PLANT FOR PURE WATER

Dr. John L. Leal, Eastern Expert, to Install Lime Process System

DEATH RATE IS NORMAL

Fatalities from Typhoid Fever, He Says, Are Not Proportionally High —Burt Street Station in Best Shape.

Omaha water supply is to be treated by the new chlorination process as soon as Dr. John L. Leal, water expert for the Jersey City Water Supply company, the East Jersey Water company and the Newport, R. I., Water company can return home, drawn plans and specification, send them to Omaha and have the plant built. The water company will build the tanks and buildings as soon as they receive the plans and Dr. Leal will then return to install the process.

Dr. Leal has been making a thorough examination of the water and health conditions of the city of Omaha. He has made his report to the water company and that company has decided to install the process. In his report, Dr. Leal declares the defects in the Omaha water system can be easily remedied by the use of the chloride of lime process. He also finds the deaths from typhoid fever in Omaha have not materially increased over those of the last four years. Work will begin immediatly on the new plant.

Water Well Aeriated, Says Leal.

In reporting his findings after a canvass of the situation and a close examination of the reports of Dr. Millard S. Langfeld, city bacteriologist, and the water company's plant, Dr. Leal said:

"I find that the water supply taken from the Missouri river drains an area of 323,000,000 square miles and that the mean flow or discharge is 80,000 feet per second. The water supply for Omaha is taken from two points, Florence and the Burt street pumping station. At Florence there is a pumping station and settling basins, which have a capacity of 79,110,000 gallons. The water is pumped from the intake to the first of the settling basins and from this flows through seven more, discharging from one to the other by means of weirs. By this means the water is efficiently aeriated.

"The water is treated with sulphate of aluminum to aid in sedimentation. This was originally applied at the point of discharge from the suction main. This is the proper place, as the heavier matters are allowed to settle first and the alumninum assists in settling the finer sediment.

The average amount of water delivered from this station is 15,000,000 gallons a day with a maximum of 16,300,000 gallons and a minimum of 14,000,000.

"Another point of intake is the Burt street plant. The water is pumped into the first of a series of six basins flowing from one to the other through six pipes and is delivered to the surface through pumps. Sulphate of aluminum is used at the point of discharge from a suction pipe. The capacity of these basins is 26,980,000 gallons and the average water delivered daily is 2,250,000 gallons.

Burt Station Water Best.

"The records from the health department show that the water delivered from the Burt street station is slightly better than that from the Florence plant, in spite of the fact that the location is not as good. The river receives the drainage of 2,500 acres within the city limits through the Omaha creek for some distance above the intake.

"I have gone carefully over the chemical and bacteriological reports of the health department and they give no evidence of typhoid infection of the city supply, but as is always the case in all water drawn from rivers running through populated sections, receiving the drain and sewage and not purified, there is a possibility of typhoid infection.

"The amount of water in the Missouri is so great that it is practically impossible, unless due to some specific conditions, for an epidemic to be caused. Typhoid infection would show in an increasing ratio, but not in an epidemic outbreak.

"In the case of the Missouri above Omaha a comparatively small amount of sewage is discharged and the dilution is a great safeguard.

Infection from Outside Sources.

"As to the typhoid fever now existing in the city, I find that in the year 1909 there were but thirty-seven deaths from typhoid, the present increase having started in the month of December. I find that from January 1 to the present time, March 5, there have been twenty-seven deaths. It has been positively ascertained that five of these were received from outside the city and that was probably the case with some of the others. This leaves twenty-two deaths in two months and five days. This, if continued, would mean a large rate for 1910, but such a sporatic increase for a month or two often happens with but an ordinary showing at the end of the year.

"I find that in the year 1907 there were eighty-seven deaths from typhoid, and in 1908 there were sixty-four. In all probability the development of cases will gradually decrease and there is no reason to believe 1910 will exceed that of previous years.

"I shall, however, recommend the sterilization or disinfection of this water. It is my opinion that all such water should be purified, either by filtration or sterilization.

