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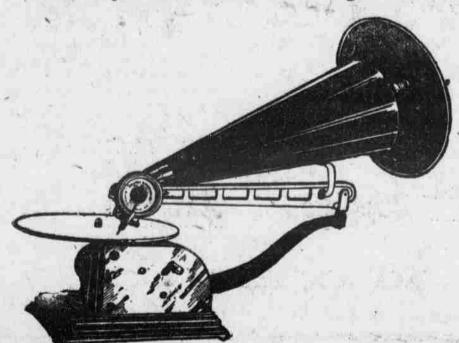
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COUNCIL BLUFFS

Clarence H. Judson Appointed Chief En-

gineer of New Independent Company.

WORK TO BE COMMENCED IN THIRTY DAYS

Construction of Conduits in Downtown Districts One of First Things to Be Undertaken by the New Company.

The Council Bluffs Independent Telephone company, which recently secured a franchise, is preparing to begin the work of construction of its proposed system. Clarence H. Judson of this city has been engaged as chief engineer to prepare the plans for the proposed system and to superintend the work of construction. The company has secured offices in the Merriam bleck and Mr. Judson expects to be ready for business by Tuesday morning of this Since the disbanding of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of this city, of which he was secretary, Mr Judson has been engaged in the management of an independent telephone company ers in Kansas City, Des Moines and other

Mr. Judson stated yesterday that it was the intention of the company to commence the work of construction as soon as the material could be secured. He expressed the opinion that it would take at least thary days for sufficient material to be on the ground here to enable the company to start work. According to present plans the cost of constructing the system is placed by Mr. Judson at \$300,000. The first work to be commenced by the

company will be the laying of the underground conduits in the down town streets. This work Mr. Judson hopes to see under way by June 1, if not sooner. At the start the company, Mr. Judson states, will build four main lines out of the city-one south Valley, one east to Griswold, via Treynor, southwest to connect with the South Omaba Independent company. As soon as the underground conduits are laid the company will put seventy-five linemen. to work in the city and the same number outside. Only union labor, Mr. Judson says, will be employed.

The question of the location of the cen tral exchange building has not yet been determined and the company is looking for a mitable site. The location of the exchange will have much to do with the gen eral arrangement of the telephone system

"Christian Endeavor Meeting. LOGAN, Is., May 6.-(Special.)-This morning at the county Christian Endeavor convention at the Christian church the following program was rendered: "Increase B. Franklin Hall, Woodbine, "Work of the Lookout Committee," Hattle Pugaley, Woodbine; "Prayer Meeting Committees," C. F. Luce, Logan; solo, Stella O'Relily, ogan; "Missionary Committees," Edith Fischer, Logan; "Social Committees, Lottie McGavern; solo, Jessie Davis Logan; "Minor Committees," C. C. Brown,

Population of Sious City. IOWA CITY, Ia., May 6.-(Special.)-Th otal population from the official figures of he assessor of this city is 8,459.

Clay County Shows Decrease.

WORK ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM | the census returns is now 12,708, which is 93 less than five years ago. The decrease is laid to the large number of farmers who

MILLIONS FOR LIFE INSURANCE

have gone to the Dakotas and the Pacific

Iowa People Are Carrying a Total of \$621,773,436 in Policies

of Various Kinds.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, May 6 .- (Special.) - Decem bor 3, 1904, the total value of the outstanding policies of the forty-three old line life insurance companies doing business in the state of Iowa, was \$1,960,834,038.54. This is shown in the annual report of the auditor of state, made to the governor today. There are forty-three old line or level premium companies, eighteen assessment companies and forty-eight fraternal beneficiary associstions. Of the seven Iowa companies the comparison of the year 1904 with the year 1963 shows the premium receipts to have increased from \$2,314,958.47 to \$2,638,571.21, the insurance in force from \$61,716,689 to \$71,662,-363, the assets from \$6,384,612.15 to \$7,713,631.17, amounts paid beneficiaries from \$604,959.33 to \$810,162.18 surplus from \$744,213.40 to \$815. 861.81. The report shows that of the total 109 companies of all kinds doing a life insurance business in the state during the year 1904 there were in force 445,457 policies, with a total paid to beneficiaries of \$4,273. 570.28 and the total insurance in force December 31, 1904, was \$621,773,436.

