

# CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

### STICK FOR SOUTH AVENUE

Objection is Made to Giving it Up for Use of Tabor Electric Line.

### PROTEST IS READY FOR CITY COUNCIL

Indications are that several changes will be made in franchise ordinance before it is finally adopted.

It is expected that when the city council meets tonight to consider the ordinance granting the Council Bluffs, Tabor & Southern Electric Railway company a franchise a protest will be filed against the company being permitted to occupy South avenue for freight purposes. In fact, there is considerable opposition to the company being permitted to lay any tracks on this thoroughfare under any circumstances.

South avenue is the main thoroughfare from the southeast into the city and the travel on it is at all times heavy. When the Great Western was seeking an entrance into Council Bluffs it was denied a right-of-way on South avenue, and not only was it forced to buy its right-of-way parallel to the avenue, but the city council compelled it to keep its tracks at least 100 feet from the roadside and in addition construct a hedge between the road and the railroad tracks for the protection of the farmers who use this thoroughfare.

The ordinance now before the city council gives the Tabor line the right to use over one-third of South avenue for its tracks, over which it may run both passenger and freight trains. Those who oppose such a proposition insist that the company should be obliged to purchase a right-of-way the same as the Great Western, and that under no circumstances should it be permitted to run its freight trains on this highway.

When the ordinance was first presented to the city council more than one alderman objected to the city giving the company the right to occupy South avenue, and some material change in the measure, it is said, can be looked for tonight when the ordinance will come up on its second reading.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN KILLED

Body Found on Railroad Track at Missouri Valley by Switchmen.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Albert N. Bower was killed in the Northwestern yards here some time last night. The body was found by a switching crew at 3 o'clock this morning lying between the rails of the east main track near the north switch. The body was terribly mangled. The right arm was crushed in and the head split open and cut off near the shoulder, the breast was crushed. He is supposed to have been killed while attempting to board an east-bound freight at 11:30 p. m. Bower was a plumber by trade and was unmarried. He resided with his father, Eli C. Bower, at 607 East Broadway, Council Bluffs. He left home Saturday morning.

Albert Bower was the son of Eli C. Bower and made his home with his parents at 607 East Broadway. He was a plumber by trade and on his way to Des Moines, expecting to secure work at the Capitol building. At what time or on what train he left Council Bluffs Saturday was not definitely ascertained yesterday. It was stated that he was seen in a restaurant on West Broadway in the earlier part of Saturday morning, and that he was seen and recognized by two switchmen in the north end of the Northwestern yards. The switchmen supposed he was waiting to jump freight train No. 130, which left here at 11:30 p. m. His relatives were under the impression that when he left home he intended to take a train to Des Moines leaving here shortly before midnight. At Missouri Valley, it was said, however, that Bower had been seen as early as 6 o'clock Saturday evening in a saloon.

The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of T. J. Heennessy, where the inquest was held. The only testimony yesterday was that of the crew of the switch engine who discovered the mangled body. The crew of freight train No. 130 will return this morning, when the inquest will be resumed.

Bower was 23 years old and unmarried. Although a plumber by trade, it is said he was not a member of the local union. Among his efforts before a pawn ticket showing that he had pledged an evercoat with S. Snyder, a Broadway pawnbroker, some time Saturday. This would indicate that he was short of money and that instead of leaving here on a passenger train he jumped some freight train, probably No. 130, eastbound.

Ogden Hotel—Rooms with or without board; steam heat; free bath; public parlors.

### Women's Club Program.

The Women's clubs of the city will resume their regular meetings this week after the adjournment of two weeks for the Christmas holidays and attendant festivities. Some action toward organizing a city federation is looked for before the close of the club season in May. The club calendar for the week is as follows: Monday—Art department, Council Bluffs Women's club meeting in club rooms, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday—Meeting of Women's club at home of Mrs. A. P. Hanchett on Sixth street at 8 p. m.; meeting of Ideal club at home of Mrs. Thomas Metcalf on Bluff street at 8 p. m. Wednesday—University club meeting at residence of Mrs. Renard on First avenue at 2:30 p. m.; meeting of physical culture department Council Bluffs Women's club in club rooms at 4 p. m.; meeting of current events department Council Bluffs Women's club at 2:30 p. m. in club rooms. Thursday—Household economics department of Council Bluffs Women's club will meet at club rooms at 2:30 p. m. Friday—Federation day program at general meeting of Council Bluffs Women's club in club rooms at 2:30 p. m.; Oakland Avenue Reading club meeting at home of Mrs. F. Burke on Fletcher avenue at 2:30 p. m.

