-old girl whose mother, Mrs. J. W. Finch, is a factor dealer, has been turned over to the care of the Iowa Children's Home society by Judge George of the superior court.

The children of the Christian Home attended the morning service at the First Baptist church yesterday in aid of the pastor, Rev. Milford Riggs, preached a sermon for their special benefit.

Rev. Allen Judd will hold services this evening at 7:45 in Grace Episcopal church, at which time he will give an illustrated lecture on "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ," commencing at 8:30 he will administer holy communion.

Rohrer announced yesterday that the meeting of the board of trustees of the public library called for this evening had been postponed to Tuesday night on account of President Roosevelt being in Omaha Monday evening.

Floyd Kirkpatrick, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kirkpatrick, 641 Harrison avenue, who was severely wounded by the accident of discharge of his gun while hunting at Honey Creek a few weeks ago, is no longer recovered as to be able to get about again.

Bishop Morrison will administer "the rite of confirmation" to a class at St. Paul's Episcopal church Thursday afternoon. The class will meet this evening at 7:30 at the rectory on West 17th street. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. and Rev. George Edward Walk of St. Paul, Ia., have exchanged pulpits yesterday.

SLAYS SELF TO EVADE TRUST

Sioux City Tobacco Firm's Manager Fearing Dismissal by Combin, Ends Life.

SIoux CITY, Ia., April 26.—(Special Telegram)—Charles F. Rademacher, a well known young man, prominent socially and in a business way, shot himself this morning through the left lung. He was bookkeeper and manager for Charles E. Thornburg & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, and with the absorption of the company by the trust he was to be thrown out of employment. It is supposed he became despondent over his condition and, while a revolver, coolly announced he wanted to kill a man, went to his room, placed the muzzle over his heart and fired. He was a member of the Elks' lodge and moved in the best social circles. His accounts are said to be all right.

LATE OMAHAN IS HONORED

Presbyterians Nominate Dr. McCormick as Moderator of General Assembly.

MAYOR'S RELATIVE CHARGED WITH THEFT

Young Man is Summarily Dismissed from Police Force When Witnesses Swear He Stole Judge's Target Rifle.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DR. S. B. MOORE, April 26.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. S. B. McCormick, president of Coe college, Cedar Rapids, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Omaha, will be presented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in America by the delegates from Iowa as their choice for moderator of the General Assembly. This was decided on at a meeting of the Cedar Rapids Presbytery, held at Grundy Center. Dr. McCormick will be presented with the unanimous backing of the Iowa Presbyterians, who are confident he will be given the great honor, as Iowa has never had a moderator of the General Assembly and has long taken a prominent part in the work of the Presbyteries of Iowa have all selected delegates and have all acted favorably on the overtures of the General Assembly with reference to revision of the creed. The General Assembly meets in Los Angeles on May 20.

Richardson Turns to Masonry.

Scottish Rite Masons throughout the country, and particularly those connected with the southern jurisdiction, will be interested in the statement recently made by the grand commander of the southern jurisdiction, James D. Richardson, leader of the minority on the floor of congress, that he will leave politics to devote all his time in the future to the furtherance of Scottish Rite Masonry. James Daniel Richardson holds the most distinguished office in Scottish Rite Masonry, that of grand commander of the supreme council of the thirty-third degree, Scottish Rite Masons of the southern jurisdiction.

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the Potomac with a new two-track railroad bridge. The company has been at work for more than a year in building piers for the structure. These piers are almost completed, but owing to the enormous demand for steel structural supplies, there is not a plant in the country which would undertake to build the new bridge this year. It seemed, therefore, that the railroad would be compelled to abandon the project for changing the method of entering Washington from the south for a year or two longer. A way out of the difficulty, however, has been discovered. At present the Pennsylvania crosses the Delaware on a two-track bridge at Trenton. The masonry work for a four-track bridge to take the place of the present structure is in place and the steel for the bridge itself has been delivered. The wise men of the Pennsylvania railroad have, therefore, conceived of the idea of bringing the old bridge at Trenton to Washington and erect the same on the two piers now in place. Work to this end will be started at once, as it is confidently thought that before winter sets in the long desired new approach to Washington will be completed.

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