In his report the auditor takes occasion to recommend that the legislature at its next session take up the question of the kind of securities in which companies shall be allowed to invest and states that as long as they are allowed to invest in stocks of national banks they should be allowed also to invest in stocks of state and savings banks. He recommends especially that the manner of the investment of the funds of fraternal associations be looked into. He states that the fraternals do not use the same care as other insurance companies to Pacific Junction, one north to Missouri and that in many instances the funds are not invested according to good business principles. It was also recommended that legislation be enacted permitting companies to erect buildings for their home offices and that the form of policies be regulated by

diplomas of six nurses who will be graduated from the institution May 12 Dr. Cottan of Rock Rapids will deliver the ad-

The Masons today and tomorrow are entertaining Grand Commander James D. Richardson of the Southern jurisdiction of the order. A reception was given him this evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple and tomorrow there will be further ceremonies. The party will leave Monday

If you have anything to trade, advertise SPENCER, Ia., May 6.-(Special.)-The it in the For Exchange column of The Bee population of Clay county as shown by want ad page.

ARMY NEWS AND GOSSIP.

FORT RILEY, Kan., May 6.—(Special.)— The Fort Riley Young Men's Christian as-ociation, which was organized last August, FORT RILEY, Kan., May 6.—(Special.)—
The Fort Riley Young Men's Christian association, which was organized last August, is now beginning to demonstrate that such an organization can be successfully conducted here, although the membership has reached but seventy, up to the present time. Attractive rooms are provided by the government, free of charge, in the post symmasium building, but the association is still much in need of furniture, games, etc. Last Sunday evening a mass meeting in the interest of the association was held in the First Methodist church of Junction City, at which a large and enhusiastic audience was present. Music was furnished by Mrs. T. W. Dorn and a chorus of enlisted men, and addresses were made by Prof. J. H. Hill of the state normal school, Captain G. W. Gatchell, General Secretary Masters of the post association, and Andrew Baird, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of Kansas. The affairs of the association have been placed in the hands of an advisory committee consisting of Captain G. W. Gatchell, artillery corps, and E. H. Hemenway, W. J. Muenzenmayer, T. B. Kennedy and W. S. Hcuesener of Junction City, who will at once begin active work, and it is believed that much good will be accomplished.

A board of officers, consisting of Major John M. Banister, medical department; captain George H. Cameron. Fourth cavalry; Captain William J. Snow, artillery corps, and First Lieutenant F. M. Jones, Ninth cavalry, has been appointed to meet at this post on Wednesday, May 10th, to conduct the examination of such candidates as may have been directed to report to the board with a view to their appointment as veterinarians in the army. A board of officers was appointed Monday to take charge of details, enter into the necessary correspondence and make all requisite arrangements for securing suitable entertainments for the ensuing season at the post theater. The board consists of Captain C. H. McNeil artillery corps; Captain A. M. Miller, Ninth cavalry, adjutant; and the post exch

council.

The post council of administration has been ordered to convene as soon as practicable for the purpose of making an equitable division of the periodicals, etc., received at this post, on the busis of \$75 for the cavalry subpost and \$45 for the artillery subpost.

Almon A. Gist, clerk in the office of the post and constructing quartermaster, has been granted leave of absence for tendays, and left Thursday morning for Oklahoma. days, and left Thursday morning for Oklahoma. Second Lieutenant Orson L. Early, Second Lieutenant Orson L. Early, Eighth cavalry, left Wednesday morning for Fort Sill, O. T., where he will join the squadron of his regiment, there stationed. The squadron will sall about the first of July for the Philippines.

Private Clyde Wills, troop C. Eleventh cavalry, got drunk in Junction City last Saturday night and was arrested for provoking a fight with an innocent civilian, who refused to pay Wills' street car fare when requested to do so. He was fined \$33.50, which was paid by the members of his troop.

law.

According to State Horticulturist Wesley
Greene reports from over the state show that the frosts during the month of april have damaged the fruit in the state about 5 per cent on the average. He states, however, that the condition of the fruit is such that it can easily recover from all damage and there will be a full crop unless other damage should follow. Grapes and raspberries and blackberries are even better than they were a month ago.

