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NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

TAX LEVY IS LOWERED SOME

Accomplished by Cutting Six Mills from the Bond Fund.

INCREASES IN SEVERAL OTHER FUNDS

Suggest Amount is Three Mills Extra Tacked onto the Improvement Fund to Dredge Indian Creek.

The finance committee of the city council, comprised of Aldermen Gilbert, Crispin and Younkerman, has decided to recommend that the tax levy for 1904 be 26 1/2 mills, being 1 mill less than that for 1903.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount (Mills). Rows include General fund, Gas and street lighting, Water, Sewer, Bridge, Improvement, Library, and Bond.

The greatest reduction, it will be noticed, is made in the levy for the bond fund, which in 1903 was 11 mills, while this year the committee estimates that 6 mills will suffice.

At a meeting of the committee having the arrangements in charge last evening this program was decided upon. A 1/2 p. m. ceremony of dedication from balcony of Odd Fellows building.

Grand opening of Tucher's Broadway studio Saturday evening, August 12. Flowers, music and souvenirs free. We are still on the ground.

WESTERN IOWA COLLEGE

LEWIS CUTLER MORTGAGE, 21 Pearl St., Special Bluffs. Phone 31.

OMAHA ASKS BLUFFS TO HELP OUT

Coal Rate Question Taken Up with Local Dealers.

A committee, representing the coal dealers of Omaha, headed by Commissioner E. J. McVann of the Commercial club of that city, held a conference yesterday afternoon with the coal dealers of this city in the rooms of the Commercial club relative to the coal rate question.

The meeting resulted from the recent action of the railroads in raising the coal rates to Omaha and it had been intimated that the railroads were figuring on giving Council Bluffs a dose of the same medicine by raising the rates from Missouri and Kansas points to this city.

The trend of the discussion at yesterday's meeting showed that the Omaha dealers believe that if Council Bluffs can avert the raising of rates to this city the dealers across the river will have a better chance to include the railroads to rescind the recent raise.

Secretary Reed of the Commercial club was present at the conference, which resulted in the local dealers requesting that the Commercial club at once take up the matter and forestall, if possible, any increase in rates to this city.

Several local dealers, when seen after the meeting, said they did not anticipate any raises in rates to Council Bluffs, although possibly such action might be contemplated by the railroads.

Great Western Officials in City. President A. B. Stuckey and a party of officials of the Great Western arrived in the city last evening and this morning will make an inspection of the local terminals.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to The Bee August 12 by the Title Guaranty and Trust company of Council Bluffs.

Double Yokes Tonight. Just to add a little to the excitement tonight we will, during the big "Fike" celebration from 7:30 to 10, give double yokes on all cash purchases and payments of every kind; two votes for every cent paid.

MIDSUMMER WHIST LEAGUE SCORES

Attendance from Outside Points is Disappointing.

The attendance yesterday at the opening of the midsummer whist league of the Central Whist association was not up to expectations, there being only a few players from outside towns except Omaha present.

The concluding play will be this afternoon, when the high average for the three games will decide the winners. This evening the meeting will close with the free-for-all match.

NORTH AND SOUTH. Redick and Crummer 1-114, Joplin and Albright 1-104, Burrows and Crumpton 1-104, Lewis and Brington 1-104, Walters and Benjamin 1-104, Starost and Benjamin 1-104.

EAST AND WEST. Waters and Parmaley 1-104, Dalley and Martin 1-104, Alice and Shurrell 1-104, Prince and Sievers 1-104, Joplin and Albright 1-104, Burrows and Crumpton 1-104, Ellis and Martin 1-104, Howitt and Brington 1-104.

Those in attendance from out of town are: Messrs. Waters and Parmaley, Sioux City; Messrs. Prince and Sievers, Grand Island; Messrs. McNutt and Howitt, Grand Island; Mrs. Clapp, Mesera, Ames; Bushman, Crummer, Redick, Burrell, Joplin, Dreyfoos, Burrows, Ellis, Martin, McAshland, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bailey, Omaha.