"In the case of the Missouri river water as delivered to Omaha I do not feel that filtration is necessary, as the water is acceptable to the eye and taste. Even if filtration is used it is my opinion that sterilization should be used in conjunction with it.

Work for Health Department.

"I have already recommended that this process be used under the complete supervision of the health department, that the bacteriological and chemical examinations should be made by the officers of this department so the regularly constituted authorities having jurisdiction over the public health shall be able to vouch for its healthfulness.

"I have already recommended to Dr. Connell, health commissioner, that Dr. Millard Langfeld, on a trip which he is about to make to the east, spend some time at the plant of the Jersey City Water Supply company that he may become conversant with the methods used and the results attained at the first plant in which the process was put in use. This process was installed in September, 1908, and since that time between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 gallons of water have been used daily, with daily tests, with the most satisfactory results. The typhoid death rate has been between 9 and 10 per 100,000, the lowest rate of any city of that size in the United States.

Process to Purify Water.

"The process used at Boonton and other places consists in adding to the water the so-called bleach, which is really oxychloride of lime. On the addition of this to the water it breaks into a loosely formed comb and breaks into chloride of lime, which is harmless and alert and is naturally in water and into the hypochlorite of lime. The hypochlorite of lime is acted upon by carbonic acid either free or half bound in the water and is broken into more chlorites of lime and hypochlorous acid. This acid is represented by the symbol, H. C. L. O. In the presence of organic matter this acid gives off the atom O. The H. C. L. left, which is hydrochloric acid, drains off the weaker carbonic acid, united with lime, forming carbonate of lime uniting itself with lime to form more chloride of lime, the H. going off as gas.

"The atom O. given off from the H. C. L. O. I have named potential oxygen. It is nascent or active oxygen similar to ozone. It attacks and oxydises or destroys organic matter, having a selective action upon the bacteria. The entire action of the solution of bleach added to the water is due to the action of this atom O. So the entire process is simply one of oxydation or the combustion of organic matter by means of active oxygen.

"The only difference in the water so treated is a slight increase in hardness due to the increase of the chloride of lime, the amount used is from 1 to 1½ parts per million, which is negligible, a decrease in the carbonic acid, which is desirable and a destruction of bacteria, especially those of disease, which is more desirable.

"It is an ascertained fact that the action of the process is first to destroy these germs of disease and then the more hardy by harmless water and soil bacteria in the water.

"The process has been studied and approved by leading scientists in this country and abroad and is in use in more than 200 places in this country, Germany, Russia and Belgium."

YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL BOY KILLED BY STREET CAR

Riding Between Rails at Fortieth and Cass When He is Thrown Under Wheels.

John Edmunds, a 14-year-old high school boy, lost his life Saturday afternoon when the bicycle he was riding skidded and he was thrown under the wheels of a swiftly moving north-bound street car.

The accident occurred at Fortieth and Cass streets. Edmunds was on his way to his home in Benson after a visit to Omaha and was riding his wheel along Fortieth street in front of a street car. The motorman sounded an alarm and the youth attempted to turn out. The pavement was slippery and as the front wheel struck a rail it skidded and he was thrown under the car. Edmunds is the son of W. D. Edmunds of Benson.

The body was taken to the coroner's morgue after the accident and was not identified until after the parents of the unfortunate boy became alarmed at his absence from home. Inquiries were made by the father, and four hours after the accident the mutilated body was found at the coroner's office.

The car was in charge of Motorman A. Bennet, 2421 Seward street, and Conductor H. N. Acker, 1612 Laird street.

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Royal Achates to Hold Big Class Initiation, with Special Literary and Musical Program.

Omaha lodge No. 1, Royal Achates, expects to have a large class initiation at its meeting Tuesday night. A literary and musical entertainment will be given after the regular order of business.

Supreme President Baright was present and presided at the meeting of this lodge last Tuesday night.

Union lodge No. 110 will entertain its members and friends with a dance at its next meeting. Refreshments will also be served. A number of candidates will also be balloted upon at this meeting.