Dr. Nelson Voideng, superintendent for the state hospital at Cherokee, is in the city to secure the signatures of the members of the Board of Control to the diplomas of six nurses who will be gradu-

Itst.
Captain M. S. Murray, commissary, returned this week from an extended trip in the east, where he visited Washington, New York, West Point and other places, on business connected with his departvent:
Veterinarian Alexander Power, artillery corps, has been invited to prepare a paper to be read before the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical association at Cleveland, O., August 15th to 18th. Dr. Fower has not yet decided whether or not he will attend the meeting.
Commissary Sergeant Blakely. Ninth cavalry, who was discharged by expiration of his term of service last month, has re-enlisted.
Word has been received that W. M. Tal-Word has been received that W. M. Tal-bot, stationed here as a signal sergeant several years ago, has become a prosper-ous business man in Cuba, where he went

at the outbreak of the war with Spain as an officer of volunteers. He has been granted an important concession for the construction of a telephone line in a sub-urb of Havana and has just purchased a 600-acre sugar plantation. He has many friends here who are glad to learn of his prosperity Privates Joseph Blockson and John Sparr

foolored). Ninth cavalry, were arrested in Junction City this week for engaging in orgies of a culpable nature in company with two negro women who followed them here from Fort Walia Walla. They were fined \$13.50 each, and, being unable to pay, are in iall.

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vate John Stallcup, Nineteenth batfield artillery, has been relieved from
a duty as laborer in the quartermasdepartment, and Private George F.
ch. Twenty-fifth battery, detailed in

First Lieutenant F. P. Amos, Eleventh cavairy, reported for duty this week, after being confined to his quarters by sickness for some time.

Mr. Boggs, father of Mrs. Early, who has been visiting with Lieutenant and Mrs. Early for several weeks, returned to his home in Pennsylvania this week.

Property worth several thousand dollars has been bequeathed to Quartermaster Sergeant Barnard McCarey, Seventh bathas been bequeathed to Quartermaster Sergeant Barnard McCarey, Seventh battery, field artillery. He will be discharged about June 1. when he will go east to look at his property.

Sergeant Joseph Kamp of the hospital corps, has returned from an extended trip east

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A branch of the post exchange has been established on the Republican flats, near the camp of the Eleventh cavairy squadron at the national rifle range, a new frame buildings having been constructed for its occupancy. The sub exchange is in charge of Ordnance Sergeant Benjamin, retired.

The secretary of war has authorized the establishment of a training school for army cooks in connection with the training school for bakers at this post, to be under the direction of the commandant of the school of application for cavairy and field artillers. Successive classes will be instructed for periods of four months, the classes to be composed of selected recruits of common school education, who manifest a desire to learn the trade, of cook and show an aptitude for the work. There will be continuously two classes under instruction, a new class entering on the 15th of each even-numbered month.

Second Lieutenant J. P. Terrell, field

month.

Second Lieutenant J. P. Terrell, field artillery, has applied for leave of absence for one month, to take effect in fure. He will probably begin housekeeping when he returns.

The Wareham-Dewey Telephone compang has completed the work of installing a cable between the post central telephone office and the cavairy headquarters building.

Private Amos E. Patterson, who was stationed here four years ago as a mem-

Private Amos E. Patterson, who was stationed here four years ago as a member of the Sixth battery, field artillery, but who has since been in the Philippine islands serving an enfistment in the Fifth and Eleventh cavality, has results and again been assigned to the Sixth battery for service here.

Captain F. S. Armstrong, Ninth cavalry, post exchange officer, has published a book on methods of running that institution. His many years of experience in this line at different posts has enabled him to produce a very comprehensive and valuable book.

The library of the school of application received several important additions to its equipment last week, in the shape of furniture, two of the pieces being specially constructed after designs drawn by C. S. West, the librarian.

FORT CROOK, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—
Colonel Samuel R. Whitall, Twenty-seventh infantry, and Mrs. Whitall are visiting at the post as the guests of their son-in-law and daughter. Captain I. Erwin, commissary, Thirtieth infantry, and Mrs. Erwin. Colonel Whitall served as a second lieutenant in the New York artillery during the civil war. enant in the New Lora silvil war.

