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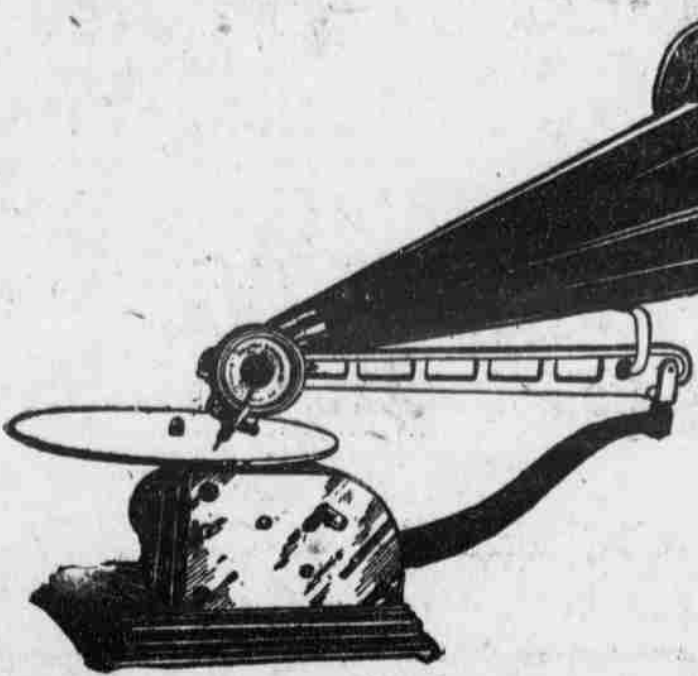
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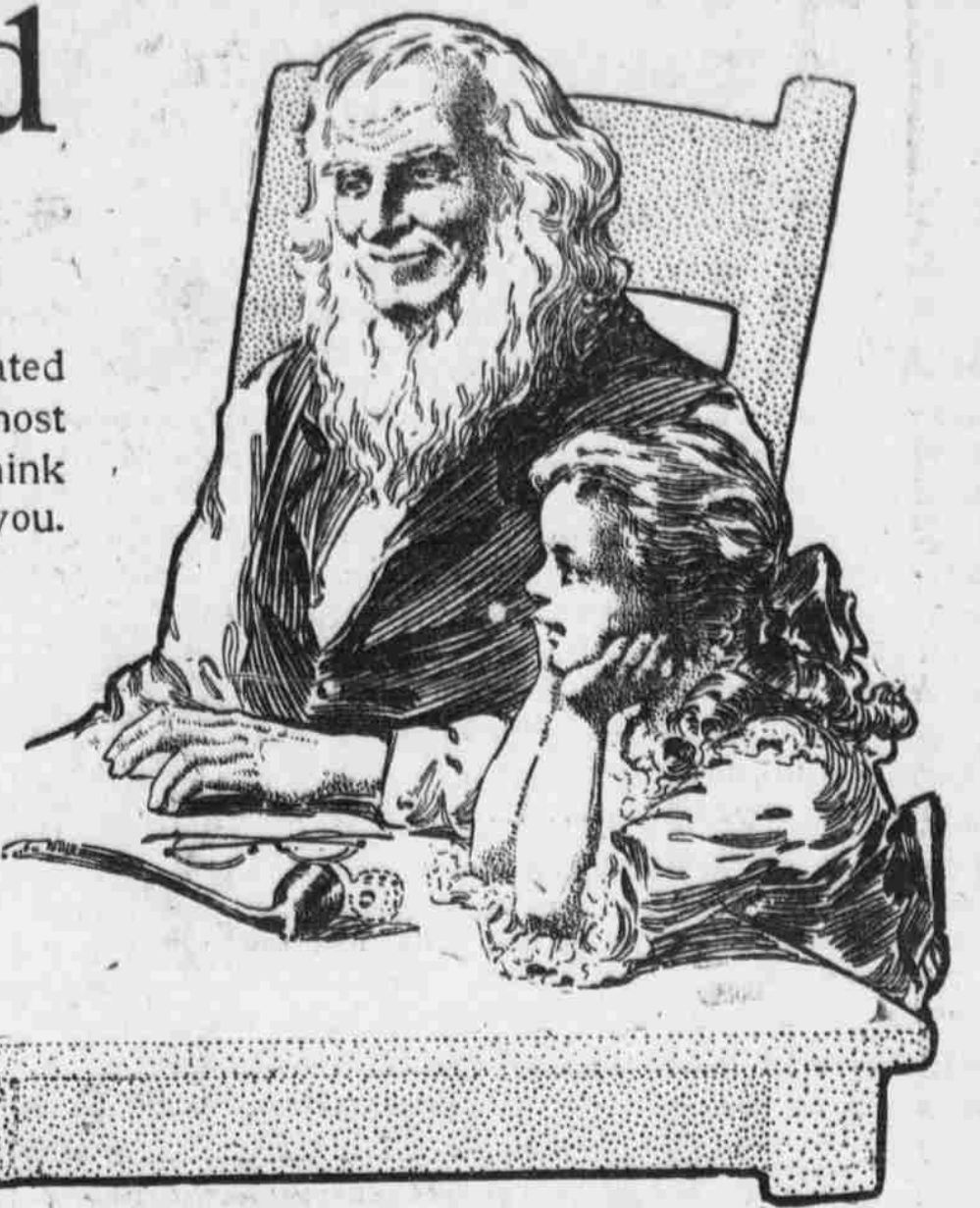
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COUNCIL BLUFFS