### Young People's Alliance.

The annual convention of the Council Bluffs district Young People's Alliance of the German Evangelical church closed yesterday evening. The proceedings have been conducted in the German language, but the concluding services yesterday were in English. The closing address last evening was made by Rev. E. J. Lang, the newly elected president of the organization. The sessions were held in the German Evangelical church on Pierce street. Attendance was not as large as had been expected, only the following places being represented by delegates: Magnolia, Dum-

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The next point of most importance is the time required to place the hall in condition for occupancy by the house of representatives. It is of the utmost importance to have exact calculation at this point. There is a good deal of work to do in the treatment of the structural iron, temporary ceiling is required, many new desks are to be supplied, new windows are to be placed and a great deal of work, difficult to diagram in this connection, must be done. We have given a good deal of consideration to the matter of a temporary ceiling. It naturally occurred that it should be made of boards, which would require a large amount of expense and labor in the matter of staging. The suggestion has been made by a member of the general assembly that this temporary ceiling be of heavy canvas. The more consideration we have given to this suggestion the more practical it would appear. It can be put in at much less expense and in much less time than if constructed of boards.  
We have assumed that if it were thought best to occupy this room during the session, no attempt at adornment would be expected and that only the plainest kind of furniture, the end of which the conditions would be desired that time and needless expense could be avoided. In our judgment if the more practical and less than three weeks will be required to place the hall in condition for use. If, however, the ceiling of heavy canvas is believed the work can be done within a limit of from twelve to fifteen days.  
It is impossible to make any thing like close calculation as to the cost of these repairs. It is believed, however, that with board ceiling the cost would not exceed \$5,000, and with cloth ceiling no more than \$2,000. Of course we do not announce these figures as being anything more than approximate, as guess work necessarily entered largely into the calculation.  
We regret that, owing to the great haste in the collection of information made necessary by the early demand for this report, the general confusion prevailing and the pressure upon our time and thought on account of our duties, this report is no more definite.

Lincoln may drop base ball  
Apathy of Traction Company Discourages the Other Enthusiasts.  
(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Lincoln, as an applicant for a franchise in the Western Base Ball league, is practically down and out. The members of the league, counseled with President Sexton, solicited subscriptions of stock and cash and secured several thousand dollars. The members of the league are so discouraged that they will fail to follow the fortunes of the people who move in a stirring drama in which one lone woman is the heroine and the center of interest.

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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER  
Snow Followed by Fair but Colder  
Weather and Cloudiness in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Forecast: For Nebraska and Kansas—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday.  
For Iowa and Missouri—Fair Monday and Tuesday.  
For Indiana and Illinois—Snow, followed by fair Monday; Tuesday, fair and warmer; fresh northwest to north winds. For Colorado and Wyoming—Snow and colder Monday; Tuesday, fair.  
For North Dakota—Snow and colder Monday; Tuesday, fair.  
For South Dakota—Snow Monday; Tuesday, fair, colder.  
Local Forecast.  
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Jan. 10.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with that of corresponding day of the last three years:  
Maximum temperature, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901.  
Minimum temperature..... 28 7 29 14  
Mean temperature..... 30 16 34 19  
Precipitation..... 69 32 60 59  
Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day since March 1, 1891:  
Normal temperature..... 20  
Excess deficiency for the day..... 10  
Total excess since March 1, 1903..... 38  
Normal precipitation..... 62 inch  
Excess for the day..... 67 inches  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 32.42 inches  
Excess since March 1..... 1.94 inches  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902..... 31 inch  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1901..... 6.37 inches  
Report from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.  
Temperature at  
Time of day  
Temperature at  
Time of day  
Precipitation  
Time of day  
Omaha, cloudy..... 31 31 T  
Valentine, partly cloudy..... 30 30 T  
North Platte, clear..... 20 14 T  
Cheyenne, cloudy..... 46 46 T  
Salt Lake City, snowing..... 30 30 T  
Rapid City, clear..... 29 40 T  
Huron, cloudy..... 28 30 T  
Williston, cloudy..... 28 28 T  
Chicago, cloudy..... 34 34 T  
St. Louis, raining..... 34 34 T  
St. Paul, cloudy..... 34 34 T  
Denver, cloudy..... 34 34 T  
Kansas City, cloudy..... 32 34 T  
Hayre, clear..... 24 14 T  
Helena, snowing..... 18 18 T  
Bismarck, clear..... 18 18 T  
Galveston, clear..... 56 62 T

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