

Council Bluffs CONGRESSMAN SMITH BLUNT

Tells Bankers Guaranty Law is Coming in Near Future. ALSO POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS Bankers Advised Not to Leave Drawing of the Law to Politicians, but to Jump in and Aid in Making It.

Bankers of southwestern Iowa who gathered at the Grand Hotel Thursday for the annual meeting of group 5 of the Iowa State Bankers' association were told in plain language by Congressman Walter I. Smith that they might look for both guaranty laws and postal savings banks in the near future and that the sooner they realized this the better.

Mr. Smith had been invited to address the meeting on the question of the Postal Savings Bank Bill. He advised them that they should. "It will be the part of wisdom, almost self-preservation," said Judge Smith, "if the bankers of this country cease devoting their time to fighting such a law and join in the work of securing the very best measure possible."

"If there is any class of men able to comprehend the requirements of such a law, a law that will inflict the least damage upon the financial institutions of the country, it is the bankers of the country. If you leave the drawing of the measure to the politicians, you call them to their feet and you call them to their feet, then the assistance of your knowledge and wisdom, the law as finally framed will be far less acceptable to you. It is your province to suggest a way to prevent the draining of one part of the country of the currency and prevent the escape of a large percentage of the capital from its share of responsibility for debt paying and taxes. It is not merely a question of the coming of the postal savings bank, but of the character of the law that will create it. Every country in Europe has it, and the idea is uppermost in the minds of many of the people of this country.

"The guaranty plan is meeting with much favor, not only where it has been adopted, but in almost all of the western states. I am inclined to believe that it will probably become general, and that postal savings banks will be placed in the attitude of opposing these two measures they will simply increase popular clamor for the enactment of both."

Chairman Hunter Disagrees. James Hunter of Minden, chairman of group five, who presided over the meeting, did not take the same view of the situation as did Congressman Smith. In his opening remarks Mr. Hunter said: "There have been some changes in the sentiments, taking it for granted that the people had accepted the lead of the politicians and that a law in Iowa calling for the guaranty of deposits in all of the state banks was a certainty, had accepted what they thought was the inevitable and went home to figure the extra cost. But the people do not seem to have followed the lead of the politicians and now about all we hear concerning the proposed law are declarations that it is inimical to the best interests of the people as well as of the bankers, and that its enactment is in the far off distance."

In the general discussion which followed visiting bankers from Omaha were invited to express their opinions. Mr. Eastman of the Omaha National bank said that so far the law in Nebraska had not developed any disturbing influence, but that it would be at least a year before an intelligent opinion could be formed. Cashier French of the South Omaha National bank declared the Nebraska bankers were beginning to regard the law with favor. Its greatest benefit, he said, had been to secure safer and saner inspection of the banks and this alone would insure against bank failures.

Carl F. Kuehnle of Denison, L. F. Potter of Harlan and D. L. Heinke of Glenwood spoke in favor of the formation of a state guaranty fund. The fund was composed of experts so as to make bank examinations more than a farce. With such independent inspection, they claimed, no disturbance could be made by any form of a guaranty law in Iowa. The right investigation, including the bank, there would be no chance of bank failures. The idea met with favor at the hands of the meeting and the matter was ordered to be brought to the attention of the state association at its next meeting.

Opposes Postal Savings. T. H. Read of Shenandoah read an exhaustive paper on "Postal Savings Banks." Mr. Read opposed the plan as un-American and as antagonistic to the successful business methods that have given America its prominence in the world. The arguments used by Mr. Read against the proposition were fully in accord with the sentiment of the meeting and a resolution was adopted instructing the secretary to send a copy of the paper to the National Bankers' association at Chicago.

V. E. Bender, on behalf of the Commercial club, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Carl F. Kuehnle of Denison. The following officers were elected: Chairman, George W. Coe, Woodbine; secretary, R. G. Pennington, Defiance; executive committee, Ernest E. Hart, August Berschetter, C. E. Price, Council Bluffs; L. F. Potter, Harlan; C. N. Wood, Logan. The meeting was the largest held in the history of group 5, over eighty members and guests sitting down to the luncheon which followed the meeting session and which brought the annual meeting to a close.

