

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS

START ON A CLUB BUILDING

West Council Bluffs Improvement Club Lays a Cornerstone.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND THE CEREMONY

Number of Addresses Are Delivered Pledging People on Enterprise in Erecting the Structure.

The laying of the corner stone of the new West Council Bluffs Improvement club house came off according to schedule at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon regardless of a boiling sun and a temperature of anything above 90.

There was a big attendance of people from the main part of the city as well as from West Council Bluffs. President Keller of the club was master of ceremonies. The proceedings began with an invocation by Rev. DeLong, which was followed by an address on the waterworks question by Mayor Macrae. The mayor advocated the acquisition of the waterworks plant by the city, believing that if it was a good thing for six or seven New York capitalists it would be an equally good thing for a city of 30,000 people. He was averse to frittering away public franchises and believed that the municipalities should own and control their own franchises instead of giving them away to promoters and then paying for them doubly afterwards.

J. H. Swart talked on "Good Fellowship" and counseled that it is observed. By so doing public morals are improved and the spiritual, physical, material and moral welfare of the individual is advanced. He gave as an example of his own application of the rule, that the moral welfare of his boy neighbors was so much improved that they now came and asked for watermelons instead of stealing them. All this and many other things were the result of practical good fellowship.

Congressman Walter L. Smith spoke briefly along the line of advancement and expressed himself as astonished that so intelligent a man as his friend Swart would advocate a theory that any boy could better enjoy a watermelon than he could get for than one he had obtained by the usual way that boys have at watermelon time. Mr. Smith's address was brief and full of witty points and illustrations. He was glad to see that enterprise started and the friends of the club which the new club building would be as a building, 87,000 square feet in area, and will be a step in community advancement and would result in great good to West Council Bluffs.

The other speakers were those named in the program hitherto published and the affair continued until nearly twilight. The cornerstones were laid in the conventional way, the mayor and Congressman Smith participating in the ceremonies. A box was enclosed in the stone which contained copies of the daily newspapers of this date and miscellaneous articles of the club appropriate to the occasion. The exercises took place on a platform laid over the southwest corner of the foundation, and were interspersed with music, both instrumental and vocal.

Upon the conclusion of the exercises ice cream and cakes were served by the women of the Union Christian church for the benefit of the Sunday school.

BURGARS BUSY AT THE BLUFFS

Drug Store and Meat Market Looted During Friday Night.

The establishment of the Bronson Drug company at 106 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, was broken into by burglars some time late Friday night and robbed of \$54 in cash. The burglars entered the store by breaking open the rear door and rolled the safe out onto the rear platform and succeeded in blowing it open, wrecking it badly. The cash box was taken and a quantity of stamps were left near the rifled cash box and several checks on local banks were also left behind. The amount of cash taken was \$54. The burglary was not discovered until the store was opened Saturday morning. The drug store is within three blocks of the police station, and the work is plainly that of professionals; such at least is the impression of the police authorities. One or two clues have been discovered that may lead to the possible identity of the safe breakers.

The grocery establishment of G. Zoller & Co. at 102 East Broadway was broken into by burglars late Friday night and the cash register rifed of about \$25 in change. The burglars got into the store by cutting out a pane of glass from a rear window. The safe happened to be unlocked and the thieves made a thorough search of it, but found nothing of value, as Mr. Zoller is not in the habit of keeping money in the safe at night. The cash register was not locked, but the thieves had to break off the face plate to get into the cash. They also took a box of cigars and a few small articles of minor value.

The store of Williams & Brown at Weston, Ia., was broken into by burglars Saturday morning, the safe blown open and only \$1 in cash taken, that being the extent of cash in the safe at the time. One or two boxes of cigars and a small quantity of groceries were also taken by the thieves. No clue. Weston is a small town in Pottawattamie county on the Milwaukee road about ten miles from Council Bluffs.

PETER KEEGAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Thrown Against a Tree by a Fractious Horse.

Peter Keegan, for twenty or more years past foreman of linemen for Wichita Bros. contractors, was instantly killed at noon Saturday at his home, 102 North Eighth street, through becoming entangled in a line connected with the harness of one of his horses.

He was unbiting the team at the noon hour, a couple of men assisting him, and one of the lines got wrapped around his hand, when one of the horses became frightened and began to lunge about. Before Mr. Keegan could become disentangled from the line the horse wheeled around, throwing Keegan with great violence against a tree, fracturing his skull and breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. Keegan was 47 years of age and had lived in Council Bluffs for about twenty-five or thirty years. He was an industrious man and enjoyed the fullest confidence of his neighbors. He leaves a wife and five or seven children.

