

## Council Bluffs

## FIFTY-EIGHT ENTER RING

Municipal Office Appears Thing to Be Desired.

## THREE BIG WARD FIGHTS

Candidates in First, Fifth and Sixth Are in Turmoil—Sharp Battle for City Solicitor—Shib.

With fifty-eight aspirants for municipal office anxious to serve the people in one capacity or another there ought to be something doing all the time between now and the primaries which will be held Monday, February 28. For the councilmanic nominations the principal contestants among both the republicans and the democrats will be in the First, Fifth and Sixth wards, where there are several candidates.

For the republican nomination for city solicitor a lively contest between the present incumbent of the office, Clem F. Kimball, and Attorney Thomas Q. Harrison is looked for.

The republicans have only two candidates for the nominations for two councilmen-at-large, while the democrats have four candidates. Both parties have several candidates for the nomination for park commissioner to succeed J. J. Brown, whose term expires this spring. Captain Brown is a candidate for renomination by the democrats and, although he has two opponents, indications are that he will be renominated. There are four candidates for the republican nomination for this office.

Following is the complete list of the republicans and democratic candidates for the several nominations:

## Republican Candidates.

For Mayor—John Olson.

For City Solicitor—C. F. Kimball, Thomas Q. Harrison.

For City Engineer—Charles B. Reynolds.

For City Auditor—John F. McAneney.

For Councilman-at-Large (2)—Carl A. Mor-

gan, John Fleming.

For Councilman (First Ward)—Henry L. Blodgett, Frank P. Peterson, L. T. Albert, G. J. Hardin.

For Councilman (Second Ward)—Elmer E. Minnick.

For Councilman (Third Ward)—William S. Rigdon.

For Councilman (Fourth Ward)—Dr. L. L. Poston, E. H. Davis.

For Councilman (Fifth Ward)—Hans Han-

son, Charles H. Warren, Luke Graham, J. G. Ellsworth, Thomas Shean, Charles Fortis-

ner.

For Councilman (Sixth Ward)—H. A. Mo-

sher, C. S. Hubbard, E. I. Littlefield.

For Park Commissioner—W. H. Lynchard,

Warren F. Abdill, H. G. McGee, W. M. Blodgett.

## Democratic Candidates.

For Mayor—Thomas Malone.

For City Solicitor—Frank Capell.

For City Engineer—Samuel Dwyer.

For City Auditor—Warren Howie.

For Councilman (First Ward)—John F. McAneney.

For Councilman (Second Ward)—J. Chris Jensen.

For Councilman (Third Ward)—John E. Miller, W. C. Fletcher.

For Councilman (Fourth Ward)—F. Beebe, Marion Parker, Otto Skodsholm, Page Mor-

ison.

For Councilman (Fifth Ward)—James Mc-

Millen, N. P. Bether.

For Councilman (Sixth Ward)—A. Bellinger, W. C. Boyer.

For Park Commissioner—J. J. Brown, John A. Gauthier, Robert R. Ralst.

**CITY'S NET DEBT INCREASES**

Five Thousand Dollars More at End of December.

The monthly report of City Auditor McAneney showing the general financial condition of the city issued yesterday discloses the fact that the net debt on January 1 was \$47,765.50 as against \$42,142.40 on December 1, an increase of \$5,624.50.

The city, however, was not without ample funds on January 1, as the report shows that the city treasurer held cash to the total amount of \$157,923.85, made up as follows:

City general funds.....\$14,570.75  
Improvement funds.....\$4,926.41  
Library fund.....\$4,456.62

Total.....\$157,923.85

The gross indebtedness of the city on January 1 was \$162,765.50, made up as follows:

General fund warrants.....\$ 6,332.33  
Bridge fund warrants.....1,796.34  
Lighting fund warrants.....1,584.56  
Funded debt.....5,481.55  
Bonds long term.....1,373.90  
Waterworks sinking fund.....2,965.15  
Indian creek.....10.00

Total.....\$162,765.50

**Short Course for Frut Men.**

AMES, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special)—At a meeting of some of the fruitgrowers in the vicinity of Council Bluffs on December 29 a short course was organized and officers elected. G. R. Bliss, representing the Ames Agricultural college, outlined some of the work which is usually taken up at these short courses. It was definitely decided to hold a four days' short course from February 22 to 25, inclusive. At this short course the following crops will be taken up and studied: Apple, grape, potato, cherry, small fruit. The following subjects will be treated: Insects, disease, spray materials, spray machinery, orchard heaters, soil management, harvesting and packing, storage and marketing associations, by-products, propagation, pollination.

**Brakeman Ends His Life.**

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ployed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway for a time at Perry, Ia., committed suicide by taking morphine at 50 Sixth avenue, at 2 o'clock this morning. He was taken in an unconscious condition to Mercy hospital and died there at 8 o'clock. His act is shrouded in mystery. The police have been called into the case.