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Council Bluffs CITY COUNCIL WAS GENEROUS

Granted All Reductions in Assessment Asked for, and More. The city council in final session as a board of review was in a generous mood last night. Every reduction in assessment asked for was granted and even some that were not asked for. At its previous sessions the board had increased the assessment as returned by City Assessor W. D. Hardin approximately \$35,000. By the time it completed its deliberations last night this increase of \$5,000 had not been wiped from the state, but the assessor's figures had been reduced about \$30,000.

The banks fared well at the hands of the councilmen. In the first place, T. G. Turner, president of the City National bank, objected to the assessment of \$40,000 placed by Mr. Hardin on its four-story building at the corner of Broadway and Main street. It was too high, Mr. Turner contended, although in answer to a question from one of the councilmen he was forced to admit the building and fixtures were carried on the bank's books as assets of \$40,000. On motion of Councilman Hildred, the assessment was reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000. Then Councilman Jensen said that he had been asked by the Council Bluffs Savings bank to see to it that its assessment was reduced proportionately if that of the City National bank was cut down. The bank owns what is known as the Baldwin block at the corner of Broadway and Pearl streets, which had been assessed at \$40,000. It was reduced to \$35,000.

"If you reduce the Council Bluffs Savings bank's assessment, it is only fair that you treat the First National bank in the same way," asserted Mayor Maloney, and a motion to reduce the assessment of the bank's three-story building at the corner of Broadway and South Main street from \$40,000 to \$35,000 prevailed. Incidentally it was stated that the First National bank had filed a protest against being assessed on \$167,500 of its \$200,000 capital stock on the grounds that it had amount invested in government bonds, which were exempt from taxation. The protest was laid on the table, as there is litigation involving this same question now pending between the city and the First National bank.

F. S. Cowgill, president of the Transmississippi Elevator company, appeared in person to protest against an assessment of \$80,000 on the company's elevator at the Union Pacific transfer. Mr. Cowgill said his company had expended \$5,000 in providing its own fire protection and the board promptly offered to pay \$5,000 off the assessment, leaving it \$75,000. At its previous session the board had raised the assessment of \$75,000 placed on the Council Bluffs City Water Works company by Assessor Hardin to \$85,000. This increase of \$10,000 was on motion of Councilman Bellinger, seconded by Councilman McMillen. It was cut off again and the original assessment allowed to stand.

M. Marcus objected to the assessment of \$7,000 on his residence property at the corner of First avenue and Eighth street and likewise to the amounts he had been assessed on numerous pieces of property. The assessment on the property at First avenue and Eighth street was reduced to \$6,000, but all the others were permitted to stand as fixed by the assessor. County Attorney J. J. Hess and J. P. Hess appeared to protest against the raising of the Board of Assessment on the Day & Hess building on Pearl and Main streets from \$9,400, as placed by Mr. Hardin, to \$11,000. Their arguments prevailed and the assessment was reduced to \$10,000, or \$900 more than the assessor had placed.

Chris Straub appeared in person and protested against the board raising the assessment of \$16,000 placed by Mr. Hardin on his property on Pearl street, occupied by the waterworks and the gas and electric light companies to \$19,000. The board admitted it had been in error and lopped off \$3,000, leaving the assessment at \$17,000. L. I. Edson and Mrs. Field objected to their properties on South First street being each assessed at \$3,300, while adjoining holdings which they claimed were equally valuable were assessed at \$2,800 and \$2,500. Mr. Field said his mother had paid \$4,500 for her property, while Assessor Hardin offered to take an option on Mr. Edson's property for \$4,900, which the latter declined. The board, at the suggestion of Councilman Rigdon, decided to reduce both assessments to \$3,000 each.

The action of the board in reducing the assessments aroused the ire of Councilman Jensen, who declared with considerable warmth that if he was serving on the council next year he would certainly not attend any session of the Board of Review. "You have acted like a set of big chumps," he declared. "Here is the city falling behind its anticipated revenues and yet you are sitting out the assessment of those who are able to pay it. The whole thing is simply ridiculous."