Final Arrangements for Excursion.

The Commercial club of Council Bluffs will be provided with yellow umbrellas for the trade excursion which will invade southwestern Iowa next week.

A meeting of the club was held Saturday evening to conclude the final details for the trip, which will continue three days, starting next Thursday. It is now expected that about 100 persons will accompany the train, inclusive of which will be the Neola band. Every indication promises a most enjoyable and profitable

ASSESSMENT OF THE RAILROADS

Material Increase Over Figures of Last Year.

County Auditor W. C. Cheyne has received from the State Executive board the railroad and express companies assessment as fixed by that body at Des Moines. The assessment is the highest in the history of the year, and particularly so in the case of the Union Pacific. The fact is attributable to the visit of the mayor and members of the council and others who recently visited Des Moines and appeared before the Executive board in the interest of increasing the railroad assessments and requiring them to bear an equitable portion of the burden of taxation.

Following is the table of the assessments fixed by the Executive board, the mileage and actual valuation of the properties in question in Pottawattamie county:

Table with columns: Railroads, Miles, Value Per Mile, Total Value. Includes Union Pacific, Burlington, Rock Island, etc.

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REGULARS SHOT BY GUARDS

Two Blank Cartridges and Wads Are Driven Into the Flesh.

CENSUS FIGURES OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

Nebraska Men Form Club to Boost Governor Cummins for Presidential Nomination in 1908.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DEER CREEK, Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—There is trouble in the camp of the Fifty-fifth regiment because a squad of four from the Council Bluffs company fired blank cartridges at a troop of the Eleventh cavalry of the regular army at Fort Des Moines in military warfare and filled the regulars full of gun wads. The four Council Bluffs men were out skinning sheep as scouts when they came onto the regulars and opened fire. The regulars were forced to retire to the hospital and have the wads dug out. The names of the guard members could not be learned.

Population of Council Bluffs.

Official census figures show Council Bluffs population to be 22,225 and five years ago 22,202. The census of Pottawattamie county shows 12,567 and five years ago 12,526, a loss of about 2 per cent for the city and about 5 per cent for the county. The population of Council Bluffs by wards in the order of the numbers is 4,587, 4,533, 3,683, 3,327, 5,462, 3,025.

Nebraska Cummins for President.

Governor Cummins today received a letter from Mr. E. J. Egan, president of the Big Horn Mountain ranch of Nebraska, stating that it was proposed to organize a political club to further the interests of Governor Cummins for president of the United States in 1908 and asking the governor's permission to make such a course. Governor Cummins is out of the city today and what his response to the letter will be is problematic. The letter states that the plan is to organize a state-wide club in Nebraska.

While the matter has never gained publicity, it is known that Governor Cummins has received similar letters from the Dakotas, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri urging him to become a candidate for the office of president of the United States. It is learned, are in such numbers that the governor cannot help but give some thought to the matter.

Gas Found Escaping.

Gas was found escaping from an open gas jet in the basement of the house owned by an individual who may be started to learn who was responsible. It is claimed that some electricians were the last known to be in the closet where the gas escaped. The odor of gas was discovered in the room on the basement floor and was traced to the janitor's closet. The door is kept locked. When opened it was found that the gas jet was wide open. A lighted match or cigar or lantern would have caused an explosion, doing a vast amount of damage.

Wants Board of Pardons.

In his biennial report to the Board of Control from the penitentiary at Fort Madison, Warden N. J. Jones recommends a board of pardons. He particularly states that the present parole law is antiquated and that a board of pardons would be better. He asks for an appropriation for a new modern cell house to take the place of the present unsanitary building and for \$15,000 to purchase a farm adjoining the penitentiary. The report shows that the proceeds of the work of the convicts is \$2,723.82 more than for the year previous.

Apple Crop Light.

Wesley Gregg, secretary of the State Horticultural society, today gave out a report on the apple crop. The conditions of other fruit at this time is: Summer apples, 42 per cent; fall apples, 42 per cent; American plums, 44; grapes, 78. The severe winter and the bad weather during the blossom time are the reasons assigned for the light crop.

Would Be Deputy Treasurer.

It was learned today that W. A. Lewis, in charge of the securities in the insurance department, is a candidate for the position of deputy state treasurer in case W. W. Morrow of Afion is successful in getting the nomination. If Morrow is not successful he will be a candidate for county treasurer of Polk county.

Governor Gets Invitations.

