

CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS

SPECIAL ELECTION TODAY

Franchise for Independent Telephone Company to Be Voted On.

MUCH INTEREST IS BEING MANIFESTED

Location of the Polling Places and Judges and Clerks of Election Who Will Be on Duty.

The question of whether the city shall grant a franchise to the Council Bluffs Independent Telephone company is to be decided by the vote of the people at the special election to be held today.

That the proposition will meet with considerable opposition is conceded and the contest at the polls today is expected to be an interesting one.

On the other hand the Independent Telephone company has the support of the agricultural implement firms and some business men to whom connection with the rural telephone companies will be more or less benefit.

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The polls will be open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening and these are the polling places in the several precincts:

- First Ward—First precinct, 303 East Broadway; Second precinct, 134 East Broadway. Second Ward—First precinct, 233 Bryant street; Second precinct, 734 West Broadway. Third Ward—First precinct, 219 South Main street; Second precinct, 723 South Main street. Fourth Ward—First precinct, corner house; Second precinct, corner Twelfth avenue and Sixth street.

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James Hoan, E. A. Troutman, C. J. Dobbin, clerks; C. M. Hobbs, Charles Hammett, Second precinct judges, James McMillen, J. D. Saar, J. H. Strook, clerks; Lawrence Hanson, J. A. Knox, First Ward.

LACK OF WATER PROVES COSTLY

Manufacturing Plant Otherwise Could Have Been Saved.

"Had the firemen been able to get water from the first hydrant they coupled to the fire could have been put out in about five minutes with not more than \$10 damage."

This statement was made yesterday by W. T. Walker, manager and principal owner of the Walker Manufacturing company's plant, which with its contents was destroyed by fire late Saturday night.

When the first company arrived at the scene of the fire it was attempted to couple the hydrant in close proximity to the building, but it would not respond.

Had the wind been blowing from the south instead of from the north, nothing could have saved the large brick building belonging to the Smith Refining company, now occupied by the Alfalfa Meal company, which moved to this side after the destruction by fire of its plant in Omaha.

There is little more than the width of two railroad tracks between the two buildings and as it was the Smith Refining company's building that became exceedingly hot at times.

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Those who will participate in the events are: Graves, Mills, Benjamin, Canning, Henninger, Bredlove, Andrus, Peterson, Langstrom, Norgard (captain), Johnson, Baird, Ebbelwhite, Nicoll, Redfern, Cutler, Green, Kringie, Jacoby, Delaney, Semmer, Hawkins, Devine, E. Norgard, Beno and Huilette.

MINOR MENTION.

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

Plumbing and heating, Bixby & Son. Drs. Woodruff, dentists, 421 Third street. For rent, modern house, 723 Sixth avenue. Spring term of Western Iowa college opens March 27.

Quicker shoes have all kinds of hard and soft soles. 1715. Dashing styles in wall paper. Prices low. Hancock, 211 Main st., Tel. 653.

Plumber, 2222 Broadway, guarantees to do the best shoe repair work. Give him a trial. Gather up your pictures, 20 per cent cash discount on mouldings this week. Alexander's.

The city council will meet Tuesday evening both as a council and in committee of the whole.

F. D. Agisworth, a brother of Judge E. E. Agisworth of this city, died at his home in Ontario, N. Y., last Friday.

Gold and green have been selected as the colors for decorating purposes on the Grand Spring Trade Opening and Market day on April 8.

Missouri oak dry cordwood, \$5 a cord, cobs \$1.75 per load, shell bark Hickory \$1 per cord, delivered. William Welch, 11 North Main.

There will be a special meeting this evening of Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, for the royal arch degree.

Following the meeting a banquet will be served.

John Christensen, an old man claiming his home in Rhode Island, was picked up yesterday by the police, evidently suffering from the effects of alcohol.

City Physician Tinley ordered the man removed to Mercy hospital.

George H. Keese, living on North Seventh street, was arrested by the police yesterday charged with larceny.

Keese for some time has been engaged in the junk business, and it is alleged he has appropriated large quantities of pipe belonging to the works company.

St. Agnes' guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. Quinn on Oakland avenue.

Catherine's guild will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. D. Littlefield. The Ladies' Aid society will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tinley, and the Women's auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon at the same place.

Mrs. A. M. Compton, aged 77 years, died last evening at her home on 12th street. Mrs. M. H. Sears, 132 Graham avenue, death being due to the infirmities of old age.