Awards for Clean Yards. The judges having completed their work and reported their findings, Major George H. Richmond, chief of police, announced yesterday morning the winners of the contest for the prizes for the best kept yards and premises in each of the six wards of the city. The winners are as follows: First Ward—Holland Hargens, 315 South Scott street. Second Ward—Mrs. O. G. Montain, 213 Scott street. Third Ward—Jacob Neumayer, 225 Park avenue. Fourth Ward—Margaret Cramer, 825 South Seventh street. Fifth Ward—M. E. Welch, 300 Second avenue. Sixth Ward—Carl Jensen, 302 Avenue B.

The following were awarded honorable mention: First Ward—Henry Cooper, 235 Lincoln avenue; Ike Minnick, Grand avenue. Second Ward—E. C. Woodward, 1025 South Broadway. Fifth Ward—Mina Diwoy, 183 Third avenue; Thomas Fleming, 235 South Twenty-first street; Mrs. E. L. Norman, 129 Fifth avenue. Sixth Ward—Mrs. O. T. Steeve, 214 Avenue B; Mrs. M. O. 225 Avenue B; A. Littlefield, 212 Avenue B; A. O. Norene, 15 Avenue B; Mabel Hoyt, 212 Avenue B; Sidney Bellinger, 250 East Broadway; C. Luse, 134 Avenue G.

The judges were Councilman Bellinger, chairman of the streets and alleys committee; Peter Smith, police health officer; and J. R. Macrae, police quarantine officer, the latter taking the place of City Physician Tubbs, who was unable to serve. The successful contestant in each ward will receive \$10 from Major Richmond, while the winner in the First ward will receive an additional \$5 donated by Mrs. George A. Gregory.

Committee on Club House. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Council Bluffs Fish and Game Protective association, held last night in the mayor's office in the city hall, Mayor Maloney presided. Vice President W. H. Thomas and Secretary Charles Pachel were appointed a committee to wait upon the officials of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company and secure the lease of the ground offered by the company as a site for a club house for the association at Lake Manawa. A meeting of the general membership of the association will be held Tuesday evening at the city hall, at which the question of organizing a stock company to build a club house or forming an association within the membership of the club will be determined.

Iowa SUPERINTENDENTS CRITICAL

School Officials of Iowa Not Pleased with Legislators. EFFECTED NO REFORM AT ALL

Talk of Governmental Possibilities is Already Beginning to Be Heard, and the Prohibitionists Are Alert.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., May 14.—County superintendents of Iowa, in state convention here, passed resolutions which appear to be a direct slap at the recent legislature. They recommended the adoption of the county school unit and a change in the present system of school treasurers. These and many other reforms were recommended to the last legislature, which failed to effect any reform whatever in school laws. There was some politics among the county superintendents, too. Movements are starting for the candidacy of state superintendent of public instruction next fall, when the present superintendent, John F. Riggs, will have finished his second term. F. E. Lark of Omaha and O. J. McManus of Council Bluffs are both avowed candidates for the republican nomination for the superintendency. It is said there will be other candidates from the ranks of the county superintendents.

Schubert Get Des Moines Theater. The Schubert theater management has secured the lease of the Des Moines auditorium by paying a yearly rental of \$4,000, outbidding William Foster, who has for years leased the house, but played few attractions there, keeping his other two theaters going. The Schuberts will send their best attractions to Des Moines and there promises to be keen competition in the local field of attractions. The Schubert representative announced big improvements will be made in the Auditorium. The Schubert lease begins September 1.

Want Woman Over Girls. Since the investigation was commenced at the State Industrial school for girls at Mitchellville by the state board of control relative to charges of misconduct against Superintendent Fitzgerald, there has gone up a demand for the appointment of a woman superintendent over the girls. John Cowie of the board, who is in charge of the school during the absence of Superintendent Fitzgerald at the sick bed of his son, states no evidence has been discovered to substantiate the charges. It is rumored, however, that Superintendent Fitzgerald will resign upon his return. Then will come the question of appointing a man or woman as the head of the school.

Gubernatorial Candidates. There is considerable political gossip about the capital, which indicates that at the close of the present administration there will be a contest for the republican gubernatorial nomination by the present incumbent, Fitzgerald. There is a factional one, as the names of men in both wings of the republican party are mentioned as aspirants to the nomination. Then the prohibition worker have openly announced they will force a contest against Governor Carroll in the primary, with the hope of getting a prohibition candidate on the republican ticket.