WORK ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Clarence H. Judson Appointed Chief Engineer 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 Mercantile block and Mr. Judson expects to be ready for business by Tuesday morning of this week. 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 the work of construction as soon as the material could be secured. He expressed the opinion that it would take at least thirty 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 downtown 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 to Pacific Junction, one north to Missouri Valley, one east to Griswold, via Treynor, and one southwest to connect with the South Omaha 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 central exchange building has not yet been determined and the company is looking for a suitable site. The location of the exchange building will have much to do with the general arrangement of the telephone system.

Christian Endeavor Meeting. LOGAN, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—This morning at the county Christian Endeavor convention at the Christian church the following program was rendered: "Increase Campaign," B. Franklin Hall, Woodbine; "Work of the Lookout Committee," Hattie Pugsley, Woodbine; "Prayer Meeting Committee," C. F. Luce, Logan; solo, Stella O'Reilly, Genoa; "Missionary Committee," Edith Fischer, Logan; "Social Committee," Lottie McGovern, solo, Jessie Davis, Logan; "Minor Committees," C. C. Brown, Mondak.

Population of Sioux City. IOWA CITY, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—The total population from the official figures of the assessor of this city is 5,600.

Clay County Shows Decrease. SPENCER, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—The population of Clay county, as shown by

MILLIONS FOR LIFE INSURANCE

Iowa People Are Carrying a Total of \$621,773,439 in Policies of Various Kinds.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, May 6.—(Special.)—December 31, 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 \$1,900,834,083.54. 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 associations. Of the seven Iowa companies the comparison of the year 1904 with the year 1903 shows the premium receipts to have increased from \$2,314,968.47 to \$2,638,371.21, the insurance in force from \$6,716,069 to \$7,922,265, the assets from \$2,394,212.16 to \$7,713,831.17, amounts paid beneficiaries from \$694,809.33 to \$810,162.13 surplus from \$744,213.40 to \$815,381.81. The report shows that of the total 169 companies of all kinds doing a life insurance business in the state during the year 1904 there were in force 46,457 policies, with a total paid to beneficiaries of \$4,573,570.28 and the total insurance in force December 31, 1904, was \$621,773,439.

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 fraternal do not use the same care as other insurance companies 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 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 Voldeng, superintendent of the state hospital at Cherokee, Ia. in the city to secure the signatures of the members of the Board of Control to the diplomas of six nurses who will be graduated from the institution May 12. Dr. C. W. Cotnam of Rock Rapids will deliver the address. 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 noon.

ARMY NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Fort Riley.

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 gymnasium building, but the association still has 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 enthusiastic audience was present. Music was furnished by the band and addresses were made by Prof. H. Hill of the state normal school, Captain G. W. Gatchell, general 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. Muench, and E. H. Kennedy and W. S. Heuser, member of the post exchange.

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. The board consists of Captain C. H. McNeil, artillery corps, adjutant; and the post exchange committee.