Mrs. R. Beal entertained the Kensington of the Pythian Sisters at her home Wednesday afternoon. The members present were Mesdames C. Schnauber, Ringler, E. Gesmann, F. Janda, J. H. Schuett and J. R. Stine.

Clan Gordon, No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, entertained its members Tuesday evening with a program of songs, music and sentiment. One new member was initiated and preparations were made to entertain the women of the auxiliary and their immediate relatives the evening of March 15.

The annual meeting of the grand council, Royal Arcanum of Nebraska, will be held in Omaha, April 26.

The Omaha councils are making elaborate preparations for the event. An effort will be made to secure the presence of Supreme Regent Bowen at the meeting.

State lodge No. 10, Odd Fellows, will confer the initiatory degree on six candidates tomorrow evening.

Beacon lodge No. 20 will have a candidate for the first degree Tuesday evening.

Omaha lodge No. 2 has a candidate on whom it will confer the first degree Friday evening.

Benson lodge No. 221 will confer the initiatory degree on four candidates tomorrow evening.

Hesperian encampment No. 2 held its regular meeting last night. The Royal Purple degree was conferred on two candidates and an oyster supper concluded the meeting.

George Crook Woman's Relief corps No. 88 will hold its kensington Thursday afternoon, March 10, at the home of Mrs. Addie E. Hough, 2314 North Eighteenth street.

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LOW GRADE STUDENTS OUT

Sub Freshmen to Be Eliminated Entirely from Ames School.

STATE IS FREE FROM VICE

Report of Attorney General Shows Law is Reasonably Well Enforced—Political Conventions This Week.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—One of the most gratifying of the actions of the State Educational Board at its meeting last week, so the friends of the colleges say, was that of approving and increasing the policy which has been consistently followed for several years, of raising the standard at both the State college and the State university. At Ames, under the administration of Dr. Storms, a great change was effected in recent years in that the students of what might be called the preparatory classes, were not listed in the college catalogue and were not regarded as regular college students. Previously students had been admitted to the college direct from the rural schools, or from grades below the high school. All this was changed, with a view to finally refusing entrance at all by anyone not coming from the high schools. Now the state board by formal action last week, has approved this policy of raising the standard and cutting out the low grade students, and next year there will be no sub-freshmen classes at all at Ames. It has been largely because of the cutting out of these lower classes, which are preparatory in nature, that the increase of student enrollment at the college has been kept down in recent years so that all could be cared for.

Because of this change in policy it is now also proposed that the state board shall have some better supervision over the high schools of the state. Prof. F. C. Ensign, who is attached to the State university, has been a state inspector of the high schools somewhat under the direction of the State Board of Education, an entirely different board having jurisdiction over high schools, but now the educational board has directed that he shall work under this board and not have connection with the university. He will work among the high schools and aid them in preparing students to enter either of the state educational institutions.

It was also decided by the state board that there should be a complete shake-up at the law school at Iowa City and strengthening of the faculty to make the school what it should be. With a new building it was believed there was opportunity for much better work at this school. What changes are in contemplation was not made known, but the board will direct a complete revision of curriculum.

A member of the board stated, following the meeting last week that while there was some discussion of the selection of a successor to Dr. Storms at Ames, no conclusion was reached and probably there would be no serious effort made to secure a new president until another year.

State Free from Vice.

That the state of Iowa is now under a remarkable era of law enforcement and is reasonably free from every form of law breaking is said to be shown by the reports received from the county attorneys by the attorney general.

"The reports of the county attorneys so far received," Attorney General Byers says, "indicate that the Sunday saloon, the all-night saloon, the open gambling house and the redlight district have been banished from the state; that the total number of saloons, legal and illegal, have been greatly reduced in number; that there are over 100 fewer druggists' permits now than there was this time last year; that the liquor solicitor in dry territory has been put out of business, and the bootlegger is being hard pressed—in fact, there never was a time before in the history of the state when the war on vice was making greater headway than now, a record of which the good people of the state, the county attorneys and the members of the attorney general's force may be justly proud."

