

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA

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MINOR BENTON

Davis, drugs. Stockert sells carpets. Ed Rogers' Toy Paints. Fine engravings at Lafferty's. See Schmidt's elegant new photos. Stock pastured, Pinney, phone 37. Lewis Culler, funeral director, phone 37. Wooding Undertaking company, Tel. 222.

FIRE CHIEF JONES ON TRIAL

Complainant Ordered to Make Fome of the Charges More Specific.

EVIDENCE ON TRANSFER COMPANY FIRE

Sought to Show Chief Was Incompetent, but Evidence Along that Line is Conclusive—Hearing to Be Resumed in Morning.

Robert W. Jones, chief of the fire department, is now on trial before the Fire and Police commission on charges preferred against him by O. P. McKesson, when it was discovered that the appointment by the commission of Charles M. Nicholson as chief of the department would not hold water. The hearing is being held in the city council chamber, and Chief Jones is represented by Saunders & Stuart, while the prosecution is being conducted by Attorney S. B. Wadsworth, counsel for Charles Nicholson, who is said to represent Mr. McKesson at the hearing. The proceedings are being taken down in shorthand by J. J. Ferguson, one of the district court reporters.

As soon as the members of the commission had seated themselves and announced that the hearing was on, Mr. Saunders submitted a motion asking that McKesson be required to make his charges more specific. The commissioners, with City Solicitor Kimball, retired to the privacy of the mayor's office and there conferred over the motion, with the result that McKesson will be required to make more specific four of the charges.

In charge No. 1, alleging misconduct, McKesson will be required to set forth the date on which the alleged misconduct occurred and specify as to what the alleged misconduct consisted.

In charge No. 2, alleging that Jones failed to properly perform his duties as chief of the fire department, McKesson will be required to show wherein Jones failed to perform them.

In charge No. 3, alleging disrespect to superior officers, McKesson will be required to set forth the manner in which Jones failed to show due and sufficient respect to the dignity of his superiors, and must name the particular officer to whom disrespect was shown.

In charge No. 4, alleging that the chief had permitted the station houses to be used for improper purposes, McKesson will be required to show wherein the houses were allowed to be so used.

The hearing so far as it progressed yesterday related mainly to the fire which destroyed the warehouse and stock of the Union Transfer company on South Main street last December. The intent of the examination of the several witnesses by Attorney Wadsworth was to show that Jones was incompetent to handle the fire department under efficient direction and to show that the building with but little loss. All of the witnesses, however, were forced to admit that the water pressure was inadequate.

In addition to several members of the fire department, the witnesses examined yesterday were W. J. Anderson and A. Adams of the Union Transfer company's force of employees; William Waugh, an employee of the Sandwich Manufacturing company, and Dr. George C. Brown, chief Jones went on the stand shortly before the hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Lawn mowers and refrigerators at Petersen & Schoening.

Free personal examination of the eye and sight is one of our specialties. Dr. W. W. Magarell, 10 Pearl street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Center on Y. M. C. A. Building. W. A. Magee, Iowa state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, was in the city yesterday conferring with President Day and other officers of the local association. In company with Mr. Day, Secretary Magee visited several of the sites which are considered suitable for the proposed building.

A suggestion made by Secretary Magee and which will be carried out will be the appointment of a salaried secretary about September 1. When another campaign will be inaugurated to raise more money. The erection of a Young Men's Christian association building in Council Bluffs, however, is assured. President Day said yesterday: "Whether we succeed in raising more money or not, we will put up a building. That has been positively determined, but of course the size and character of the building will have to depend upon the amount of money we have."

Upholstering, mattresses made to order. Old mattresses made over, feather beds renewed. Feather mattresses made and all kinds of upholstering a specialty. George W. Kline, Bell phone 54; Ind. phone 710 Block 19, 19 South Main street.

Eyes examined free; glasses fitted properly. O. Mauthe, 23 West Broadway.

Real Estate Transfers. Those transfers were reported to the Bee May 23 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs: Walter F. Stephan to Salonia Hendrick, south 1/2 of block 12, sec. 12, T. 28 N., R. 12 W., in Council Bluffs, \$1,600.

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Maggie Wallace and husband, James, to W. F. Wheelan, lot 1 in block 18, in Hall's add. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d., \$50.

Leonard Everett and Mary L. Everett, to W. F. Wheelan, lot 1 in block 18, in Hall's add. to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d., \$50.

William Austin, lot 2, in block 4, in Meredith's add. to town of Avoca, Ia., w. d., \$20.