Captain Marcus D. Cronin, adjutant Twenty-fifth infantry, stationed at Fort Niobrara was a visitor at the post during the week, as the guest of First Lieutenant B. R. Wade, Thirtieth infantry, and Mrs.

Fort Crook.

the week, as the guest of First Lieutenant B. R. Wade, Thirtieth infantry, and Mrs. Wade. First Lieutenant B. R. Wade. Thirtieth infantry, has been granted ten days leave of absence, for the purpose of visiting his home in Butler. Mo. During his absence Second Lieutenant J. W. S. Wuest, Thirtieth infantry, will command Company C. Colonel E. B. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt heid a reception at their home from 4 to 5 p. m. on Wednesday, May 2 in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Whitall, all the officers and women of the garrison being present. The Thirtieth Infantry orchestra, under the direction of Chief Musician August Hause, rendered a choice selection of music during the reception.

He drove to the post hospital immediately where the injury was attended to by Major R. W. Johnson, surgeon. After dressing the hand Major Johnson sent Gilmore home in care of Private Crampton of the hospital

in care of Private Crampton of the hospital corps.

Captain B. D. Slaughter arrived at the post this morning and paid the troops for the month of April. Captain Slaughter returned to Omaha on the afternoon train.

In compliance with instructions from department headquarters, a guard of one sergeant, one corporal and four privates, left the post on May 2 in charge of nine general prisoners, en route to Fort Robinson, Neb., the place of confinement in the case of these prisoners, having been changed from Fort Crook to Fort Robinson. The sentences of these men, none of whom ever belonged to the organizations here stationed, ranged from one to five years.

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A board of officers, consisting of Majors G. R. Ceeli and Charles Byrne, Captains G. G. Paimer and R. R. Stogsdall, and First Lieutenant W. A. Carleton, all of the Thirtleth Infantry, convened at the post on several days during the week for the purpose of sdopting a system for the arrangement of beds, lockers and equipment of the enlisted men, at weekly inspection of quarters. The board was also directed to define the manner in which the field equipment will be worn on the person; what shall be carried in the blanket roll, and how the contents of said roll shall be displayed at inspection of packs on the parade ground.

On Saturday morning garrison review and inspection will take place at \$39 a. m., the newly adopted full dress uniform being worn for the first time, by the enlisted men.

Captain Guy G. Paimer, Thirtieth infantry, left the post on the morning of May 4 to inspect the military departments of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln. Captain Palmer will also inspect the military departments of Nebraska Wesleyan university. University Place, Neb; University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D., and South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D., and South Dakota, Agricultural college, Brookings, S. D.

A new three-inch breach loading gun, for saluting purposes, has been placed in position on the west side of the guard house, facing north. This gun is also used for announcing reveille and retreat. The competitive inspection held weekly between companies, in accordance with general orders received from department headquarters, causes quite a good deal of rivalry between the enlisted men of the various organizations.

The inspections are held on Saturday of each week, and companies are judged on their relative merits during the ceremony of company inspection under arms, cleaniness of cothing, equipment, quarters, etc. During the week preceding these inspecti

On Saturday, May 6, competitive inspec-tion will be Company D versus Company M, Thirtieth infantry.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—Captain Jones, commissary Eleventh cavalry, rejoined on Monday from a leave spent in Mexico and Washington, and relieved Lieutenant Rockwell of the duties of post commissary.

post commissary.

Sergeant Major Rahming left on Sunday on a three month's furlough, which he intends spending in the east, visiting his mother in New York part of the time. The engagement of Lieutenant Reynolds of the garrison to Miss Marjoric Oliver of St. Louis has been announced. The electric lighting fixtures at the gymnasium and post exchange building have been installed, affording an opportunity to those whose duties keep them employed juring the day to get the benefit of the

Authority has been granted for the building of two grandstands at the base ball Lieutenant Emory S. West, Seventh cavground at this post, each stand to consist airy, recently detailed millitary instructor

of four tiers of seats, one of which will be fifty feet long; the other stand will be 200 feet long. It is proposed to build these stands after the manner of circus seats, so that after the base ball season is closed they can be moved to the foot ball grounds and put in position for use during the foot ball season, after which the stands can be taken to pieces and stored during the severe winter weather.

