

Council Bluffs

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Everybody is talking about "The Girl That Ate the Candy" Star Theater, Xmas and Sunday matinee and night.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to George A. DeWolfe and Miss M. J. O'Connell.

Mrs. R. A. Lubbers of Boyden, Ia., reported to the police yesterday morning the theft of her suit case from the Northern Western passenger depot.

FRYBARGER'S NEWS: Big shipment of wood and outfit just received. Save styles of outfits on hand.

Judge Wheeler in the district court yesterday began the hearing on the application for injunction against the two saloons in Missouri Valley.

Slippers, good, easy, warm, snug, nice, soft slippers that embrace the foot in the most flexible caressing fashion.

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CITY NOT PARTY LIABLE

Infringements of Bridge Patents Hit the Contractor.

OPINION BY CITY SOLICITOR

Indianapolis Firm Claims Damages Because of Type of Structure Put Up Over Indian Creek.

City Solicitor Kimball, to whom was referred the claim of the National Bridge company of Indianapolis, Ind., for alleged infringement of its patents in the construction of the bridges over Indian creek at Bryant street and Benton street.

"The city cannot be held liable for any infringements that may have been made on the patents of any firm in the construction of bridges. The contractors assume all liability in this matter when they take the contracts, and they give the city a bond to insure the fulfillment of the contract and to indemnify the city against claim for damages," said Mr. Kimball.

The National Bridge company claims that in the construction of the two bridges some fifty of their patents have been infringed and in a communication to the city council it wanted to know when it could look for a settlement from Contractors Wickham and Sagun.

The National Bridge company says it wants its royalties for use of its patents. If the Indianapolis firm has any valid claim it will have to look to Wickham and Sagun, as the city solicitor will advise the council that the city is not liable.

SUIT ON FORFEITED BOND

County Attorney Files to Recover on Bail Given by Charles White.

County Attorney Hess yesterday brought suit in the name of the state of Iowa and Pottawattamie county against Charles White, Elmer L. Fehr, Wallace Benjamin and John Doyle to recover on a bond for \$500, which the defendants furnished for Charles White, who was indicted last May on a charge of larceny from the person.

White was accused of robbing the Joe Sonrich, a railroad section hand, while Sonrich was asleep in the Rock Island depot at Underwood, Ia. The money was found under a sidewalk near the depot where White told the officers he had hid it.

John Doyle, one of the defendants was a resident of Nebraska and an uncle of White, since signing the bond he has died. Fehr and Benjamin are professional bondsmen of this city.

Mrs. Bessie J. Simmons filed suit for divorce from Guy E. Simmons, to whom she was married in Cumberland, Ia., July 1, 1907. She alleges that her husband scolded and threatened her so continuously as to make it impossible for them to live in harmony.

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Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to the Recorder of Deeds by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Henry G. Schmiedecke and wife to Albert Shaw, lot 8, in blk 6, in Unionwood, w. d. 11-11-09, \$4,900. Gusie A. Barkhuff and husband to Stella L. Turner, and half of lot 14, in blk 44, in blk 14, Wright's add to Council Bluffs, w. d. 11-11-09, \$1,000.

J. F. Snyder, unmarried, to J. H. Evans, sec. bridge add to Council Bluffs, w. d. 11-11-09, \$1,000. E. H. Gougeon, to J. H. Nelson's subd in Council Bluffs, w. d. 11-11-09, \$1,200.

Total, four transfers, \$12,100.

Oldest Knight of Pythias.

ACKLEY, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special)—G. F. Brethaupt, a well known hotel manager of this city, claims the distinction of being the oldest knight of Pythias in Iowa. He became a member of Golden Gate lodge No. 3 in San Francisco, in 1882, and has kept up his membership ever since.

Mr. Brethaupt is one of the few survivors of the steamship Golden Gate, which sunk with a great deal of treasure on board in 1852, while on its way around the horn. Brethaupt lost \$10,000 in gold dust, which went down with the ship, and which was the small fortune he had gathered together during the California gold craze.

He has been advised that a Boston company has succeeded in raising a part of the Golden Gate's cargo, including property belonging to the Wells Fargo Express company which has been sunk in the water for fifty-seven years.

Six Hundred and Seventy-Five Ballots Taken

Sixth Missouri Democrats Nominate State Senator C. C. Dickinson for Congress.

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 24.—Former State Senator C. C. Dickinson of Henry county received the democratic nomination for congress in the Sixth district at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The convention took 675 ballots. Dickinson received forty-two votes and J. W. Suddath thirty-two on the last ballot.

LIVELY DEBATE ON SIZE OF HARRIMAN ESTATE

New York Times Says It Will Not Exceed \$100,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Whether Mary Averill Harriman, widow of the late E. H. Harriman, is the richest widow in the world with more than \$200,000,000, or only a woman of comparatively moderate wealth, is a matter tonight of the liveliest debate. On apparently trustworthy authority, it was said today that an appraisal made by the state comptroller's office, upon which the inheritance tax will be determined, fixed the estate at \$140,000,000, and that shortly before his death Mr. Harriman transferred to his wife and his eldest son, W. Averill Harriman, securities valued at over \$50,000,000.

On the other hand, the New York Times will state positively tomorrow that Mr. Harriman left less than \$75,000,000, that he made no gifts of millions to his family before his death and that when all accounts are settled the net amount to be turned over to Mrs. Harriman may be nearer \$50,000,000 than \$75,000,000.

BIGGEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT

Fighting Machine Named for State of Utah Launched at Camden.

TEN GUNS IN FIVE TURRETS

Monster is Equipped with Ten Turbine Engines that Will Develop 25,000 Horsepower—Miss Spry Christens It.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—Declared to have no equal afloat as a first-class fighting machine, the battleship Utah, the greatest warship ever built in the United States, was launched at 11 o'clock Thursday from the yard of the New York Ship Building company at Camden, N. J., in the presence of several thousand persons who crowded the docks and every vantage point in the vicinity of the yard.

The Utah has a length on the load waterline of 510 feet, or 52 1/2 feet over all, and a beam of 58 feet and two inches. Its trial draft will be twenty-eight and one-half feet, displacement 21,335 tons, or 1,000 tons greater than the Delaware and North Dakotas, and its speed is expected to develop twenty and three-quarters knots or more an hour.

Ten Twelve-Inch Guns.

There will be ten twelve-inch breech loading guns in its main armament, mounted in five turrets on the central line of the ship. Two of the turrets will be forward, one amidship and two aft. Each turret will be protected by armor eight and twelve inches thick and will be supplied with ammunition by electrical hoists from the magazine and shell rooms immediately below. The entire handling of the guns will be done by electric motors.

Sixteen five-inch guns protected by armor of medium thickness will be provided for defense against torpedo boat attacks. Close subdivision and strong bulkheads will form additional protection against mine and torpedo explosions.

The Utah will also be fitted with two submerged torpedo tubes and will have ten small guns for boat service and saluting purposes. The main armor belt of the great ship will be about eight feet wide with an average thickness of ten inches. Above this will be another belt of an average thickness of nine inches and still higher will be the casement armor protecting the secondary battery and funnel bases.

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Ten Turbine Engines.

Ten turbines, six ahead and four astern, capable of developing 25,000-horse power, will be installed. Steam will be supplied by twelve water tube boilers and coal or oil may be used for fuel. The two smokestacks on the ship will extend seventy feet above the water line.

The Utah will be fitted for a flagship and its complement as such will consist of a crew of 1,000, of whom sixty will be officers.

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