The post council of administration has been ordered to convene as soon as practicable for the purpose of making an equitable division of the post funds. Received at this post, on the basis of \$75 artillery support, support and \$46 for the day, and left Thursday morning for Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant Orson L. Early, thirty-third infantry, was ordered to report to Fort Bliss, O. T., for duty in connection with the training school for artillery. Sergeant L. E. L. Erwin, who was a member of troop I, Seventh cavalry, was ordered to report to the post on the 15th of July for the Philippines.

Private Clyde Williams, 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 Williams' street car fare when requested to do so. He was fined \$25.00, which was paid by the members of his troop.

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 new residence in a suburb of Havana and has just purchased a 50-acre sugar plantation. He has many friends here who are glad to learn of his prosperity.

Private Joseph Blockson and John Spurr (colored), Ninth cavalry, were arrested in Junction City this week for engaging in a fight with a civilian. Blockson and Spurr were fined \$10.00 each and being unable to pay, are in jail.

Private John Stallcup, Nineteenth battery, field artillery, has been relieved from extra duty as laborer in the quartermaster's department at Fort Riley. Stench, Twenty-fifth battery, detached in his stead.

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of four tiers of seats, one of which will be fifty feet long; the other stand will be 20 feet long. It is proposed to build these stands in the manner of circus seats, so that after the base ball season is closed they can be moved to the foot ball grounds 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. Gilmore, who runs a store in South Omaha and who visits the post several times a month for the purpose of giving his trade as an expert tallow, was driving through the west gate of the post on Tuesday last when he saw a rattlesnake coiled up in the gutter. Getting out of the buggy to catch the rattler he missed his aim and was bitten by the snake on the right hand.

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at Simpson college, Indiana, was a visitor to the post on Thursday. Chief Musician Perwein, band, Eleventh cavalry, was discharged on Monday and re-enlisted the next day for his old position.

Captain Hardeman, quartermaster, went to the Keystone coal mines near Des Moines on Thursday to superintend the taking of a sample coal from the mines. At the invitation of Chaplain Waring, Dr. Everest Cathell of Des Moines will conduct the evening service at the post hall on Sunday.

Captain Perry has been confined to his quarters by sickness during the week. Lieutenant Tompkins turned over the command of Troop M to Lieutenant John Cooke on Thursday and left for St. Louis on leave.

One general prisoner was received from the Burlington train at Pacific Junction Saturday morning Henry G. Graf of Esterville, Ia., dropped forward into the aisle and when his wife reached him he was dead.

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OUR LETTER BOX.

Tribute to Dr. Lee.

OMAHA, May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Board of County Commissioners, at the session held a week ago, removed Dr. D. P. Lee as county physician and 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 a 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 a 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 any commissioner at any time. The men who complain of a little matter like a bedpan being furnished to some unfortunate person nearing the end of life. JUSTITIA.

MAN FALLS DEAD ON TRAIN

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE BUST

South Dakota, 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 gathering of Knights of Columbus which will be held in this city on Sunday. Among the prominent men who will be present will be Rev. Thomas O'Gorman of this city, Catholic 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 large class of new members will be initiated commencing promptly at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The visiting Knights of Columbus will at 8:30 Sunday evening be guests at a banquet, which will be served at the Teton hotel.

HYMENEAL.

Ballaehy-Garst. COON RAPIDS, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—The marriage of Miss Ada B. Garst, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Warren Garst, to Dr. Edgeron Ballaehy of Sioux City, took place at the Presbyterian church here Thursday evening.

Fort Crook.

FORT CROOK, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Colonel Samuel H. Whitall, Twenty-seventh infantry, and Mrs. Whitall are visiting at the post. The guests of the colonel are his daughter, Mrs. I. Erwin, commander, Thirtieth infantry, and Mrs. Erwin, who is the wife of the colonel's adjutant in the New York artillery during the civil war.

Fort Des Moines.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., May 6.—(Special.)—Captain Jones, commissary, Eleventh cavalry, returned on Monday from a leave spent in Mexico and Washington, and returned to his duties at the post on Tuesday. 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 Reipolds of the garrison to Miss Marjorie 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 during the day to get the benefit of the \$72.

Lieutenant Emory S. West, Seventh cavalry, recently detailed military instructor

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