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REV. W. B. CLEMMER RESIGNS

Pastor of First Christian Church Accepts Call of Rock Island Congregation.

WILL ASSUME NEW DUTIES IN MARCH

During His Pastorate of Three Years Mr. Clemmer Has Wiped Out Church Debt and Made Many Friends.

At the close of the morning services at the First Christian church yesterday the pastor, Rev. W. B. Clemmer, notified the congregation that he had accepted a call to the pastorate of the Memorial Christian church at Rock Island, Ill., and asked that matters be so arranged here that he could leave for his new duties at the beginning of March.

Three weeks ago Rev. Mr. Clemmer asked if he would accept a call to the Rock Island church, if such was tendered him. Definite action was taken by the Rock Island congregation on Sunday, January 13, and a formal call extended Rev. Mr. Clemmer, which he decided to accept.

Rev. W. B. Clemmer has been pastor of the First Christian church of this city for three years, coming here from Drake university at Des Moines, where he took a post graduate course after having been in the ministry for about eight years. The relations between the pastor and congregation have been most cordial and the announcement of his leaving for another field was received with deep regret.

During his pastorate here Mr. Clemmer has freed the First Christian church from debt and only recently plans were outlined for the erection of a new edifice, more in keeping with the needs of the congregation.

The pastorate in Rock Island offers a larger field as well as a more liberal salary. During his pastorate here Mr. Clemmer has been prominently identified with church work in general and has taken a leading part in the work of the pastors' association.

He has taken an active and leading part in Sunday school work and is president of the Sunday School Workers' union. He was largely instrumental in arranging for the union revival meetings now in progress at the First Christian church.

COUNCIL WILL MEET TONIGHT

Water Works Report to Be Considered in Committee.

The city council will meet this evening as a committee of the whole to consider the report of W. Kiersted, the consulting engineer on the water works plant, and the matter of the water works question in charge. Each of the councilmen has been supplied with a copy of Mr. Kiersted's report since the meeting last week, and it is the intention to go through the matter carefully tonight.

The report of the special committee contains a double-headed proposition, which, it is said, will meet with considerable opposition on the part of the council.

While the committee's recommendation, if concurred in, will give this special committee the authority to submit to the voters of Council Bluffs a double-headed proposition apparently, but which, in fact, means merely the submission of the question of municipal ownership.

While the committee asks authority to submit on one ballot at the same special election the two propositions, namely, that of granting the water works company a new franchise under certain conditions, one of them requiring the company to carry out the improvements and extensions in the water works plant, and the other that of municipal ownership, the result of a double-headed proposition like this, it is contended, would be that the question of a new franchise would be lost in the shuffle, while the one of municipal ownership would carry.

However, the proposition of municipal ownership could be submitted to the vote of the people at a special election, the price to be paid for the plant would have to be determined upon. While the special committee may, and is probably, prepared to accept Mr. Kiersted's figures and estimate, it is known that the water works company is not altogether satisfied with his findings as to value. It is said that of the eight councilmen only three favor municipal ownership under the present condition of the city's finances, and, again, it is not likely that an agreement as to the value of the present plant could be arrived at until an appraisal had been made by disinterested experts.

The city council is scheduled to meet Tuesday afternoon for the purpose, it is understood, of taking some action on the water works question, based on what recommendation the committee of the whole may decide to make this evening.

A. Metzger & Co. New Location of Wholesale Bakery, 815 Myrner Street, Council Bluffs, Ia. Home-Made Bread a Specialty. Visitors Welcome.

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NO SMOKING ROOM IN LIBRARY

Board Considers Proposition and Decides Against It.

A reading room for men in the basement of the public library building, where the patrons might have the privilege of enjoying a quiet smoke, will not be established. This has been decided by the board of library trustees which at first seemingly favored the proposition.