Five transfers, total, \$2,350.

Carpets, rugs, window shades and lace curtains. D. W. Keller, 103 South Main St.

Patriarchs Militant End Session. SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The fourteenth annual department council of the Patriarchs Militant of Iowa came to a close this evening with a grand ball at the armory. The council at its business session today chose Waterloo for its meeting next April. The following officers were elected: E. E. Lambert, Newton, president; Paul Vandryck, Des Moines, vice president; H. S. Rayburn, Newton, secretary; A. O. Peterson, treasurer.

Cost makers own pants makers wanted at E. S. Hicks', 13 Pearl street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Commencement Week Program. The complete program for the commencement week of the high school has been announced. It is as follows: Sunday, June 2.—At 8 p. m., high school auditorium, baccalaureate sermon, President Charles B. Shelton, sermon collection.

HAMBLIN IS PESSIMISTIC

Predicts a Jaundic as Reason Why Freight Rates Should Not Be Reduced.

SAYS IT MEANS BANKRUPTCY TO ROADS

Bryan to Be Elected, He Predicts, and This Would Be Followed by a Financial Crash, According to Railroad Freight Men.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, May 23.—(Special.)—Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska entered into consideration before the Iowa Railroad commission today when W. H. Hamblin, general freight agent of the Burlington, declared that Bryan will be elected as the next president of the United States and that two years later there will be the greatest panic this country has ever known. He urged this as a reason for not reducing the railroad rates by putting in a joint rate schedule. He argued that the political conditions will force half the railroads into bankruptcy in the next five years if these conditions continue, and that lower freight rates will hasten such bankruptcy. He argued that the railroads are now carrying all the tonnage they are able to carry and that the rates now in operation are low based on that big tonnage. He maintained that a short crop, which is likely this year, or adverse business conditions would greatly reduce this tonnage, and in consequence the carrying capacity of the railroads, and that for that reason there should be only a lowering of the freight rates at this time.

Mr. Hamblin argued to the commission that if it does put in joint rates they should be applied only to manufactured articles, such as farm implements. He opposed the idea of a joint rate on coal and said a joint rate on groceries should not even be thought of. He maintained that the request of the coal operators for a joint rate on coal is only with the desire of an operator to get over into territory of some other coal operator. He thought the freight rates at present in force in Iowa are universally too low and are lower than in other states.

In opposition to Mr. Hamblin's arguments on coal it was advanced that the operators want joint rates in order to get into western Iowa and northern Iowa, where there are no coal mines, and that the reason Mr. Hamblin opposed such rates is that it would get this Iowa coal to the consumer on a short haul and cut out the long haul over the Burlington and other roads from the Indiana and other eastern coal fields.

George Tittemore of the Iowa Central occupied considerable of the time of the commission. He maintained that his road was ready to make a joint rate always whenever possible, but advanced the theory that any lowering of the rates will be injurious to the small roads, such as those he represented. He argued also that another road should not be cut out of a long haul on a commodity by being forced to make a joint rate. Especially in the matter of coal rates he showed that a joint rate might give a railroad only 4 cents on a haul where it took coal from another road, while by delivering coal from its own road at a lower haul it would make more. The joint rate would thus cut down its earnings.

W. W. Welch of Clarinda has been given the contract for the erection of the woman's infirmary at Clarinda for a little more than \$54,000. The appropriation of the legislature was \$52,000. The other \$2,000 will be spent in the furnishing and plumbing and heating.

Prosecutions at State Labor. Through the efforts of State Labor Commissioner E. D. Brigham seven prosecutions have been brought about at Muscatine for violations of the child labor law. Three of the prosecutions were parents and four were factory owners, mostly pearl button factory proprietors, which find it profitable to employ children. One of the proprietors was fined \$10 and the other three \$5 each. Following a recent inspection at which the factories were found to be complying with the law the proprietors discharged the greater number of the employes and hired children. The matter was tipped off to the factory inspector and he returned unexpectedly the next day and caught them.

Osteopaths Want Medicine. At the state convention of the Iowa Osteopathic association being held at the Chamberlain hotel today the subject is being discussed whether or not osteopaths should have a knowledge of the regular practice of medicine. Alumni of Buell College of Osteopathy of this city read papers and in the discussions that followed it developed that there is substantial agreement that the osteopath should know something of medicine and the thermometer and that it is not sufficient to know only the muscular treatment and the location of the bones of the body.