Governor A. B. Cummins today received invitations to speak at the county fair of Van Buren county, at Milton, September 7, and also to speak at the old settlers' meeting at Fairfield on the same day.

Buying Up Iowa Coal.

The Carnegie company of Chicago, according to reports, is endeavoring to buy up all the coal mines in the state of Iowa. It has secured by purchase all the coal shafts at Waukegan, and in this county has secured the Baylorsville mine, the Coand bank of Hamburg, but has done nothing else. It is known to have made offers to every coal company in this county and to a large number out over the state, especially in the southern part, where the principal coal mines are located.

IOWA STOCKMAN IS MISSING

Left Hamburg with Car of Horses for St. Louis a Week Ago.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Theodore Hyndinger of 1421 Manchester road today asked the police to assist in the search for J. W. Ritchey, a Hamburg, Ia., stockman who has been missing with a desirable route for an interurban line to be run up the Boone valley through the extensive coal region of that section, ending at this city. It is reported through the Chicago Great Western road and that the interurban if built will be operated as a feeder to the Great Western line into this city. Those who are on the inside state that the venture is a certainty and that the recent preliminary survey will be followed up shortly with a regular survey by which the lines of the road will be definitely determined on and laid out.

New Electric Line.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—A party of surveyors has recently been going over the ground between this city and Boone for the purpose of looking up a desirable route for an interurban line to be run up the Boone valley through the extensive coal region of that section, ending at this city. It is reported through the Chicago Great Western road and that the interurban if built will be operated as a feeder to the Great Western line into this city. Those who are on the inside state that the venture is a certainty and that the recent preliminary survey will be followed up shortly with a regular survey by which the lines of the road will be definitely determined on and laid out.

Son Stops Father's Wedding.

ALGONA, Aug. 5.—Sixty-year-old Charles Nichols was denied a license to wed Jennie Walters by the county clerk yesterday because a few hours before the groom's son, Henry, had been appointed his guardian and refused to allow the wedding to proceed. Young Nichols heard that his father had spent \$400 last week while hav-

ing a good time. He came down from Minneapolis, stopped the giddy whirl of the aged gentleman and had himself appointed his guardian. Miss Walters immediately brought suit for \$5,000 breach of promise damages. She was divorced from her last husband a year ago for desertion and non-support.

BEATS HIS WIFE WITH HATCHET

Mrs. DeMay of Denison Fatally Injured During Family Quarrel.

DENISON, Ia., Aug. 5.—Joseph DeMay today struck his wife over the head several times with a hatchet during a family quarrel. The injuries are expected to prove fatal. DeMay has disappeared and is thought to have committed suicide.

Bishop Garlick Returning.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Bishop P. J. Garlick, who was sent to Rome about two months ago to make his first official call on the pope, and who has been sojourning at Carlsbad, Germany, and touring Ireland, has just set sail from Queenstown, Ireland, and will land in New York in about a week. After a short visit in eastern cities he will arrive in Sioux City the last of August. An event of importance will take place at the cathedral on the last day of his stay. Bishop Garlick will return, when on September 5 all the priests of the diocese will gather to celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral. The sermon will be delivered by Right Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha.

New Cracker Factory for Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The National Biscuit company has announced officially that within a short time it will begin the erection of a modern cracker factory in Sioux City. It will be four stories in height and will employ from 200 to 250 people. Its oven capacity will be three times that of the plant which the company formerly operated in Sioux City.

Dunlap Man as Delegate.

DUNLAP, Ia., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—T. F. Jordan, a prominent stock raiser of Dunlap, has been appointed as a delegate to the National Republican convention to be held at Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday, August 16 and 17.

Harvest Hands Rush to Fields

Two Hundred Arrive at Aberdeen on One Freight Train.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Harvest hands are rushing into Aberdeen in droves, 200 coming into town on one Milwaukee freight Friday afternoon. In a few instances harvest has begun and within a few days there will be a demand from farmers for all the surplus help that is now in town. The first arrival was a crew of a season's job at \$25 a day, but he refused, demanding \$35 a day. The wheat crop is in fine condition, as are other grains. The average yield of barley in Brown county is estimated at fifty bushels per acre.

Wilmarth Would Go to Congress.

HURON, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Announcement is made that A. W. Wilmarth, an attorney of this city and representative from this county in the state legislature for four years, will be a candidate for congress on the republican ticket, but whether or not this will in any way hamper Mr. Crawford should be a candidate for the United States senate, is not stated. It has been the supposition that Mr. Crawford will again be a candidate for the senate and his friends over the state will await further development before endorsing any candidate for either congress or the senate.

