

Council Bluffs.

Minor Mention.

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DELAY IN PAVING MAIN STREET

All Wires Must Be Placed Under Ground Before Work Begins.

SIX MONTHS' NOTICE IS NEEDED

Committee of Councilmen and City Officers is Appointed to Draft Ordinance—Manawa Line Franchise.

It was clearly forecasted at the city council meeting Monday night that it will be well along toward the last part of next summer or perhaps late in the fall before the much desired work of repaving Broadway and Main street, removing the granite blocks and substituting concrete blocks will be accomplished.

With every cash purchase of \$5 or more at Leffert's Tuesday, a sterling silver spoon free. For one day only to stimulate early Christmas buying.

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Suit to Recover Value of Two Pay Checks

Rock Island Employe Charges that Endorsements Are Forged and Bank Brings Suit.

Overdue Vion yesterday began an action in district court as trustee to recover from the Rock Island Railway company the value of two pay checks issued to W. H. Bishop, an employe of the company. One of the checks was dated May 1 and the other June 1 last. One was for \$6.00 and the other for \$7.00. The checks were cashed here, one by the Council Bluffs Savings bank and the other by the Metcalf Clothing company. The checks were drawn through the usual course and finally reached the bank upon which they were drawn, the Illinois Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, and were paid, but when they were presented to the railroad company for redemption payment was refused by order of Bishop, who declared that he had not endorsed them or had them in his possession, and that some unknown person had impersonated him. He filed a bond with the company and drew the money that was coming to him. This left the local men losers to the full amount of the checks. For the purpose of recovering the money and fixing liability for losses in such cases the suit was brought.

To make one big day of early Christmas shopping, a sterling silver spoon free with every cash purchase of \$5 or more, Tuesday at Leffert's.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were reported to The Bee, December 12, by the Postmaster's Office Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, and Amount. Includes transfers for T. J. Shugart et al., Guy D. Anderson and wife, Charles J. Miller and wife, etc.

Twelve transfers, total, \$18,942.

Get Your Piano Before Stock is Broken

Now is the time to select the Xmas piano. Our floors are fairly teeming with the largest and finest display of beautiful instruments ever brought to this city.

City Solicitor Kimball reported that he had been able to discover no other source for securing the funds to pay for the condemnation of property necessary for the opening of Vine street from Bryant to North Main, except by drafts upon the general or improvement funds, and as both of those funds were burdened with all their obligations, he saw no way of granting the petition of citizens to have the street opened at this time.

The matter was about to be passed up when Alderman Beebe insisted that there could be and should be a way found for the needed improvement, that it had been done several times in other parts of town and this was the most important of such matters to carry, he saw no way of granting the petition of citizens to have the street opened at this time.

Permit for Electric Sign. Permission was granted to erect electric signs in front of the new shoe store location of S. A. Pierce & Co., 123 Broadway, Paul Gallo's shoe shop, and the Citizen's Electric Light company for a South Main street location.

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Laying Railroad Tracks at Night

A ten-inch sewer was ordered on Twelfth avenue from Third street to the east line of High street. A sidewalk resolution was presented ordering a walk on Gale avenue from Fleming, and it was referred to the committee of the whole. An ordinance was passed reducing the width of Bloomer between the curbs from twenty-six to twenty-four feet.

Atlantic Northern & Southern Must Finish Twenty Miles of Road by End of the Year.

ATLANTIC, Va., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—The Atlantic Northern & Southern railway decided to place twelve large arc lights so that tracks of their new road may be laid at night between Atlantic and Villisca. According to the tax voted through townships in Cass and Montgomery counties, the road must be completed by December 31. One hundred farmers in southern Cass county and northern Montgomery have donated the use of teams and men to help with the grading and laying of ties. Twenty miles of road must be laid by December 31. The road is to be an interurban with hourly service between Atlantic and Villisca. It is thirty-eight miles in length and connects with the main lines of the Rock Island and Burlington.

Asphyxiated in Well. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—While down in a fifty-foot bore well, Walter Hombarger, a young man about 20 years of age, was overcome by foul gas and died instantly. Mr. Hombarger, who resides north of this city, was boring a well for Mr. Adolphs and when he had dug down fifty feet, he went down in the well to bore with a small hand auger to see if there was water, and in so doing he struck the black damp. A widow, two children, two brothers, one sister, father and mother are left to mourn his untimely death.

Iowa News Notes. ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram)—A corn husking match between James Olson and Walter Davidson, held near Hall's, was won by Davidson. He husking 16 bushels and forty pounds and the latter 16 bushels, each husking seven hours and forty minutes.