Big Week for Politics.

It is expected that this week will be a big one in Iowa politics. Two important conventions are to be held here and those who attend are largely the politicians of the state. One is a good roads conference and the other a meeting of prohibitory amendment advocates. Both have extensive programs, both deal with state affairs not entirely political in nature, and yet both have immense political importance in the state. It is known that among the delegates to these conventions are a great many of them leading men of the state.

Too Many Deer in Iowa.

The attention of the state game department has been called to the large number of deer that are found roaming about in western Iowa and it is probable that the state game warden will give the matter some attention. The hunters are not permitted to kill deer, and yet it is represented that deer have become so numerous that they are causing a great deal of damage to crops, and the farmers complain. They run principally along the Botna valley and no way has been devised of herding them or making use of them.

Starting State Campaign.

It is expected that Attorney General Byers will start his campaign for congress within a few days. Judge Prouty, in the Seventh district, has a series of speaking dates for this week. In the Eighth both Darrah and Towner are devoting themselves to the campaign. In no other district has anything been done as yet. But now it is planned that there shall be considerable activity all along the line.

Reward for Oratory.

As a reward for his diligence as a student at Cornell college and his final honor as winner of the state intercollegiate contest in Cedar Rapids, Henry Coleman, a negro, will receive a high position next fall as instructor in a southern college for negroes, probably in the Booker T. Washington school at Tuskegee, Ala.

Capt. Bogardus Again Hits the Bull's Eye.

This world famous rifle shot who holds the championship record of 100 pigeons in 100 consecutive shots, is living in Lincoln, Ill. Recently interviewed, he says: "I have suffered a long time with kidney and bladder trouble and have used several well known kidney medicines, all of which gave me no relief until I started taking Foley's Kidney Pills. Before I used Foley's Kidney Pills I was subjected to severe backache and pains in my kidneys, with suppression and sometimes a cloudy voiding. While upon arising in the morning I would get dull headaches. Now I have taken three bottles of Foley's Kidney Pills and feel 100 per cent better. I am never bothered with my kidneys or bladder and once more feel like my own self. All this I owe solely to Foley's Kidney Pills and always recommend them to my fellow sufferers." Sold by all druggists.

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Wage Settlement For Trainmen Seems Probable

Fact that Mediators Are to Hold Another Conference Sunday Regarded as Favorable.

BALTIMORE, Mr., March 6.—Conferences, and, so far as the public is concerned, silence.

This sums up the day's work of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neill, acting as mediators between the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the conductors and trainmen of that road in their differences as to wages and working conditions.

The mediators returned here from Washington this morning and conferred with the representatives of the conductors and trainmen. Then they had an extended talk with President Willard and other railroad officials and again conferred with the men. What transpired at these meetings no one would tell.

Perhaps the most significant event of the day is the announcement that the mediators will return here tomorrow for another conference with the employes' committee. It is understood that such action on a Sunday is almost unprecedented, insofar as Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Neill are concerned. That this Sunday conference is to be held is, however, taken as a hopeful sign.

There seems to be a feeling that the situation is constantly improving and that the prospect of an amicable agreement is, at any rate, not more remote than it was twenty-four hours ago. At the same time, it is realized that this whole condition may change in a moment and that such change might be brought about by a seemingly small matter.

It is reiterated that the men will not press the Board of Mediation unduly in the matter of time.