The objection to the establishment of a reading room with smoking privileges was proposed a committee from the board investigated the advisability of such a move. This investigation disclosed the fact that the janitor had considerable trouble in preventing young lads who frequented the library building from surreptitiously enjoying their cigarettes in the basement. These boys, the janitor complained, made use of the toilet rooms in the basement in which to smoke and he kept constantly busy driving them out. With a room in which smoking would be permitted, it was believed, the janitor would have to drive boys to loaf in it and smoke cigarettes, to the annoyance and discomfort of the men who might wish to patronize the room and enjoy the privilege of a quiet smoke while reading. This being the situation, the board trustees decided that it would be best not to establish the proposed reading room in the basement.

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Free tickets for those wishing to attend the kodak exhibition, so you see it. See prices in our window. Swaine & Mauer, 328 and 338 Broadway.

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Iowa News Notes. ELDOIRA.—Prof. George Taft, one of the pioneer musicians of central Iowa and a cousin of Admiral Dewey of Manila bay fame, is dead at his home in Grundy Center.

IOWA CITY.—Charged with offensive partnership, selling mining stock, soliciting subscriptions for a new stationery store, and swindling the receipts of a local office, etc., Harry D. Overholt, for many years postmaster at Iowa City, was arrested at Iowa City, Ia., and held in the city jail.

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LOWA LEGISLATURE WILL FUND TWO-CENT FARE AND PRIMARY BILLS.

Passage Expected Early in Session.

Plan is to Get Them Out of the Way of Insurance and Other Measures that Will Take More Time.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—An inclination to hurry legislation, and especially the 2-cent fare bill and primary election bill is manifest in both houses of the general assembly. The chief reason for this is the hope that more time will thus be had for the more difficult questions of insurance legislation and other measures and, also, for the purpose of getting out of the road all measures in which there is a possible chance for political maneuvering.

The 2-cent fare bill is a proposition containing no intricate legal points and is a question merely of changing a few words in the statutes. The primary election is filled with technicalities and legal points and it is the universal belief that at best it cannot be out of the road for three or four weeks. A movement is being fostered to make the measure a caucus measure in case there is any difficulty in reaching a decision as to the measure. It is believed there may be some compromise on the proposition. Compromise is at least being talked. The demand of the progressive for a plurality measure, and the Crossley bill that has been introduced in both houses is a plurality measure. The talk of compromise is to put a limit and require that a candidate be nominated receive at least 35 per cent of the total vote. There would be no disposition toward dangerous disagreement on the proposition it will undoubtedly be carried into the republican caucus. It is understood that Governor Cummins is in favor of such a procedure.

As a part of the general plan to hurry legislation, a report on the proposed adjournment following the inaugural last Thursday will be made. The intention was, that by remaining in session till Wednesday, next, when an adjournment will likely be allowed the committee to visit the various state legislatures, enough bills will have been introduced and printed to allow both houses to begin active work in the matter of making laws. Several 2-cent fare bills are already introduced and there need be no delay whatever as to that legislation. The primary election laws are in hand and the committee on elections can begin work at once on those measures.

One Board of Regents. A bill to consolidate the three educational institutions of the state under one Board of Regents will be introduced at this session of the legislature. Such a bill was introduced at the last session by the commission appointed by the Thirteenth general assembly to discuss the question. Some of the members of that commission are members of this general assembly. They are Senators Whipple, Turner, Lambert and Representative Teter. They will hold a meeting next week or the week after, at which time they will take up and a decision reached as to whether or not to hold office. Five or six other prominent citizens are in the field for the place.

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FAIRBANKS NOT AN ICEBERG

Pen Picture of Vice President that Gives Lie to the Cartoonists.

Has Habit of Making Friends Warm and Cordial Greeting is Extended to Every Visitor.