**Many Insurance Reports.**

A large number of the reports of insurance companies to the state auditor were received today. All the larger companies have reported on the last year's business. The reports indicate that the business of the year was excellent and especially that business in Iowa has been growing right along. The deposits of the state of Iowa to guarantee insurance companies increased far more last year than ever before in the history of insurance business.

**Reincorporate State Bank.**

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newed today by filing with the secretary of state. The Central Heating company of Waterloo also filed articles. The Mystic Retail Merchants' association filed articles, with \$1,000 capital, for the purpose of establishing a credit and rating system in the town of Mystic.

**Guy Marley Is Sentenced.**

LOGAN, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special)—Guy Marley, the convicted murderer of his stepmother, was given his sentence by Judge Wheeler yesterday afternoon.

Marley received his sentence with the same composure and indifference that he displayed during the trial. Life imprisonment at hard labor is the penalty.

**Pneumonia Follows a Cold.**

but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs and expels the cold from your system.

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## SOLDIER RIVER CASE STILL ON TRIAL BEFORE COURT

Cost of Construction, Feasibility and Other Problems Enter Into Consideration.

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## FIGHT ON IOWA COAL RATES

Railway Commission Will Hear Complaints March 9.

## OUTSIDE OPERATORS FAVERED

Recent Shortage Calls Attention to Fact Many Communities Are Still Dependent on Fuel from Illinois Fields.

## (From a Staff Correspondent)

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In the meantime the demand for coal has increased and the Illinois operators have been able to secure such rates into many parts of the state. In fact in some parts of the state they can undersell the Iowa operators. It is found also that in some parts of the state the outside operators can take advantage of the Iowa local rates and by a double billing make better rates than on a through interstate rate.

The recent coal shortage incident to a little stormy weather has brought sharply to the attention of Iowa people the fact that the coal business is not on the best basis. It is found that the system built up never provides for an emergency. The railroads and the coal companies have always been able to supply coal as needed, hence no large stocks have been maintained. Now the demands comes from all parts of the state that something is done.

## Trouble with Outside Coal.

Perhaps 200 or more complaints have been received in the last two months by the railroad commission in the master of the failure of towns to get coal as needed. It is also found by the commission that nearly all these complaints are from towns or dealers who rely upon interstate shipment of coal, generally from the Illinois fields, and that in all communities using Iowa coal there has been little trouble.

Twelve years ago the legislature passed a resolution asking the railroad commission to investigate coal rates and take such action as seemed to be necessary. A thorough investigation was made and the commission found that there was no occasion for any change in the rate at that time. In fact it was not seriously urged by the operators or the consumers. Since then investigation has been made of some phases of the question, but no general inquiry.

Now it is the demand of an association of the operators which handles 75 per cent of all the coal for commercial uses that a reduction in the rate be made. It is found that in at least one instance the railroads make a rate lower than the legal Iowa rate, this being done to meet competition from the outside, and from this it is inferred that a lower rate would be remunerative in Iowa. The coal business of the Iowa roads is one of the largest items of profit and the case will therefore attract a great deal of attention.

**Lamoni Wants New Depot.**

The Commercial club of Lamoni has asked the railroad commission to intercede in behalf of their town with the Burlington railroad and secure a new depot for the town. They represent that the present one is old and inadequate and also that in general the Burlington had not made improvements along its right-of-way as the town deserves. They set forth a long list of grievances and will be given a hearing.

**Branch Lines Are Suffering.**

A committee of the stockholders of the Atlantic, Northern & Southern railroad, consisting of M. N. Eabek, Hans Madson, and Peter Lykke, called upon the railroad commission on behalf of that road and the merchants along the line and represented some of the work which is usually taken up at these short courses. It was definitely decided to hold a four days' short course from February 22 to 25, inclusive. At this short course the following crops will be taken up and studied: Apple, grape, potato, cherry, small fruit. The following subjects will be treated: Insects, disease, spray materials, spray machinery, orchard heaters, soil management, harvesting and packing, storage and marketing associations, by-products, propagation, pollination.

**Medicine for High Prices.**

Attorney General Byers is out in an interview, in which he points out that the direct cause of the high price era is the system under which business is being operated and he states that we must look to congress for some relief. He suggests an amendment to the anti-trust law that would make it a penal offense for any person to belong to a trust, also there should be made a permanent nonpartisan tariff commission, provision be made for a physical valuation of railroads, etc. He discourages the use of the boycott as a means to insure its success.

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**Forgetts Gun Is Loaded.**

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram).—Frank, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gruber, a prominent Webster county farmer, was killed this afternoon by a boy friend when a loaded gun was accidentally discharged. The boys went to the barn to play after dinner, and finding the gun, one of the boys slipped some shot

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## into the gun and forgot it was there. The family is prostrated.

## Omaha Will Get Military Tourney

Committee Visits Des Moines and Arranges for Event—Compromise Reached.

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**HAWKEYES TAKE FIRST GAME**

Fast Grinnell Quintet Loses to Iowa 20 to 12.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram).—Brilliant spirits of clever team work gave Iowa the first of a state championship series with Grinnell in basket ball game tonight by a score of 20 to 12.

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