Mrs. Compton had been a resident of this city since 1878, and besides the daughter, Mrs. M. H. Sears, she has a son, Major Frank M. Compton, and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Westcott.

BARS DIRECTIONS IN GAELIC

Action of Dublin Postal Authorities Causes Question in House of Commons.

LONDON, March 26.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—In view of the refusal of the Dublin postal authorities to accept a number of parcels which the Walker Manufacturing company with a paid up capital of \$50,000.

The company was engaged in the manufacture of washing machines, shovel boards, wind mills and other implements and had just put in machinery for the manufacture of wire fencing.

Arrangements had also been made to get out a new corn harvester for the fall trade and much of the material for these machines was already in stock.

At first Mr. Walker thought the new fence machinery might have been saved, but investigation yesterday showed that many of the articles were badly warped by the intense heat and it is doubtful if there will be any salvage in this respect.

The old foundry building was originally erected for a shot tower and was burned down with the exception of the tall smokestack about twenty-five years ago.

About fifteen years ago it was rebuilt for the Sprague Foundry company, which occupied it until about three years ago, when it moved into the old electric light building.

Regarding the report on the streets yesterday that Mr. Walker intended bringing suit against the city and water works company on account of the failure of the hydrant to furnish water, Mr. Walker stated last evening that was without foundation, as he had made no such statement.

District Court Assignment. Judge Wheeler, who is presiding over the March term of court in this city, has ordered that the petit jury be notified not to appear until April 17, instead of April 15, this postponement has been made necessary by Judge Wheeler having to hold court this week at Sidney for Judge Thornell, who is engaged in the trial of the Doyle-Burns suit.

The first assignment of law causes for the term has been made by Judge Wheeler and it is in the following order: Case that of the State of Iowa against W. A. Ellsworth, charged with arson in connection with the attempt to burn down the hotel building in McClelland owned by him.

The assignment follows: Monday, April 17.—Utterback against Lindner; Smith against Dixon et al. Tuesday, April 18.—Stevens against Citizens' Gas Company.

Wednesday, April 19.—Butcher against World Publishing Company. Thursday, April 20.—William Potter, administrator, against City of Council Bluffs (special).

Friday, April 21.—Lucas, administrator, against Key; Vaughn against Napier. Saturday, April 22.—State against W. A. Ellsworth. Sunday, April 23.—Merrill & Baker against Thompson.

Tuesday, April 24.—Brown against Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company (special). Wednesday, April 25.—Land against Holtenbeck Bros.

Thursday, April 26.—Reichert against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company (special). Friday, April 27.—Michener against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company (special); Kentucky Huggy Company against Burlington Quincy Railway Company (special); Voss, cashier, against Voss.

Saturday, May 2.—Cook against Squire; De Witt against Morgan & Dickey. Wednesday, May 3.—Stevens against Union Pacific Railway Company; Scott against Albert. Thursday, May 4.—Jensen against City of Council Bluffs.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night, P. 677.

Night Session of Court. Judge Thornell will hold a night session tonight at the Doyle-Burns suit in order that the motion of the defense that judgment insofar as the shares of the stock received from the sale of the Devil's Own claim be entered for Burns, may be argued.

Motion for judgment is made on the grounds that the jury at the former trial found that Doyle had no interest in the Devil's Own and this finding was not reversed or altered by the supreme court. The court's ruling on this motion will be important, as if it is sustained it will reduce Doyle's claim to \$300,000.

Charles J. Hughes, Jr., arrived from Denver yesterday and will assist in the argument against the motion.

High School Athletics. The High School Athletic association will hold its first indoor meet Friday night in the school gymnasium. The program will comprise thirteen events, including a basket ball game and two humorous stunts, namely, a pie race and a sack race. The judges will be Painter Knox, Roy Mitchell and Coach Fred D. Grass.

This Is Election Day

An opportunity to throttle a trust. Vote early and unloose \$100,000 to go into the workmen's pockets.

Remove the dead line thrown around Council Bluffs by a Nebraska monopoly.

N. B.—There will be a member of the Independent Telephone company at each precinct. If you detect any vote buying or selling, report it to him and be liberally rewarded.

THE Independent Telephone Co.

IMPORTANT CASE HELD UP

Right of Cities to Tax Railroads at Full Value is In Laid.