Swift Case Goes to Jury. Winterset is charged with using the United States mails in an attempt to blackmail a Winterset banker went to the jury in the federal court today. It was expected that a verdict would be reached some time during the night. The testimony was very contradictory in the trial. Rev. Mr. Bennett, an evangelist, testified that Swift wrote the letters that were sent to the banker and also to himself. Swift testified that Bennett had written the letters and showed them to him.

Leigh Woman in Crossed Condition. FORT DODGE, Ia., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Temporarily insane as the result of sickness Mrs. James Hamilton, living two miles east of Hamilton, threw her 8-year-old baby into a cistern. Before it was recovered the baby was dead.

Old German Custom Observed. DENISON, Ia., May 23.—(Special.)—The Germans of the Vereta at Manilla, Crawford county, Iowa, held the annual ringriding and day of kindred sports on Wednesday of this week. In the Fatherland "Ringriding Day" is the holiday for the country people who serve for the landlords and the ladies. When the customs of the day are carried out, the hired man could go to the stable and saddle the best horse for his own, and the young women were privileged to wear the mistress's gowns. All positions were reversed, and the masters served the servants, entering into the day with heart and spirit. The most popular young man and woman were chosen king and queen and were waited upon as true royalty. Thus the holiday came into vogue. The ringriding took place on the Main street at side of the public park. The contest lay in riding at a canter and while pasting a ring of iron suspended at a level with the eyes, to run a pointed iron through the hole, which was about half an inch in diameter. The iron, which had a barbed head would just pass through and to get a ring was no easy job.

The successful ones were as follows: William Jahn, Jr., Gus Lapei, John Rath, John Clausen.

While the ringriding was going on, the women had a ball throwing contest in the hall. Some sixteen took part, the contest being to throw nine balls into an open barrel some twelve feet away. There were much rivalry. The successful three were as follows: Mrs. Fred Steckelberg, Mrs. William Lebeck, Mrs. William Schnoor.

The ladies of the Lutheran church served a splendid supper from 5 to 7. In the evening came the dance and this continued long into the night.

Present for Iowa Wesleyan. MT. PLEASANT, Ia., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Robert Lincoln has presented to Iowa Wesleyan university the mansion of the late Senator Harlan, her father, as the president's home.

Lace curtains, Stockert Carpet Co.

Iowa News Notes. ATLANTIC—The wedding of Miss Vera Hayward of this place to Arthur Anderson of Duvenport occurred at the home of the bride's parents yesterday.

RIVERTON—The parties given by the legislature requiring appropriations for the entire year to be made at a meeting of the southern legislature.

RIVERTON—The Riverton Base Ball association at the last meeting elected the following officers: President, E. Smith; secretary, V. Y. McIntosh; treasurer, Joe Samuels; executive committee, J. W. McMichael, Dr. H. Kerchner, Harry Swanson, L. D. Morgan, W. G. Sherman. Last year Riverton had the best team in this locality and they propose to keep up their reputation this season.

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CHRESTON—A suit was filed in the district court yesterday by J. H. Robertson, a farmer living in Appanoosh county, against the Chicago Great Western railroad for the sum of \$250 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff in the shipment of stock over the road of the defendant.

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See the Latin quarter, "Streets of Paris," tonight and tomorrow afternoon. Admission 10 cents.

Officers of Illinois Elks. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 23.—The Illinois convention of Elks selected Peoria as the next place of meeting and elected the following officers: President, J. J. Faulkner, East St. Louis. First Vice President—Andrew Olson, Moline. Second Vice President—John G. Brown, and fourth.

Third Vice President—Colonel Roy Bacon, Springfield. Secretary—J. V. F. Marsh, Alton. Treasurer—C. R. Williamson, Quincy. Sergeant-at-Arms—E. Howard Ives, Geneseo.

Advertisement for a furniture exchange. Text: "A furniture exchange, where you can convert old 'eyesores' into beautiful new looking furniture—right in your own house, saving yourself as to the style of finish! The exchange is accomplished by Andrew Nukote... Ready for use—easy to apply. Stains and finishes. Dries over night. Puts a hardwood finish on soft wood floors. Washable—easy to keep clean—wears! All Standard Colors—also Natural or Clear. Floors, Furniture, Woodwork, Picture Frames, and Linoleum—made fresh and new with 'Nukote'. The cost is trifling! Ask dealer for free sample and picture booklet, 'What I did with Nukote'." PRATT & LAMBERT, Varnish Makers. New York Buffalo Chicago.

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