Married Couples' Contest. The leaders in DeLong's married couples' voting contest last night were: Mr. and Mrs. Wood, 3,794; Tullis, 1,412; Brown, 2,807; Mauer, 1,380; Bendavid, 1,223; Webster, 2,430; Larsen, 1,190; Buffords, 1,242.

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MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Laffert's glasses fit. Stockert sells carpets.

Schmidt's new studio, 405 Broadway. Small photos at absurd prices, William.

Special sale on wood for Pyrograph, C. E. Alexander, 333 B'way.

Tucher's new 12' way studio. Still on the ground between Pearl and postoffice.

The ladies of the Fifth-avenue church will have a bakery exchange at 1810 Sixth avenue, Saturday.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Robert Pease, aged 22, and Cora Spint, aged 18, both of Osceola, Neb.

Last, a bunch of small keys and one large key with national bank tags return to the office and get reward.

Mrs. M. A. Arkwright of Mynder street has been called to Monroe, La., by the critical illness of her aged mother.

Joseph Miller, a pioneer resident of this city, is leaving for his home, 28 Benton street. Mr. Miller is 75 years old.

County Treasurer Consigney yesterday turned over to City Treasurer James H. DeLoach, being the city's proportion of the tax collections for July.

C. J. Annis, formerly of this city, now chief clerk of the Elliott hotel in Des Moines, who has been visiting relatives here, will return to the capital city today.

Ira Odell has gone to New York to take charge of the eastern business of his company. Mrs. Odell will join him later shortly and they will make their home in New York.

M. Sanger, treasurer of the Council Bluffs, Tabor and Southern Electric Railway company, was in the city yesterday en route from Tabor to Boston, where he goes to renew his efforts to float the company's bonds.

The preliminary hearing of Chester Egbert, charged with breaking and entering the Palace bar and stealing two buggy cushions and two carriage lamps, was continued in police court yesterday.

Walter Mellman, who was seized with an epileptic fit in the Northwestern yards Thursday and taken to the city jail, was removed yesterday to a private boarding ambulance by Dr. H. E. Parsons, who will care for him until he is able to continue on his journey east.

The funeral of James H. Newton will be held this afternoon from the family residence, 308 South Eighth street, and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The Council Bluffs tent, Knights of the Maccabees, of which deceased was a member, will have charge of the funeral.

E. M. Estes, charged with assaulting John McIntosh with a hatchet, was fined \$5 and costs before Justice Pratt at Crescent City yesterday. McIntosh, who was charged with assault on Estes, received a like fine. Estes and McIntosh are farmers living in Crescent township and recently had a fight over a boundary fence.

Secretary Dillon Ross of the Board of Education is preparing to take the school census for the school year of 1904-1905 next month. Last year the census showed 4,500 children of school age in the independent school district of Council Bluffs. Secretary Ross is of the opinion that the enumeration this year will show a total of over 5,000.

The police spent considerable time Thursday investigating a report that a man named Young, husband of a woman named Young, had been shot at a boarding house on South Tenth street. The report proved to be a hoax, and was, it is believed, started to induce Mrs. Young to visit her husband, from whom she has been separated for some time.

After a thorough investigation, it has been decided that piling will be unnecessary under the foundations of the new administration building at the Iowa school for the deaf. A six-foot concrete base will be laid in a depth of fifteen feet and this, it is believed, will form a solid foundation for the walls of the building at the point where it was thought owing to the nature of the soil piling would be necessary.

The last concrete pile on the Carnegie library site was driven yesterday afternoon and Contractor Raymond at once commenced the removal of the ponderous machine which has proved such an attraction for the last month. Work on laying the concrete base is almost completed, and Messrs. Winchester & Cullen, the general contractors for the building, expect to begin laying later Monday. The iron and other material for the building is arriving daily.

NATIONAL GUARD IS READY

Improved Service Condition Brought About by New Law.