Iowa Winds Up Season, Beating Northwestern

Hawkeyes Prove Superior at Basket Ball to Quintet from Evanston—Score 35 to 6.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—Iowa finished the basket ball season with an overwhelming defeat of Northwestern here tonight, 35 to 6. Playing a fast offensive game, the Hawkeye five made basket after basket, while the defense held the purple players helpless when the ball was rushed near the Iowa goal. Captain Heren was injured in a collision with Ryden and was compelled to retire. Lamket starred for the visitors, while the team work and pretty basket throwing of the Hawkeye quintet were the features. Following is the lineup:

IOWA.		NORTHWESTERN.	
Ryden	R.F.	R.F.	Lambert, Herren
Stewart (Capt.)	L.F.	L.F.	Borwith, Hubbard
Schmidt	C.	C.	Piper, Hubbard
Thomas	L.G.	L.G.	Johnson
Murphy	R.G.	R.G.	Campbell, Heren, (C.)

lowing is the lineup and summary:

Goals from field: Ryden (7), Stewart (3), Schmidt. (3), Thomas (3), Murphy (1), Campbell (1.) Goals from foul; Stewart (3), Lamket (4.). Referee: Hackett of Drake.

Sioux City Five, After Hard Game, Defeats Omaha

Local High School Team Meets Reverse at Iowa City by Score of 23 to 12.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—In a hard fought battle Sioux City High school defeated Omaha High school basket ball team here tonight by a score of 23 to 12. The score at the end of the first half was 14 to 8 in Sioux City's favor. The game was rough and replete with fouls. In the last half Dodds, one of Omaha's guards, crashed into one of the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium posts with terrific force, striking himself just above the heart. He was forced to leave the game, but has recovered. Sioux City's victory is attributed to better teamwork. The lineup follows:

OMAHA.		SIOUX CITY.	
Dodds	R.F.	R.F.	Sellen
Bauman	L.F.	L.F.	Aldrich
Carson	C.	C.	Johnson
Patton	R.G.	R.G.	C. Bowan
Trimball	L.G.	L.G.	Hutchins

Referee: Backmeyer. Umpire: Larsen. Substitutes: Omaha, Finley and Kulakofsky.

LOGAN FIVE SNOWED UNDER

Woodbine Defeats Basket Ball Players by Score of 59 to 5.

WOODBINE, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—Woodbine's fast basket ball team defeated the Logan High school team by the overwhelming score of 59 to 5. The features of the game were the team work of Woodbine and the basket shooting of Unmach, who got nineteen goals from field. Woodbine meets the Council Bluffs High school team on their floor March 7. The lineup:

WOODBINE.		LOGAN.	
Unmach	L.F.	L.F.	Carson
Parsons	R.F.	R.F.	Scott
Sweet	C.	C.	Dunleavy
Haight	L.G.	L.G.	Norman
Gilkerson	R.G.	R.G.	Armstrong

Field goals: Unmach (19), Sweet (1), Parsons (7), Dunleavy (1). Fouls: Unmach (7), Norman (3). Referee: Sturtevant of Missouri Valley. Umpire: Moyle. Scorer: De Vall. Timer: Hardy.

Wilber Beats Sophomores.

WILBER, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—In the most interesting game of basket ball ever seen on the home floor, the Wilber High school five defeated the University Sophomores by a score of 33 to 23. It was anybody's game until the last whistle was blown, so close was the score. Wilber ends the season on the home floor next Friday, when it plays the University Freshmen. The lineup:

WILBER.		SOPHOMORES.	
Prucha	R.F.	R.F.	Wake
Lowe	L.F.	L.F.	Kohler
Binger	C.	C.	Korstian
Shimerda	R.G.	R.G.	Hillmer
Balderson	L.G.	L.G.	Wohlenberg

Referee: Andrews. Umpire: Kuns.

Harlan in Whist Tourney.

HARLAN, Ia., March 5.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Harlan Whist club was held last night. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: L. C. Lewis, president; A. V. Parker, vice president; G. K. Swift, secretary, and R. D. Prouty, treasurer. Plans were made to enter two teams from Harlan in the central whist tournament at St. Joseph, Mo. Arrangements were also made for a whist tourney to be held here with teams from Fort Dodge and Council Bluffs in the latter days of March.

Shannon for Muscatine Team.

MUSCATINE, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—Hugh Shannon of Buffalo, N. Y., former manager of the Ottumwa base ball team in the Central association, has been chosen manager of the Muscatine club in the Northern association. He is personally recommended by Charles Murphy of the Cubs and William Smith of the Buffalo club. A site has been purchased and a $3,000 park will be built.

The Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads.

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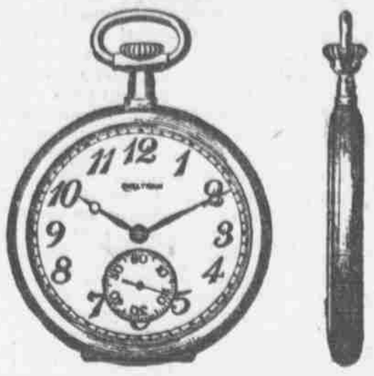

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FIND OF HISTORIC LETTERS

Documents Unearthed in Capitol that Throw Light on Early Days.

MRS. WASHINGTON, MRS. LINCOLN

Widow of First President Writes Concerning Proposed Removal of Body—Widow of Martyr Asks Pension.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—In an unlighted and cobwebbed corner of the house of representatives, covered with dust, and falling to pieces, the house committee on accounts has rescued a large number of letters and documents of the early days of the republic which are of great historic value. Among them are letters from Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Jay, Monroe and many others.

To two of them a peculiar sentimental interest attaches. These are letters written by Martha Washington and Mary Todd Lincoln, the former concerning the proposed removal of the body of her husband from Mount Vernon to a crypt in the capitol and the other applying to the government for a pension. Both are addressed to the speaker of the house.

The house today voted an appropriation of $2,500 to have these historic papers cared for and deposited in the library of congress at "House of Representatives' Collection."

Letter of Mrs. Washington.

The two letters read as follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives—Sir: While I feel the keenest anguish over the late dispensation of divine providence, I cannot be insensible of the mournful tributes, respect and veneration which are paid the memory of my dear deceased husband. And as his best services and most anxious wishes always were devoted to the welfare and happiness of the country, to know that they were truly appreciated and gratefully remembered, affords me no unconsiderable consolation.

"Taught by the greatest example, which I had so long before me, never to oppose my private wishes to the public will, I must consent to the request made by congress, which you have the good wishes to transmit to me in doing this I need not—I cannot say what a sacrifice of individual feeling I make to a sense of public duty.

"With grateful acknowledgement and unfeigned thanks for the personal respect and evidences of condolences expressed by congress and yourself, I remain very respectfully sir, your most obedient servant,

"MARTHA WASHINGTON.

"Mount Vernon, Va., 1799."

Letter of Mrs. Lincoln.

The letter from Mrs. Lincoln follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives: Sir: I herewith most respectfully present to the honorable house of representatives an application for a pension. I am a widow of a president of the United States, whose life was sacrificed in his country's service. That sad calamity has very greatly impaired my health and by the advice of my physician, I have come over to Germany to try the mineral waters and during the winter to go to Italy. But my financial means do not permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me nor can I live in a style becoming a widow of the chief magistrate of a nation. In consideration of the great services my dearly beloved husband has rendered to the United States and of the fearful loss I have sustained by his untimely death, his martyrdom I may say, I respectfully submit to your honorable body this petition, hoping that a yearly pension may be granted me so that I may have less pecuniary care. I remain most respectfully,

"MRS. A. LINCOLN,

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NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS BUSY WITH RIFLE PRACTICE

Best Five Shots from Three Omaha Companies Will Attend Camp in July.

Rifle practice is the chief topic of interest among the members of the Omaha Guards, the Thurston Rifles and the Dahlman Rifles at the new Nebraska National Guard armory, 1814 Harney street. Each company is well equipped with sub-caliber rifles, each rifle being of the regulation type.

By the use of a "Winder" target, upon which electric light is thrown from a reflector, practically the same results are secured by the use of the sub-caliber rifle at ten yards as would be secured by the regulation rifle at 200 yards. All scores are officially recorded, and the best five men from each company, averaging these scores with past target records, will be invited to attend a rifle practice camp to be held in July. At this camp will be picked the team that will compete for Nebraska in the national rifle tournament. In addition, company pride is encouraged by cash prizes that have been hung up by the adjutant general for the companies making the best showing at rifle practice.