Mr. Glimore, who runs a store in South Omaha, and who visits the post several times a month for the purpose of plying his trade as an expert tattooer, was driving through the west gate of the post on Tuesday last when he saw a rattlesneke coiled up in the gutter. Getting out of the buggy to catch the rattler he missed his alm and was bitten by the snake on the right hand. He droves to the nost hemselved imposition of Chapiain Waring Dr.

the owners desiring to bid on future government contracts.

At the invitation of Chaplain Waring, Dr. Everest Cathell of Des Moines will conduct the evening service at the post hail on Sunday.

Captain Perry has been confined to his quarters by sickness during the week Lieutenant Smith commanded Troop F in his absence.

Lieutenant Tompkins turned over the command of Troop M to Lieutenant John Cocke on Thursday and left for St. Louis on leave.

One general prisoner was received from Jefferson Barracks on Tuesday, bringing the number to forty-four.

The officers and ladles enjoyed a dance in the post hall on Wednesday evening, en-

in the post hall on Wednesday evening, en-tertaining also several friends from the city. Captain Elliott has been relieved from duty as adjutant of the Eleventh, his term of four years having expired on May 3. Captain E. C. Brooks of this regiment, who has been on leave for several months past, has resigned his commission to ac-cept a lucrative position in Ecuador.

MAN FALLS DEAD ON TRAIN

While Tying His Shoe Passenger Drops Lifeless in the Aisle Before Him.

While tying his shoe in the sleeper on the Burlington train at Pacific Junction Saturday morning Henry G. Graff of Esterville. Ia., dropped forward into the aisle and when his wife reached him he was

The body was brought to this city and taken to the Brailey & Dorrance undertaking establishment, whence it will be sent to Esterville for burial. Mr. and Mrs. of Knights of Columbus which will be held Graff were enroute home from a trip to the coast when death overtook Mr. Graff. He had not complained particularly and probably due to heart failure.

HYMENEAL.

Ballachey-Garst.

The marriage of Miss Ada B. Garst, daughtook place at the Presbyterian church here Thursday evening.

OUR LETTER BOX.

OMAHA, May 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The Board of County Commissioners at the session held a week ago, removed elected Dr. L. Swoboda in his stead. The many friends of Dr. Lee are proud of the record he made as county physician during the last two years. Without detracting an iota of merit from his predecessors, I claim that he was the best physician Douglas county ever had. In the extreme cold weather during the two winters he held the position he was always ready to respond to a call from the poor and unfortunate, placing them on the same basis as rich patients, whether they lived on the river bottoms or to the north, west or south of the city, morning or evening, cheerfully responding to the call.

The Visiting Nurses' association gave him strong endorsement and a committee appeared before the county commissioners in favor of his retention as physician. Friends of the doctor were very much surprised at the attack of Dr. Swoboda on his record as county physician, and the books of the office are open to the inspection of the commissioners at any time. The men who pay the taxes of Douglas county will never complain of a little matter like a bedpar being furnished to some unfortunate person disnearing the end of life. JUSTITIA

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE BUSY SUIT South Dakots, Iowa and Minnesota

Members in Session, SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 6 .- (Special.) --Members of the order of Knights of Columbus who reside in South Dakota, northwestern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota are taking great interest in a big meeting

in this city on Sunday. Among the prome inent men who will be present will be Rt Rev. Thomas O'Gorman of this city, Catho lie bishop of South Dakota. It was expected that Father Cleary of Minneapolis would be present to address the gathering. but the committee in charge has now been informed that it will be impossible for him to come to Sioux Falls at this time. A COON RAPIDS, Ia., May 6.-(Special.)- large class of new members will be initiated commencing promptly at 2 o'clock Sunday ter of Senator and Mrs. Warren Garst, to afternoon. The visiting Knights of Colum-Dr. Edgerton Ballachey of Sloux City, bus will at 9:30 Sunday evening be guests at a banquet, which will be served at the Teton hotel.

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that

she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear. Every woman should know that the danger, pain and horror of child-birth can be entirely avoided by the use of Mother's Friend, a scientific liniment for external use only, which toughers and renders pliable all the parts, and

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