

COUNCIL BLUFFS

CUT DOWN THE REPAIR BILL

Committee Asks for Seven Thousand Dollars for that Purpose.

BADGES VOTED FOR PUNCTUAL PUPILS

Visitors' Day Established at the Schools and Parents Are All Requested to Attend on that Day.

When Chairman Anderson of the committee on buildings and grounds reported at the meeting of the Board of Education last night in favor of expending \$7,000 on repairs to certain school buildings during the long summer vacation, he was met with a vigorous protest from Chairman Tinley of the finance committee and other members of the board. Mr. Tinley contended that in figuring the amount needed for maintaining the schools for the ensuing year it had been estimated that not to exceed \$600 at the most be expended on repairs. After a lengthy and at times heated discussion the matter was referred back to the committee on buildings and grounds with instructions to keep the proposed expenditures for repairs within \$500.

The report of the committee on buildings and grounds recommended the following expenditures: Washington Avenue School—Painting exterior and putting in a steel ceiling on third floor, etc., \$1,200. Second Avenue School—Painting interior and one steel ceiling, etc., \$1,200. Market street School—Painting toilet rooms, painting, etc., \$1,800. Harrison Street School—Painting, etc., \$1,200. Cut-off School—General repairs, \$300. Sidewalks, \$1,200.

The recommendation of Superintendent Clifford it was decided to present every pupil who has been absent not more than one day during the school year with a suitable badge and allow such pupils a whole holiday as a reward for such perfect attendance. Mr. Clifford stated that about 35 pupils would be entitled to receive the badge, the bestowal of which would, he believed, prove an incentive to the others to be regular in their attendance.

Member Westerman did not approve of the proposition. He thought it was unfair to those pupils who had stayed away from school on account of the vaccination trouble. "The feelings of these pupils ought to be respected by the board," he said. Member Shugart sided with Westerman. He viewed the question and voted against the proposition.

Superintendent Clifford informed the board that today had been set aside as visitors' day at the schools and that the pupils in each building had been invited to ask their parents and friends to visit the schools and inspect the work. The purpose of the visitors' day, Mr. Clifford explained, was to bring the parents of the pupils in closer touch with the schools.

Miss Carrie Wilkins, a graduate of Cornell college, was elected as substitute secretary at the high school. Her salary was fixed at \$65.

Attorney J. J. Stewart's bill for \$30 for legal services in the vaccination litigation was allowed.

Superintendent Clifford's statistical report for the eight months of school ending April 22 gave the following figures: Entire enrollment, boys, 2,622; girls, 2,884; total, 5,506. Monthly enrollment, boys, 2,618; girls, 2,878; total, 5,496. Attendance, 3,761.40 per cent of attendance, absent 17.71 per cent. Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy, 4,327.

It was decided that the school year of 1905-06 should consist of nine months and should be open on the second Monday in September. It was also decided to have a two weeks' holiday at Christmas and one week in the spring.

PROGRAM FOR DECORATION DAY

Hon. L. T. Genung to be the Orator on the Occasion.

The program for the Grand Army exercises on Memorial day are practically completed. There will be a parade and usual exercises at the cemetery. Hon. L. T. Genung of Glenwood will deliver the oration of the day, but the speaker who will deliver the address at the grave of the unknown dead has not yet been selected.

The program at Fairview cemetery will be as follows: Music by the band. Song, Methodist church quartet. Prayer, Rev. George W. Crofts of Beatrice. Solo, Mrs. M. A. Genung of Glenwood. At the grave of the unknown dead this will be the order of exercises: Prayer. Song by Broadway church ladies' quartet, Misses Hancock, Ross, Chambers and McFadden. Address (speaker to be selected).

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The Episcopal convention of the diocese of Iowa of the Episcopal church opened this morning. Rt. Rev. Theodore N. Morrison of Davenport, bishop of the diocese, celebrated the holy communion. Rev. T. W. Jones of Lyons delivered the convention sermon. He spoke on the duties of the clergy and the laity in the church.

Bishop Morrison this afternoon delivered his annual address, in which he deplored the fact that Episcopalians of Iowa do not live up to the moderate standard of the prayer books in matters of ceremony.

The woman's auxiliary is meeting at the same time.

Elopements Run in Family.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 16.—(Special.)—Miss Kate B. Downing, the 17-year-old daughter of E. E. Downing and A. J. Bailey, a well known traveling man, who up to yesterday had been a business partner of Downing, eloped last night and have not yet been located, although she claims to be at St. Joseph, Mo. Miss Downing's father objected to the match principally on account of the girl's age, and yesterday he had an inkling of what might happen and instructed the police to watch for them, but they hired a driver and gave the officers the slip, were driven to Holton, Mo., where they were left for some unknown destination. Miss Downing has been removing her clothes from the house for several days and Bailey has been forbidden to the premises. A peculiar part of the case is that the father eloped with the girl's mother when she was a girl of 17. It is not thought that Mr. Downing will take any further steps to stop them.