BELIEF COURT IS EVENLY DIVIDED

Rock Island Said to Contemplate Building a Line from Winterset West to the Missouri River.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., March 26.—(Special.)—Just one year has elapsed since there was submitted to the supreme court the consolidated cases known as the charter city railroad tax cases.

Ordinarily a case submitted to the court one period is handed down at the next period a month later. From the fact that the court has not handed down any decision, it is surmised that the court cannot agree on the matter, though such surmise is speculative, as the secrets of the supreme court chamber are inviolate.

Davenport and Cedar Rapids are each special charter cities. In Davenport the Milwaukee railroad was assessed on a 100 per cent valuation instead of on a 25 per cent valuation, as elsewhere in the state.

The Milwaukee road appealed to the district court, which held that the city could thus assess property. In Cedar Rapids, another special charter city, the Northwest was assessed at 100 per cent of its actual value and in the case in the district court it was held that the city did not have such a right.

The two cases were consolidated in the supreme court chamber and a special court ruling, as there are seven charter cities in the state and the matter is one of vital importance.

The failure of the court to hand down a decision is taken by some to mean that the court is evenly divided, which makes the situation all the more interesting as the decision in the lower court were directly opposed.

Preparing State History. Prof. Benjamin F. Shambaugh of the State university is preparing a history of the political parties and their movements in Iowa.

It is expected the work will consist of four or five volumes and the first will appear in a short time. The work is unique in that the material is gathered almost entirely from the files of the newspapers of the state.

Prominent Men at Encampment. Among the prominent people who will appear on the program at the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Okaloosa in May are: Past Chief Commander William Warner of Kansas City, Chief Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar of Boston, Separators Allison and Dooliver, Governor Cummins, Congressman Hull, Hepburn, Hedge, Cousins and Lacey, besides other prominent men of the state.

Congressman Lacey will be chairman at one of the camps.

Rock Island Again Building.

The Rock Island road is renewing the plans for the building of the road of the line west from Winterset to some point on the Missouri river. There is a large tract to the west and south of Winterset and two railroads are projected through it for the coming summer.

The Rock Island has planned to appear in a short time. The work is plain and even hauled a large amount of material to the grounds for the construction.

Money Goes from Iowa. Helms in Sweden will inherit the estate of the late James Halline, a wealthy Swedish contractor who died a few years ago, leaving a 150-acre farm in Nebraska and about \$20,000 in cash in Des Moines.

A brother of the deceased, Nestor Halline of St. James, Neb., will now secure but half of the property. The Swedish consul at Sioux City has been investigating the claims of the heirs in Sweden and reported that they are entitled to one-half the property.

New Short Line Project.

The proposed new interurban between Grinnell and Belle Plaine will shorten the distance between the latter city and Des Moines about twenty miles. J. G. Neely of a prominent Chicago engineering firm, has proposed the route with the Grinnell promoters Saturday and will report favorably upon the project.

With this report assurance is given that the construction of the line will only be a matter of time, as capital is ready and stock has been over-subscribed.

Biennial Will Stand.

It is the remark of the people who are familiar with the working of the supreme court that there will not be a dissenting opinion among the members of the supreme bench from the opinion handed down by Judge Evans and that the measure will be sustained in every detail by the supreme bench.

Habitues of the state house have remarked about the short time spent in the consideration of the measure after it was argued, the judges immediately leaving for their homes, as an indication that there was a thorough understanding that the case had been decided and that the decision of the lower court would be sustained.

association. The meeting will be held July 13 and 14. A preliminary program was mapped out at the meeting of the committee here and some of the most noted lawyers of the country will be asked to make addresses at the meeting.

CHINAMEN MAY BE DEPORTED

Celestials Accused of Violating Immigration Law—Trial Today.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—The preliminary hearing of Lee Sing, a Chinese laundryman of this city, and another Chinaman living at Elk Point, who were arrested on the charge that they had been smuggled into the United States, will be held tomorrow before United States Commissioner D. J. Conway of this city.

Lee Sing has been conducting a laundry in Sioux Falls for some time. He claims to have been born in the United States and that he therefore does not come under the Chinese exclusion act. He has engaged an attorney and will make a hard fight against being deported.

The Chinaman arrested at Elk Point is the possessor of a "merchant's certificate," which, if genuine, would entitle him to remain in the United States without molestation. However, an effort will be made to show that he is not in rightful possession of the certificate.