Iowa Falls—Frank Skayton formerly of this city, has just accepted the position of superintendent of motive power for the Virginia railway with headquarters at Princeton, Va. Mr. Skayton held a similar position for many years with the St. Joe & Grand Island road, with headquarters at St. Joe.

LORIMER CHARGES UNPROVEN

Subcommittee Decides no Foundation Exists for Charges.

ASSERT BRIBERY IS NOT PROVEN

News of Action is Communicated to Colleagues in Senate, Although the Members Refuse to Discuss Result.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The subcommittee of the senate which has been investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois Monday decided unanimously the testimony did not prove any of the charges made. The committee took up the evidence in its entirety at an executive session. It canvassed the testimony, weighed the evidence and the arguments and took into consideration all the facts that have been advanced in connection with the charges concerning the Lorimer election. The members decided there had been shown no foundation for the charges that bribery had entered into the election. The motion finally was offered to report to the full committee of the senate. On this motion there was no dissenting vote. Following this action the subcommittee's report will be prepared for the full committee at once and will be sent to the senate within a short time.

The subcommittee consists of Senators Burrows, Michigan; Anthony, Connecticut; Gamble, South Dakota; Heyburn, Idaho; republicans, Frazer, Tennessee; Paynter, Kentucky, and Johnson of Alabama, democrats.

These men conducted the hearing and practically all the testimony of the case was taken in Chicago. The testimony of a few witnesses, taken in Washington, developed little of importance.

Full Committee to Meet. The full committee may meet late this week to receive the subcommittee's report, but no session of the full committee has been called.

The proceedings of the subcommittee today were executive, all members declining to discuss their action. A resolution was adopted, by which all members agreed not to divulge any of the proceedings or to discuss the vote until after the matter had been submitted to the full committee. The full committee consists entirely of lawyers and it is expected they will judge the evidence from a technical viewpoint, much the same as a court would do. The report was current about the senate that an informal canvass of the committee had been taken and not one member would vote to sustain the charges. This, however, was not confirmed.

There is no doubt that the action of the subcommittee reported today is correct. Although the members refused to discuss it publicly, news of the action was communicated to their colleagues in the senate, who are not members of the committee.

History of Case. The charge that Senator Lorimer had purchased his seat in the United States senate was first made when a confession of Charles A. White, member of the Illinois legislature from O'Fallon, a former street car conductor and labor lobbyist at Springfield, was published in a Chicago newspaper, April 20, 1910. The name of State Representative Lee O'Neill Browne, H. J. C. Beckmeyer, Michael Link and Robert E. Wilson were mentioned as having been involved.

White declared that he had been paid \$100 for his Lorimer vote by Browne, the minority leader at Springfield. White himself was a democrat and Senator Lorimer had been elected by a combination of democrats and republicans after the legislature had deadlocked for months in the vain effort to elect a senator.

To State's Attorney Wayman of Cook county, Beckmeyer and Link are said to have confessed they had received money after voting for Lorimer. At the same time State's Attorney Burke of Sagamon county took up an investigation of the charges and forced from State Senator D. W. Holtzlar a declaration that he had been paid \$200 for his Lorimer vote by State Senator John Broderick, a Chicago saloon keeper and ally of Lorimer. Indictments were returned against the men in both Cook and Sagamon counties.

Lee O'Neill Browne was tried twice in the criminal court of Cook county. The first time the jury disagreed on June 23, after having been out for a longer period than any other jury in the history of the county. His second trial ended September 2, when a second jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Browne has been re-elected to the Illinois legislature from La Salle county.

As a result of the charges and subsequent indictments, Senator Shelby M. Culmon introduced a resolution in the United States senate asking an early and complete investigation of the election of Senator Lorimer. On September 13 the senatorial investigating committee convened in Chicago.

The formal charges of bribery were presented by the Legislative Voters' league.

Practical Gifts That should be considered early—provided you care for a fine and better choice. Neckwear 25c up. Handkerchiefs 10c up. Shirts \$1.00 up. Underwear 50c up. Pyjamas \$1.00 up. Bath Robes \$2.50 up. Night Shirts 50c up. Suspenders 50c up. Gloves \$1.00 up. Fancy Vests \$2.50 up. Hosiery, 15c up. Studs, Sleeve Links, Scarf Pins, Garters, Belts, etc.—all with fancy Christmas boxes—FREE. The Berg Clothing Co. 122 & DOUGLASS

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