

EXPERT'S WORK OF NO AVAIL

Analysis of Des Moines Water Found to Be Worthless.

COMPANY OFFICIALS BEAT THEM

Chemicals Used on Supply Before It Reached the State—Members of Legislature Slow to Arrive in City.

From a Staff Correspondent. THE MONTANA. Jan. 4.—(Special.)—An interesting controversy has arisen among officials over the condition of city water in Des Moines. Under direction of the State Board of Health government experts were sent here to investigate and after they had proceeded some time with the investigation, it was found that the water passing through the city water system was being treated chemically with a view to killing germs.

The water company chemists declared that because of this fact it is not necessary to boil the water. But the state board and local physicians declare that the process is not effective and the government experts find that all their investigations are without value.

The number of members of the legislature who have arrived in the city is much smaller than had been expected for this time of the week and thus far no conferences have been held. It is expected that conferences will be held tomorrow night on behalf of the regular republicans, with a view to agreeing upon a program and to decide whether they will enter the campaign in person or name all the candidates for senator as in the city.

Crofford Cannot Practice. Attorney General Myers, just before quitting his office gave a decision to the state board of medical examiners in the case of Dr. J. W. Crofford of Decatur county, who was given life sentence for murder and later pardoned by Governor Carroll. He had claimed that the pardon operated in restoring or reviving his certificate to practice, but the attorney general holds that this is not the case as the board in fact had not evidence other than that of the conviction, which additional evidence was sufficient to cause revocation of the certificate.

Legislative Committee at Work. The legislative committee of the Iowa State Teachers' association held a session today, those present being President Serber of the State Teachers' college, Prof. Betts of Cornell college, ex-State Superintendent Riggs and Messrs. Thornburg and Athearn of this city. Plans were laid for the legislative program for the year.

State Superintendent Deyoe of Garner failed to arrive in the city today to take his office, having been detained by the cold weather. Typhoid fever is of constant occurrence in Des Moines, as shown by the records of deaths in the office of the State Board of Health, and in some years there has been an unusually large number of deaths. The records of deaths reported for thirty years shows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, No. Deaths, Year, No. Deaths. Rows include years from 1881 to 1909.

The record shows that typhoid exists all the time here and that in some other years the number of deaths has been alarmingly large.

Treasurer Finances Good. W. W. Morrow, state treasurer, filed up his new bond for the year today, in the sum of \$50,000, and the count of money in the treasury was made by those in authority. The cash balance in the general fund was found to be \$77,867.78, as against \$23,167.67 a year ago. The actual cash in the treasury or in banks was \$1,048,128.55, which includes various special funds.

The governor issued papers to take from Council Bluffs to Littleton, Col., one John Dolan, accused of forgery. He also sent for Charles Gates, who is in prison and has been indicted here for wife desertion.

Eleven new judges went on the district bench in Iowa this year, all the others being re-elected to their present places. The number of changes is smaller than usual.

In the office of Attorney General Coe, two new assistants took their places, Messrs. E. J. Lee and C. R. Robbins. In the office of the clerk of the supreme court B. W. Garrett, who had been deputy, became clerk and Colonel H. L. Bousquet, former clerk, became file clerk, while Charles C. Hear, former state accountant, became deputy clerk.

Killed by Gas. Gas fumes early today proved fatal to E. W. Gray, a traveling salesman of Kansas City, Mo., found in a room at Hood's hotel, Fifth and Mulberry streets, late Sunday. He died at Mercy hospital.

Gray went to bed late Saturday night. A hotel clerk found him unconscious twenty-four hours later.

Postal Bank Opens. The first postal savings bank in Iowa opened at Des Moines yesterday. A large number of persons made deposits today. One dollar starts an account. Certificates ranging from \$1 to \$50 are issued. There are no pass books deposited. There are made than \$100 in a month or have more than \$50 on deposit at one time. Deposits bear 3 per cent interest. The certificates are non-negotiable and non-transferable.

Capital News for Feb. MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—What is probably the first lawsuit of its kind ever begun in the state has been started here today. Because, so the alleges, Mrs. Frances Bruce of Des Moines agreed to pay her \$100 if she procured for her husband who had money and a home, Mrs. J. D. Vile, the imprisoned convict, as she did in the district court, signed, Mrs. Bruce for that amount. Mrs. Vile says in her petition that Mrs. Bruce offered to pay her that sum if she found for her the man that met the requirements. Mrs. Vile alleges that she thereupon invited to her home C. I. Bruce and the present Mrs. Bruce. The latter two were married at 4 o'clock on the morning, but now, Mrs. Bruce, it is alleged, refused to pay.