Country Editor Arrested.

S. S. Sherman, the Peoria editor, was arrested last night at the door of Kromer's dance hall for disturbing the public quiet. He claimed he was there in search of his wife, who, he declared, was in the habit of frequenting such places. Sherman spent the night in jail and today pleaded not guilty.

Roberts Gets Appointment.

Frank E. Roberts, county treasurer of Jasper county, has been given the appointment of clerk in the office of Auditor of State B. P. Carroll, in charge of the banking department. He succeeds Millard Cox, who has been appointed to the position at Marengo. Mr. Roberts will begin work tomorrow morning.

Electric Expected Tomorrow.

Four hundred electric meters will be in the city tomorrow at the Kirkwood for their thirty-eighth annual convention. The meetings of the convention will be held in Odd Fellows' hall.

P. E. O. Society to Keokuk.

The next annual meeting of the grand chapter of the P. E. O. will be held in Keokuk. The order is a secret one that has grown to considerable proportions in Iowa. The president is J. M. Edith. Prouty was elected president of the grand chapter for the ensuing year.

Ambassador Clayton is Here.

Ambassador Powell Clayton, late United States ambassador at Mexico, has arrived in Des Moines and is visiting his son, Captain Powell Clayton, who is stationed at the army post. Mr. Clayton resigned his position and is being relieved by Minister Conger of China.

Split in Fraternal Congress.

A split has taken place in the Iowa Fraternal congress, composed of the fraternal organizations of the state, in which the societies having a new organization. Those who have formed a new organization, those who have not, and those who have split off from the main body, are all represented by their own officers, but by lay members, and hence broad work was hindered. The new organization is J. L. Rose of Des Moines, president of the Iowa Fraternal congress.

Spanish War Veterans Organized.

Camp N. M. Hubbard was organized here yesterday by members of the various Spanish war veterans of the city. Company C of this city was in service during the war and Captain Hubbard rendered them substantial aid, hence the honor of taking his name as the name of the organization. The officers in the city met and organized one central body and made application to join the national organization of Spanish war veterans.

Killed by Fast Mail.

CRESTON, Ia., May 16.—(Special.)—E. C. Hilton was struck and instantly killed yesterday about three miles east of here by No. 7, the Burlington fast mail. Hilton was a freight conductor and started to work from Afton Junction to a half mile at Creston, as the distance is short, and he did not wish to wait for the passenger train.

Woman Fatally Burned.

CECILIA RAPIDS, Ia., May 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. A. Carrie was so seriously burned that she died in a few hours after the accident, her husband and two sons were seriously burned in attempting to rescue her and her younger son was badly cut in jumping through a window, the result of a gasoline explosion while getting a meal.

Section Head is Killed.

CECILIA RAPIDS, Ia., May 16.—(Special.)—John Meigs, a Rock Island section man, was killed yesterday. During the severe hailstorm he crawled under a boxcar for shelter and in a short time the switch engine hooked onto the car, and he was caught underneath it.

Dry Goods Store Hobbed.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 16.—(Special.)—Some time last night thieves broke into the dry goods store of E. R. Lay and stole silk valued at about \$600. They forced an entrance by prying open the iron shutters as a back window.

LABOR MEN DISSATISFIED

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POLICE GUARD AT WEDDING CEREMONY

President of Highland Park College Fears Students Might Start Something and Takes Precautions.

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Lincoln, May 16.—United States Department of Agriculture and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Nebraska section, for the week ending May 16.

The temperature during the last week was decidedly favorable. The crop of the state, but was below normal in the northern and western sections. The wheat crop is generally well advanced, but the central and eastern sections are still in the hands of the grocers. In many places the rainfall was quite excessive, and in some cases the progress of all farm work. Considerable damage was done to garden and fruit, especially in the central and southern portions of the state.

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NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN

Excessive Rainfall Retards Progress of Work and Some Corn Washed Out.

DR. GLADEN IS ANSWERED

Congregational Ministers of New Haven Reply to His Rockefeller Remarks.

TAKE EXCEPTIONS TO LANGUAGE USED

Ministers Who Joined in Protest Against Gift Come in for Criticism at Hands of Board's Supporters.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 16.—In a letter acknowledging the receipt from the committee of protesting ministers of documents bearing on the recent acceptance of the Rockefeller donation to the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, the board of trustees of the Congregational church in New Haven, with the exception of Rev. Artemus J. Haynes of the United church, have jointly given expressions to their views in the matter.

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