Stous Falls Wants Katerman.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—It is probable an effort will be made by the South Dakota authorities to secure custody of a smooth former named Arthur Katerman, who was arrested at Lincoln in Iowa after a chase which extended to Ida Grove, Ia.; Mankato, Minnesota and other towns in the northwest. While in Sioux Falls some weeks ago Katerman defrauded a New York bank to the extent of \$100 by means of a forged telegram which he sent from here.

Stop Gambling at Sturgis.

STURGIS, S. D., Aug. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night the state attorney's office notified all saloons to remove all gambling apparatus and nickel-in-the-slot machines. The order was promptly complied with. No arrests have been made. This makes two counties in the Black Hills which gambling is not allowed. A similar order was recently made in Lawrence county. This action knocks Sturgis out of \$100 per year revenue, which has been derived from this source.

MURDER ON THE ALTON TRAIN

Stranger Shoots Man and Woman While Excursion Party Is Crossing River.

LOUISIANA, Mo., Aug. 5.—While a Chicago and Alton excursion train from Bloomington, Ill., to Kansas City was crossing the Mississippi river here early today a man named Warner shot and killed a woman and robbed a third passenger. After a hard fight the man was arrested and placed in jail here. He refuses to give his name.

Warner was asleep when the man came through the train asking for help if they were armed. He awoke Warner and asked him if he had a revolver. Receiving a negative reply, it is stated, he immediately shot Warner dead. The passengers were panic-stricken and when the holdup demanded of a passenger whose name was not learned that he empty his satchel, emphasizing his order with a flourish of his revolver, the passenger hastily poured out the contents of his satchel and the holdup took possession. The robber then fired at random in the car and one woman was shot through the arm.

A bootmaker from Jacksonville, Ill., attempted to arrest the man, but he was knocked senseless. Other passengers rallied from their fright and the man was overpowered and held until the train stopped here when he was turned over to the authorities and placed in jail.

The train was held here for some time while testimony was secured from passengers. Although subjected to a rigid examination, the prisoner refused to divulge his identity to local prison authorities, even when he was taken to the undertaking establishment and questioned in the presence of the dead body of his alleged victim.

The woman who was injured is Miss Erle McDonald of Glasburg, Ill., who was on her way to Russell, Mo., a bullet grazed her arm, making a flesh wound. From testimony of witnesses it was decided that the shooting occurred in Pike county, Illinois before the train had crossed the Mississippi river and the prisoner was thought taken to Pittsburg, county seat of Pike county. He went without requiring papers, and continues to deny having killed Warner and wounding the other passenger, although his identity has been sworn to by many witnesses.

Chinese Boycott in Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 5.—The boycott against America has started here, the Chi-

nese refusing to handle freight on the Pacific Mail steamer Manchuria for Hong Kong. The Chinese will hold a meeting tomorrow to organize the movement.

FARRIS IS CROSS-EXAMINED

Defendant in Criminal Prosecution in Missouri is on Stand in Self-Defense.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.—Upon the resumption today of the trial of Senator Frank H. Farris on the charge of bribery, Senator Farris was put through a rigid cross-examination by Attorney General Hadley. He maintained his denial of every material allegation made against him by former Lieutenant Governor Lee on the witness stand.

Senator Frank Costello of Mayview, who was a member of the criminal jurisprudence committee of the legislature and who has testified in Farris' room in the Laclede hotel, St. Louis, Mo., said he (Lee) gave \$7,000 to Farris, denied being in Farris' room on March 19, 1903, the date specified by Lee, although he admitted having been in St. Louis on that day.

Senator C. A. Smith of St. Louis, who is under indictment on the same charge as Farris, testified denying all charges of corrupt attempts against the so-called "alum bill." He declared he was not in Farris' room in St. Louis on the last day of the legislature, testified denying any corrupt propositions having been made to him concerning the bill.

The defense closed at 2:40 o'clock. One hour was granted for the preparation of instructions.

MEMORIAL FOR HEROIC MAN

Fatal Act of Late Santa Fe Mechanical Engineer Recorded on Tablet.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—A memorial tablet, designed in honor of the late Edward Grafstrom, chief mechanical engineer of the Atchafalaya and Santa Fe railroad, has just been completed here, and will be erected and unveiled in the Kansas capitol at Topeka. On the tablet is a likeness of Mr. Grafstrom. An inscription gives a sketch of his life and describes his heroic act as follows:

During the great flood of June, 1903, which swept over North Topeka, he designed and built a small side-wheel steamer, in which, with a volunteer crew of six men, he rescued hundreds of people. While making his last trip on the night of June 2, 1903, the boat was capsized and Mr. Grafstrom was drowned.