Whether of Low or High Degree.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—About half the newspaper cartoonists, whenever they are short on ideas, draw an icicle or a snow man, label it "Fairbanks" and let it go at that. As a result half the visitors to the capital when conducted into the room of Vice President Fairbanks expect to run into a sudden fall of temperature—they expect a chilly reception. Under such circumstances it is not surprising that visitors to that same vice presidential room are somewhat dazed as they leave it, for instead of a freezing, chilly atmosphere they find a warmth and cordiality surrounding Charles Warren Fairbanks which they have been led to believe never existed. The truth is no one ever had cause to complain of the reception given him by Mr. Fairbanks since the first day he entered public life in Washington. It is not within the power of humanity to fathom the motives which underlie the actions of public men, and it is of course possible there is nothing sincere in the greeting which Charles W. Fairbanks always extends to those who are presented to him. He might be a consummate actor, indeed if that cordiality is "put on" and he must also possess a greater stock of it than any other man in public life, for whether it be the page boy or the statesman who greets him the result is always a cordial bow and a hearty handshake.

Fairbanks wins friends every day, and this winning streak is no new thing with him. He first came to Washington as a senator ten years ago. If his veins had been filled with ice water, as the cartoonists try to make out, he would scarcely have been chosen to make the race with Theodore Roosevelt. If any cause existed for dubbing him an "iceberg" he would not have enjoyed the real esteem of his colleagues which he certainly possesses to a marked degree.

The truth is Charles Warren Fairbanks is an able man, a safe man and a popular man among those who know him, and it is perhaps because of these qualities that other less able and equally ambitious statesmen take pains to create the impression that the blood of the vice president is composed of white corpuscles and that his normal temperature is only a degree or two above 32 Fahrenheit.

New Passport Measure. Ordinarily a bill introduced in either house of congress seven weeks before the date of final adjournment would be considered as having no chance whatever of enactment into law. But Representative Perkins of New York has prepared and has introduced a measure of this nature which will probably be placed on the statute books before the end of the session. The bill is in line with the report made by Secretary Root by a commission, appointed by that official, which is designed to prevent abuses which have grown up in the normal issue of passports to foreigners born citizens and especially those growing out of the habit of certain of these citizens who after naturalization in the United States return to the country of their birth and claim exemption from local laws because of their American citizenship.

The first section of the bill authorizes the issue of passports to persons not citizens of the United States, when the applicant has declared his intention to become a citizen and has resided in the United States for three years, provided that such passport shall not be valid more than six months; that it shall not be renewed and that it shall not be valid in the country of which the holder was a citizen prior to making his declaration of intention.

The second section regulates the issuance of passports to native born American residents. Section 3, is entirely new and is the most important. Its text is as follows: "That any American citizen shall be deemed to have expatriated himself when he has been naturalized in any foreign state in conformity with its laws, or when he has been naturalized in any foreign state, or when he has become domiciled in a foreign state, and has resided for five years in a foreign state it shall be presumed that he has become a citizen of that state, and he shall be deemed to be an American citizen. Provided, however, that such presumption may be overcome by the presentation of satisfactory evidence to a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States, or to the department of State, that the applicant is a native born American citizen, and that he has never expatriated himself when this country is at war."

Nationalization of Women. Section 4 relates to the nationality of married American women. It provides that any American woman who marries a foreigner shall lose her nationality as her husband. At the termination of the marital relations she may resume her American citizenship, if abroad, by registering as an American citizen within one year with a consul of the United States, or by returning to reside in the United States, or by continuing to reside therein. The fifth section provides that any foreign woman who acquires American citizenship by marriage shall retain such citizenship after the termination of the marital relation, provided she remains a resident of the United States, unless she shall formally renounce the same. If she resides abroad she may retain her American citizenship by registering with an American consul within one year after the termination of such marital relation.

The remaining two sections of the bill define the rights of children of aliens born to parents who subsequently became citizens, and of children of Americans residing abroad. The principal change proposed is that children of Americans born outside of the United States, if they continue to reside outside the United States, must, in order to receive the protection of this government be required, upon reaching the

age of 18 years, to record at an American consulate their intent to become residents and remain citizens of the United States, and shall be further required to take the oath of allegiance to the United States upon attaining their majority.

Auditing Committees Take Life. There are ten committees of the house of representatives which are apparently impotent holding formal sessions, and expending on expenditures in the executive departments and upon public buildings. About twenty years ago when William M. Springer of Illinois was chairman of the committee on expenditures in the Postoffice department he called his committee together and made an investigation. Some improper expenditures were discovered and Mr. Springer gathered a great deal of campaign thunder and then the committee adjoined sine die.