Had Two Wives. Eric B. Dodge, the Des Moines contractor, arrested at Kirbyville, Tex., on an indictment returned by the grand jury for wife desertion, was returned to Des Moines and placed in the county jail by Sheriff Ness this morning. While the true bill against Dodge charges wife desertion, the real charge against him is bigamy, it being asserted that he married Miss Mary Henderson in Texas in January of this year. He cannot be prosecuted on a bigamy charge, however, for he has never lived with his alleged second wife in this state. When taken to the county jail this morning Mr. Dodge made the strong assertion that he is absolutely not guilty of wife desertion; that he has not married Miss Henderson and that the whole affair is what he calls a "frame up."

Made Love to Child. Hot, gushing, sizzling, burning, love notes, written by Charles A. Morgan to 16-year-old Margaret Tarney, were read to a jury in criminal court this morning during the trial of Morgan on the indictment against him charging wife desertion. Morgan admits deserting his wife, as charged, and admits making love to the girl, telling her he was an unmarried man, but, nevertheless, his attorney objected to the introduction of the letters.

They were a part of the testimony of the cute little innocent Miss Tarney, a domestic in the home of Henry Windsor, and she blushed violently as the prosecutor handed them to her for identification. She said she had received them, and had answered one. She also, lavishly admitted that he had said nice, loving words to her, had hugged her and kissed her. P. E. O. Officers. WATERLOO, Ia., May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa Grand Chapter, P. E. O., today elected these officers at the convention in this city: President, Miss Dillie Dugan, Valley Junction; first vice president, Mrs. Dell P. Glazier, Fort Madison; second vice president, Mrs. C. O. Lawson, Waterloo; secretary, Mrs. Thomas, Fort Dodge; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Yeager, Greenfield. The next annual convention will be in Albia.

Iowa Photographers Elected. WATERLOO, Ia., May 14.—(Special.)—The state photographers' session in this city elected officers today as follows: President, H. E. Volland, Sioux city; vice president, J. C. Scoles, Oskaloosa; second vice president, F. A. Newbery, Iowa city; secretary, F. A. Free, Davenport; treasurer, Guy N. Reed, Ottumwa. The next meeting will be in Des Moines. Mrs. McMurphy Busy. FALLS CITY, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Harriet McMurphy, one of the state inspectors under the food and drug act, is making a thorough examination here of the groceries, saloons, drug stores and other places where food and drugs are sold. Mrs. McMurphy will also make Falls City her headquarters while she examines the stocks in the other towns in the county. Thirteen Horses Burned. CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—The barn on the farm of Ben Uphoff was struck by lightning early yesterday morning and burned to the ground. Thirteen horses were burned, with 10 besides a few hogs. Some horses were gotten out but were badly burned. AUTOS IN FUNERAL CORTAGE. Motor Cars Used in Chicago to Overcome Strike Conditions. CHICAGO, May 14.—An automobile funeral was a departure from the routine here today, due to the strike of cab and carriage drivers.

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S.S.S. CURES BLOOD POISON. When the blood becomes infected with the virus of Contagious Blood Poison, the symptoms are soon manifested. The mouth and throat ulcerate, copper-colored spots appear, a red rash breaks out, the hair begins to come out, and usually sores and ulcers show themselves on different parts of the body. At the first sign of the disease S.S.S. should be taken, for the trouble is too powerful and dangerous to trifle with. If allowed to run on the tendency is to work down and attack the bones and nerves, and sometimes it makes a complete physical wreck of the sufferer. The disease can make no such headway if S.S.S. is commenced and used according to directions; its progress can be stopped, the poison removed, and health preserved. S.S.S. goes into the blood and removes the insidious virus, cleanses the circulation and makes a complete and permanent cure by driving out the cause. S.S.S. quickly takes effect on the blood, and gradually the symptoms disappear, the health is improved, the skin cleared of all spots, sores and blemishes, and when S.S.S. has thoroughly purified the circulation no trace of the disease is left. S.S.S., a purely vegetable remedy, cures Contagious Blood Poison because it is the greatest of all blood purifiers, tested and proven for more than forty years. Home treatment book and any medical advice desired free to all who write. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.