BOODLER PLEADS GUILTY

Chicago Man Fined \$1,000 as Milwaukee for Offering Bribe to Public Official.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 5.—Adolph Kreuter, a member of the firm of Nelson & Kreuter, laundry supply agents, Chicago, indicted by the grand jury for offering a bribe of \$100 to former Supervisor E. E. Strauss, pleaded guilty in the municipal court room before Judge Tarrant of the circuit court this afternoon. Kreuter was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000, with an alternative of six months in the house of correction. He paid the fine, amounting, with the costs, to \$1,044.65.

Three Endorsements by First.

At a meeting Friday evening the First Ward Republican club gave its endorsement to Bert Miner of the county treasurer's office for county clerk, and to E. K. Long and A. R. Hensel for justice of the peace.

Appointment for McGeough.

Percy P. McGeough, assistant city electrician, has received notice that he has

been appointed chairman of the committee on show window lighting and decoration of the Western Association of Electrical Inspectors, vice H. C. Ott, incapacitated.

"KATY" ROAD FILES AN ANSWER

Denies All Charges in Bill Filed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Attorneys for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad made answer today to the latest complaint filed some time ago in the United States circuit court by the Interstate Commerce commission against the Chicago Great Western railroad and seventeen other railroad corporations, charging that the railroad companies were illegally experimenting in rates in connection with the shipment of dressed meats and cattle from the Missouri river points to Chicago.

In the answer, filed today, all the charges in the original bill are denied and a dismissal of the suit is asked.

ASPHALT FOR FARNAM STREET

Panning Announces that Petition Has Nearly Enough Signers to Carry.

Charles E. Panning announces that a petition, which he has been circulating since some weeks to the improvement of Farnam street from Thirtieth to Eighteenth, has received the signatures of property owners holding more than the required amount of the abutting frontage, providing the county commissioners agree to sign. Should this be done, however, the petition will still have enough signatures to make it sufficient, it is said. It will be filed with the city early next week and the promoters hope to have the work done this year. The plan is to replace the granite blocks with asphalt.

INJUNCTION SUIT GOES OVER

Controversy Over Ninth Street Will Not Be Heard in Court for Many Days.

As anticipated, the injunction suit brought by the Union Pacific against the Burlington railroad to prevent the laying of tracks on Ninth street, which was set for hearing Saturday morning, was postponed. A stipulation was filed by the attorneys for the two roads asking that it go over until August 21, and Judge Munger, in conformity with the stipulation, set the hearing for that date. It is understood that the railroads have settled this little trouble out of the courts.

COURT TAKES FORMAL RECESS

Adjournment Will Continue Until September 15, Two Weeks Earlier Than Usual.

The judges of the district court who are in town have agreed to take a recess Monday until September 15. Thus two weeks of the adjourned term will be available for the trial of cases that attorneys may desire to get out of the way before the opening of the next regular term on October 1.

STUCK BY TRAIN ON BELT LINE

John Zeller is in Immanuel Hospital with Painful Cuts and Bruises.

John Zeller, residing at Forty-second and Hedick streets, was struck by a Missouri Pacific train at Twenty-eighth and Boyd streets Saturday afternoon and badly out in the back and injured internally. He was taken to the Immanuel hospital, where physicians said his injuries are not dangerous.

OPPORTUNITY

Heavy Shipments of Furniture About to Arrive Forces the Sale of Goods on Hand.

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The Chance to Obtain Exceptional Values at Extremely Low Prices.

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Everything Throughout the House Greatly Reduced.

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In Both the Ladies' and Men's Department Everything cut in Half.

We are greatly pleased to note the appreciation which the people of Omaha have shown when genuine bargains are offered them by a firm that has been catering to the wants of the people of Omaha and vicinity for the last twenty years. When we inaugurated this GREAT CHALLENGE SALE we were determined to make it the greatest mid-summer sale that we ever held, and our hopes have not more than realized. The large array of bargains, the big assortment and the advantages of our easy payment system have been the irresistible attractions for the buying public. Many people have anticipated their household interior fittings, worth up to \$25.00, during Great Challenge Sale \$12.50.

Bed Room Sets, imitation mahogany or solid oak, in assorted mirror plates, finest cabinet work, all highly finished, worth regularly \$50.00, during Great Challenge Sale \$27.50.