If there has been formal action by any like body in the past twenty years it would seem they are beginning to become impotent. These committees on expenditures were originally formed to act as auditing committees with the idea of keeping congress posted upon the methods in vogue in the bookkeeping divisions of the various branches of the executive service. But in the past twenty years the committees have shown no disposition to perform their duties. This year, however, marks an exception to the general rule. Mr. Littlefield of Maine, as chairman of the committee on expenditures in the Department of Agriculture, has begun a thorough and extensive auditing of the accounts in which the funds of that department are disbursed. The fact is noteworthy that the annual appropriations for Mr. Wilson's department have been increased from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 since he first accepted the agricultural portfolio, and he expects the inquiry will develop anything like crookedness, but scientists are seldom business men and they usually ignore formalities when aiming to achieve results, and it is with a view to the inculcation of better business methods that the inquiry is now in progress.

While the remaining weeks of the present congress afford no opportunity to extend the work of auditing committees to the other departments it is understood to be the purpose of the speaker to insist that each and every one of them shall "get busy" in the next congress, and a report shall be made upon the work and methods of all the departments before the end of the first session of the sixtieth congress.

Congressmen Use Mileage Books. Since the first day of January members of congress have learned to pay railroad fares just like ordinary Americans and it seems they are beginning to get a novel experience. One result of this new sensation is the discovery that money can be saved by the purchase of mileage books, and nearly every member who travels between Washington and New York has purchased at least one of these convenient contrivances. The mileage book, which is between the capitol and the metropolis, has been \$5.00 for many years, while a round trip ticket, good for ten days cost \$10. Now, however, a book good for one year, which contains 1,000 mile slips can be had for \$3 and this book is available for any number of persons. Mr. Cramer, a man who wants to take his wife to New York for a month buys one of these books, takes his better half and starts. When he comes back he still has ninety-six miles available, which is enough to take him to Baltimore and back, or well on his way to New York. The mileage book habit has required the friends of the discovery and each has constituted himself a ticket agent for the railroad which sells the books.

Sleeping Car and Express Rates. The Interstate Commerce commission has been so busy with the most important matters of the present time that it has found to prepare regulations to put into effect the paragraphs of the bill which apply to sleeping cars and express rates. But some of the officials of the commission gathering data which will shortly be available. The rates on express rates already been discovered to be without any basis of reason whatever and the express rates, especially to "non-competitive points," are known to be excessive and arbitrary. The commission will get after these rates and the general public will probably get a personal knowledge of the scope of the rate bill as a result, because it is very well known that the ordinary American householder who is not directly engaged in commerce has far more to do with express rates than with freight rates.

Fifth in Meat Markets. Washingtonians like to brag of the cleanliness of their city, and the beauties of the existing form of government. The local governing authorities were thus brought for the control of the morals and habits of the people. The bill poster is a chorus girl unless her skirts reach her boot tops and the stranger who spits on the sidewalk is liable to arrest and fine. It would seem that the same authorities would look after the sanitary regulations of the institutions under their control without the aid of the federal authorities. But thus far they have not done so and as a consequence a commission of the Department of Agriculture has been at work investigating the places in Washington where meats are sold. They have discovered conditions of filth in some of the markets which would give joy to Upton Sinclair. And as for sanitary arrangements there are apparently none—neither toilet rooms nor lavatories. So bad were the conditions discovered that only a private report was made, lest the public should be frightened into starvation. Now that they are notified officially by the Department of Agriculture what the market is like, the district authorities are awakening; but it took a severe jolt to dissipate their lethargy.

Lost Thirty-Six Hours in Storm. BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fort Galt was brought to Sturgis yesterday with both feet badly frozen. While on his way in from Thunder Buttes a week ago, he got lost in a severe storm and was out all night, being thirty-six hours without food. It is feared amputation of his feet will be necessary. Galtland, in order to keep from starving, kept running around his team and wagon all night.

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