Company G, Second regiment, the Omaha Guards, won a $50 cash prize offered by the adjutant general to each company, making a 100 per cent showing of attendance at the late inspection conducted by Captain Heavey of the Eleventh United States infantry for the War department. This company will hold an election Monday evening to elect a first lieutenant to succeed Lieutenant Andrew Clark, who resigned a few weeks ago.

Company I, Second regiment, the Dahlman Rifles, is organizing an orchestra, with which to enliven the social evenings, and in Company L, First regiment, the Thurston Rifles, a quartet is already practicing for similar stunts.

Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Baehr, the commander of the provisional battalion, and Captain H. F. Elsasser of the Thurston Rifles have nearly completed their present year's course of military instruction at the Fort Crook army school, this being Colonel Baehr's first year and Captain Elsasser's second year.

CROWDER CHOSEN DELEGATE

Colonel is Selected by President as One of United States Commissioners to Buenos Ayres.

Colonel Enoch H. Crowder, U. S. A., who was stationed at Omaha for several years as a staff officer at Headquarters Department of the Missouri, has been selected by President Taft as one of the commissioners to represent the United States at the fourth international American conference, which meets at Buenos Aires in July of the present year.

Colonel Crowder is assistant judge advocate general of the United States army and has recently returned from Cuba, where he served as secretary of state and attorney general during the American intervention. He revised the laws of Cuba, reorganized the judiciary and modernized the municipal and provincial governments. Colonel Crowder has also done similar work in the Philippine Islands, and has a high reputation as an authority on military law. He speaks Spanish fluently and his knowledge of Latin-American affairs makes him an important member of the delegation.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY

Nearly One-Sixth of Regular Army Under Command of Omaha Officers.

The new roster of the Department of the Missouri shows that 12,000 troops of the several branches of the regular army are stationed within its limits, constituting the greatest department in the country. Nearly one sixth of the entire regular army of the United States is thus stationed within the limits of the Department of the Missouri and under the direct command of the commandant of this department with its great headquarters in Omaha.

The following of the regular army are serving in the Department of the Missouri at the present time:

Engineers—Third battalion, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Hospital Corps—Company A, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

Signal Corps—Companies B, D, and H, Fort Omaha, company I, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

Cavalry—Fourth regiment, headquarters band, and first and second squadrons, Fort Meade, S. D.; Sixth regiment, Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Seventh regiment, Fort Riley, Kan.; Eighth regiment headquarters band and first and third squadrons, Fort Robinson, Neb.; Ninth regiment, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Fifteenth regiment, second squadron, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Field Artillery—Second regiment, Battery C, Fort D. A. Russell; Fourth regiment, Fort D. A. Russell; Fifth regiment, Battery E, Fort Leavenworth; Sixth regiment, Fort Riley, Kan.

Infantry—Eleventh regiment, Fort D. A. Russell; Thirteenth regiment, Fort Leavenworth; Sixteenth regiment, headquarters, band and second and third battalions, Fort Crook, Neb.; Eighteenth regiment, headquarters, band and second and third battilions, Fort Mackenzie, Wyo.

The Sixteenth infantry will depart in June for station in Alaska, and will be relieved by the Fourth infantry, which is shortly to return from the Philippines.

TWENTY YOUNG MEN CAUGHT

Police Arrest A. Jeffries on Charge of Conducting Disorderly Place.

A. Jeffries and some twenty young men are held for the police court Monday morning, Jeffries on the charge of keeping a disorderly house and the others with being inmates.

The arrests were the result of a raid Saturday night on a pool room in the name of Jeffries at Twenty-fourth and Clark streets. When the police, Sergeants Samuelson and Madsen and Officer Morrison got to the place the allegation is that in a cellar underneath the poolroom a crap game was in progress.

It is said that arising out of the arrests charges will be filed in the juvenile court against Jeffries.

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