The Elk Point Chinaman alleges that he is a member of a big mercantile house at Townsend, Wash. However, he will have to explain during his preliminary hearing why it is that if this is true he is working in an Elk Point laundry for \$25 per month.

Sioux Falls Elks Elect Officers.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—As the result of the annual business meeting of the members of the local Elks' lodge the following officers were elected for the coming year: Exalted ruler, E. R. Winans; leading knight, J. M. Woodruff; loyal knight, George A. Pettigrew; lecturing knight, W. A. Beach; secretary, E. C. Hinde; treasurer, John C. Farley; Tyler, Frank Kurth; trustee, C. P. Bates.

E. H. Lien was elected to represent the local lodge at the next grand lodge meeting. Mr. Farley has been treasurer of the lodge ever since it was organized.

Dakota Wool Growers to Meet.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers' association of South Dakota will be held in Aberdeen June 22. The association has made rapid growth recently and it is probable the meeting will be largely attended. An excellent program is being prepared for the meeting, which will probably last two days. John C. Hall of Orway is secretary of the association.

Demand for School Lands.

STURGIS, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—Wednesday and Thursday were busy days at the county treasurer's and auditor's offices, the occasion being the leasing of school lands in Meade county for a five-year term. A large amount of the lands have been leased, about \$200 being taken in by the county treasurer for the same on the days above mentioned. Leases will string along for a month or two.

Elect a Stock Inspector.

STURGIS, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—A meeting of the stock raisers of Meade county was held in this city yesterday for the purpose of electing a stock inspector for the county. The meeting was well attended and resulted in the selection of George T. Minturn as inspector.

License Wins in South Dakota.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—License carried at Britton in the town election by a majority of fifty. License also carried at Andover, Pierpont and Vebien, where the prohibition element won at Langford.

FIRE RECORD.

Brewing Company's Freight Depot. ST. LOUIS, March 26.—The freight depot of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association, located in the center of its immense freight yards in the southern part of the city, was totally destroyed by fire today, together with seventeen refrigerators, the property of the St. Louis Refrigerating Car company, of which Adolph Busch is the president. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Ten minutes after the flames were discovered in the southwest corner of the building, among several hundred bales of packing hay, the building was a mass of fire, and twenty minutes later the roof fell in, throwing sparks high into the air.

The origin of the fire is not known, but in the opinion of Mr. Busch it was caused by spontaneous combustion generated in the hay. Although this is the second serious fire on the Busch properties within two months Mr. Busch does not agree with the police, who advances an incendiary theory. The loss is covered by insurance.

Wanderer Held by Police.

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—After having made his way in "roughing it" for over 400 miles through fourteen states without a cent of money, Charles Agnew Foscock of Rutledge, Delaware county, Pa., 15 years of age, is held by the police pending the result of a notification sent to his father, an auto-

mobile manufacturer. Young Foscock stated that he ran away from home a year ago to travel over the country and during his absence has not written to his parents. He was found by the police at the city dispensary, where he had gone to have a wound in his hand dressed.

STRANGE SHIP ON ADRIATIC

Craft Bearing No Name Nor Flag Carries Pretty Passengers From Home.

VIENNA, March 26.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—A mysterious vessel which has been cruising about in the northern Adriatic has caused great excitement among the peasant population of the coast. It was first noticed at a point near Flume by the steamer Godollo, which threw a searchlight upon it as it did not answer to signals.

A curious sight was revealed. It was seen that it was built like a yacht, was long, lay low in the water and was painted black, and on the decks were a crowd of men and women in fantastic attire feasting. It bore no name and carried no flag. The next evening the vessel, which has been christ-

ened by the coast population the "Flying Dutchman," was seen off Abbazia. Festivities were again proceeding to the sound of music, but when the boats were put off from the shore to examine it more closely it disappeared in the darkness.

A fisherman who has succeeded in boarding the vessel to sell fish tells a strange story, according to the Wiener Mittags Zeitung. He states that there were many young girls on board belonging apparently to the peasant class, although they were richly dressed. A girl who has returned to her home at Buceari, in Croatia, after having been missed for a fortnight, declares that she was persuaded to go to the vessel to sell vegetables for some sailors, and that as soon as she was aboard the vessel got under way and she had to remain.

One day when the ship was off Buceari she asked to be allowed to go home, and was thereupon given some gold pieces and put ashore. The fishermen are in a state of great excitement and declare they will blow up the mysterious craft on the first opportunity.

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