PRESENT OFFICERS COMPETENT MEN

Tablet in Memory of Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Iowa Placed in the Historical Building.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—If there should soon come again the necessity for quick mustering in of volunteer regiments in the service of the United States, Iowa would be able to demonstrate in most satisfactory way the results of the new militia law which brings the state organizations into close touch with the regular army and places the state service on exactly the same basis as that of the federal government.

The work of reorganizing the guard to conform fully to the regulations of the war board is going on steadily and surely. In a few years the Iowa National Guard will be as near perfect as anything can be outside the regulars.

An illustration of what is being done was given this week when a military board examined a dozen applicants for commissions, including a lieutenant colonel and major. Even the colonels and the assistant adjutant generals submit to rigid examinations. This system of examination before commissioning has been in vogue only about three years. It is a part of the plan to place the guard on regular army basis.

"The character of men who are coming before the board for examination for commissions is vastly improved," said General James Rush Lincoln, president of the board, one of the finest tacticians in the country. "We are getting better officers. The men are finding out that before they can get commissions they must show competency. They prepare themselves for the examinations. Formerly they would come here and depend on a 'pull' to get them through. When a man elected to be an officer is sent back for incompetency he sees to it that the next time he comes up he knows his work. We are making the examinations a little more rigid, for at first we had to be a little lenient. Now when the men come up for examination they are generally those who are in every way worthy of promotion. The whole guard is being offered by men who have learned what they have to do. And men are not elected now who are incompetent. Formerly almost any 'good fellow' could be elected captain or lieutenant or to other positions, but it is not so now. The system is working a transformation in the Iowa National Guard and it is coming up more nearly to regular army standards. There is too much at stake in allowing incompetent commanders to secure positions of responsibility, for now we do not know when these regiments may be taken bodily into the volunteer service and see actual warfare. But Iowa is getting ready to meet any emergency."

Historic Tablet Placed. Curator Charles Aldrich today placed in position in the state historical building the bronze tablet provided for by the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution "To the memory of revolutionary soldiers buried in Iowa." The tablet is of bronze, made in New York and mounted on a green marble slab. It contains the names of five—William Blair, Charles Shepherd, John Osborn, George Perkins and Timothy Brown, whose graves are all marked. It is known there are also some others lying buried in Iowa soil.

No Rodgers in Prison. B. W. Garrett, pardon clerk in the office of the governor, who has charge of the records of the state penitentiaries, doubts the story from Monona county that a convict named Rodgers from Delaware county is in fact Ed Corns, wanted in Omaha for killing Sheriff Strawn a year ago. The records do not show any Rodgers from Delaware county, or any other convict of that name who has recently been placed in the prison. A reward was offered by the governor for the arrest of Corns.

Plumber Runs for Congress. The Fourth district democrat have nominated W. O. Roman of Mason City, a plumber, as their candidate for congress to make the race against Gilbert N. Hagen of Northwood, the present congressman who is running for a fourth term. The convention lacked in spirit and it is believed that the democrats will not attempt to make much of a race.

Independent Packers Not Helped. William Agar, one of the owners of the packing house in Des Moines, states that the independent packers desire the ending of the strike as much as the other packers do, and that the independents have not received any benefit by the failure of the large packers to supply their customers. The advantage they had was more than offset by the stories of high prices for the meat, which nearly stopped all demand for meat. James S. Agar is at the head of a committee of meat producers in Chicago engaged in trying to settle the strike.

New School Building. LOGAN, Ia., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Oran, a small town in Jackson township, Harrison county, is soon to have a new school building. Plans have been drawn already and the building will be let to the lowest bidder Monday, September 5.

The Strike is Still Going On, But Our Prices Are Lower Than Ever

Table with 2 columns: Item Name, Price. Rows include SIRLOIN STEAK, PORTERHOUSE STEAK, BEST ROUND STEAK, BOLLING BEEF, BEEF ROAST, and GOOD HAMS.

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