

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS

BARRERS IN CONVENTION

Three Groups of State Association Hold a Joint Convention.

SOME INTERESTING ADDRESSES DELIVERED

Election Results in Selection of Old Officers for Another Term—List of Those Who Were in Attendance.

At the annual meeting of group No. 4 of the Iowa State Bankers' association, held yesterday at the Grand hotel, the members of groups No. 3 and 5 were its guests...

At the meeting of the state association in Des Moines on June 7 and 8 the state will be re-elected and under the new arrangement some of the counties now embraced in groups 3 and 5 will be placed in group 4 and it was this that prompted the joint meeting yesterday.

At the forenoon session, in the absence of President E. Hart of the First National bank of this city, Attorney Jacob Sims was called upon to deliver the address of welcome, which was responded to by Carl F. Kuehnle of Denison.

The feature of the morning session was an address by Gordon W. Wattles of the Union National bank of Omaha on "The Present Condition and Future Prospects of Banking."

Congressman Walter L. Smith was on the program of the afternoon session for an address, but was unable to be present. Hon. Spencer Smith of this city delivered an interesting address on "The Effect of Trusts on Business Generally and Banking in Particular and the Power of the Government to Control the Same."

It was followed by D. L. Heinsheimer of Glenwood, who, in the absence of L. A. Foster of Glenwood, led the discussion on the question of insuring deposits. During the discussion the question was brought up whether insuring deposits would tend to prevent a run on a bank such as occurred in Milwaukee a few days ago when the defalcation of President Buelow of the First National bank of that city became known.

The closing address was made by Senator J. T. Brooks of Hedrick. Carl F. Kuehnle of Denison, partner of Hon. L. M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the bankruptcy law ought to be amended so that the assets of the bankrupt and representatives in congress be requested to use their best efforts to cure its defects and that the secretary send a copy of this resolution to each senator and representative.

Election of Officers. The election of officers by group 4 resulted in the unanimous re-election of the old officers as follows:

W. H. Johnson, chairman, cashier State Savings bank, Logan; J. H. Hart, secretary, cashier Bank of Neola, Neola, Ia.; Executive committee: Ernest E. Hart, president, Bank of Neola, Neola, Ia.; Charles E. Price, cashier Commercial National Bank, Council Bluffs; Dr. S. J. Patterson, cashier First State bank, Dunlap; August Berensheim, cashier Council Bluffs Savings bank; Walter L. Smith, president First National Bank, Harlan.

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Program of Meeting Next Week is Announced.

The program for the thirteenth annual convention of the Iowa State Federation of Labor, to be held in this city Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, was announced yesterday. The business sessions of the convention will be held in the McCaskey hall in the Brown building and it is expected from 150 to 200 delegates will be in attendance.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the convention will be called to order by President Ward of the Council Bluffs Trades and Labor assembly. Mayor Macrae will welcome the visitors on behalf of the city and President Bink of the Commercial club will do likewise on behalf of that organization and the laboring men of the city.

President A. L. Urick of the state federation will respond to the addresses of welcome and will be followed by Hon. Edward C. Coffey, state labor commissioner, who will make a report on the progress of the state federation.

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"A large amount of main sewer construction proposed for this year is knocked in the head by the discovery that the \$75,000 sewer bond issue did not carry at the last election," says City Engineer Rosewater. "There is now in the sewer department \$120,000 constructing and reconstructing main sewers badly needed. As it is, the worst needed job will have to be done and the rest allowed to go over until next year, unless a special election is held at a cost of from \$5,000 to \$6,000. It is too early to determine what main sewer work will be done this summer under the conditions."

Acting Mayor Zimmerman instructed N. J. Hilding & Sons, the contractors for the new fire engine house at Tenth and Cumby streets, to quit work Wednesday afternoon as soon as it was learned by him that the proposed issue of \$80,000 engine house bonds had not been authorized by a two-thirds vote last fall, and therefore could not be issued. Hilding & Sons went to work on the presumption that Brandeis & Sons would buy the bonds, thus providing money to pay for the construction. The contracting had been about completed and much material ordered, including iron work from Paxton & Vierling, which has to be specially constructed. Whether or not a long delay will cause financial loss to any one remains to be determined. The legal department says nothing can be recovered from the city in this event, as the mayor and council had no authority to issue the bonds, and the contractor in bidding for the work took his chances.

DEATH RECORD.

Funeral of Victor H. Yont. BROCK, Neb., May 4.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Victor H. Yont, a young man who was killed last Saturday at Schenectady, N. Y., while in the employ of the General Electric company, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the church in this city over the remains of Victor H. Yont, the young man who was killed last Saturday at Schenectady, N. Y., while in the employ of the General Electric company. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the church in this city over the remains of Victor H. Yont, the young man who was killed last Saturday at Schenectady, N. Y., while in the employ of the General Electric company.

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BALANCE WILL PAY EXPENSE TO AUGUST 1

Receipts During the Year Were \$181,168 and Expenses to May 1 Amount to \$122,874, Leaving a Nice Balance in Funds.

There will be no overlap in any of the city funds this year if the present plan of economy is kept up till the close of the fiscal year, July 31. City Clerk Gillin issued a statement last evening showing the condition of the funds up to May 1. From all sources the municipality received during the fiscal year \$181,168. Of this amount there had been drawn on May 1 the sum of \$122,874, leaving a balance of \$58,294 in the city's strong box. This amount will pay all necessary expenses for May, June and July. In August the 1905 levy will be available. It has been the aim of the city council all through the fiscal year to keep expenditures down as low as possible and to save money wherever a saving could be made. A great deal of credit for this is due to the finance committee of the council and also to the mayor, who appears to do all he can to cut down expenditures. One item in the clerk's report is a refund from the Rock Island road of \$504, paid by the city for maintaining lights at Rock Island crossing. The sewerage fund also helped out considerably, and there is now in this fund \$4,707, which will go toward reducing the 1906 levy.

There is a respectable balance in every fund, with the possible exception of the judgment fund, which is down to \$245. City officials are confident that unless something happens to cause an unusual expenditure of money the city will get through the fiscal year with a balance on hand. Conditions are better than a year ago and the city is in a better position to meet its obligations. It is hoped that the city will be able to reduce the 1906 levy.

Trainer Makes Progress. County Commissioner Trainor has been working for some time for the building of a viaduct across the Burlington tracks at the city limits on West Q street. This is a grade crossing and there is quite a descent on both the east and west approaches to the tracks. Last night Mr. Trainor made the statement that the matter had now gone so far that General Manager Holdrege had directed that plans be drawn for a bridge across this draw.

The county is willing, said Commissioner Trainor, "to grade on the west approach to the proposed viaduct and it is no more than right that the city of South Omaha should do the grading for the east approach. This crossing has always been a bad one and a number of serious accidents have happened in the last few years that would not have occurred had there been a bridge across the tracks." Continuing, Mr. Trainor said that he hoped that the railroad company would see its way clear to bridge these tracks before fall.

J. C. Knight, a member of the Board of Education, died at his home, 1088 Madison street, Thursday afternoon. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Knight contracted