Northwestern Falls Under Train. WATERLOO, Ia. Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Charles Lane, an Illinois Central passenger, met his death yesterday by falling from the top of an uncoupled car which was struck by the engine in the railroad. The body, which was badly mutilated, was brought to Ames city for burial. He would leave a widow, parents, brother and three sisters. He was 35 years of age and born in Waterloo.

A Graduate of Business Prospects—The Advertiser's Column.

Cummins Talks to Short Course Students at Ames

Senator's Address is a Plea for Wider Distribution of Agricultural Education.

AMES, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Senator Cummins spoke to an audience of about 600 short course students here last night. He touched on politics only enough to emphasize the need of governmental regulation of great corporations, devoting the greater part of his speech to a plea for the wider distribution of agricultural education. He advocated an appropriation of \$10,000 for extension work in Iowa. He spoke of the need of good roads as a means of improving rural life, but he did not advance any particular plan for securing them.

"There are three questions," the senator said, "upon which depend the safety, welfare and perpetuity of free institutions. These are first: How can we increase the quantity and improve the quality of agricultural products, leaving the cost to the consumer without reducing the profits of the producer? Second, how can we interrupt the tendency of the people to gather in great cities? Third, how can we regulate and control great wealth, so that with its power and selfishness it shall not take more than its just share of the profits of toil?"

"To keep farmers from moving to town to educate their children," he said, "country educational facilities must be made equal to those of the city. To accomplish this consolidation is necessary. Boys and girls should be educated with especial reference to the work that they will have to do. The common schools of Iowa should be miniatures of Iowa State college. The influence of this college is greatly multiplied by the extension work. The legislature should appropriate at least \$100,000 for this work. No other appropriation would give such returns."

"It is common nowadays to sneer at politics. Politics is only the associated efforts of the people. In no other way can needed reforms be obtained. The greatest duty of the citizen is to see to it that public affairs are so conducted as to do for the individual those things that he can do for himself. The aggregate wealth of the American people is about \$20,000,000,000. This has become concentrated in the hands of the few. If the hand of the people as a whole is not laid upon these aggregations of wealth we will eventually be forced to take just what they are willing we should have. Regulation is not advancing one-tenth as fast as combination. I believe that the only way regulation can be accomplished is by preserving fair competition. The work of regulating competition can be done by no agency, but the government itself."

Iowa Veteran Weds Friend of His Youth

Colonel Rodney Dexter of Cedar Falls and Mrs. Alice Vaughn Nichols of Buffalo, N. Y., Are Married.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Last evening a veteran of the civil war, Colonel Rodney Dexter, at the home of his daughter, surrounded with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was united in marriage with his boyhood friend, Mrs. Alice Vaughn Nichols, of Buffalo, N. Y., who arrived here on Sunday to meet her lover.

Following his trip to Atlantic City last summer to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army, Colonel Dexter stopped in Buffalo, met his old time friend, who was herself alone in the world, and a wedding was arranged in Iowa at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Merrill. In about two weeks they will leave for her home in Buffalo, where the colonel will take the good will of his comrades and long-time Iowa friends. In the civil war he was captain of the Fourth New York heavy artillery.

Iowa News Notes. SHENANDOAH—The Toggery Clothing house, which has been under the management of J. C. Curran, was sold yesterday to W. E. Crafts and Co., probably will locate on the Pacific coast.

MARSHALLTOWN—At a meeting of the official board of the Christian Workers' summer assembly of the Iowa yearly meeting of Friends, held in this city today, it was decided to hold the next yearly state meeting at Vanmoyne, June 15.

IOWA CITY—Miss Flossie Dillon, head of the public speaking department of the University of Iowa, has resigned her position here owing to ill health. She was new to the school this semester, but had proved herself popular among her classes.

SHENANDOAH—At the annual business meeting of the stockholders of the Western Normal College company A. S. Lake, C. N. Marvin and George Bogart were re-elected and E. S. Welch was elected to fill the term of George F. Cottrill, deceased.

COLLINS—According to a telegram received here today, Mrs. George Kinneman and her baby daughter, formerly of this place, were burned to death at their home at Curtis, Okl. The tragedy was caused by Mrs. Kinneman trying to start a range fire with kerosene.

SHENANDOAH—Hon. W. D. Jamieson, congressman from the Eighth Iowa district, yesterday telegraphed that by special report of the census directors, the population of Shenandoah is 4,918, and that of Clarinda is 2,332. This gives Shenandoah a gain of 29 per cent of ten years.

CANNON NOTIFIED OF BEQUEST

Speaker Somewhat Skeptical When Informed Bombay Banker Left Him Fortune Out of Gratitude.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Speaker Cannon received a momentary thrill today when a curious letter postmarked Bombay, India, arrived, containing the information that \$250,000 sterling had been left him by a Bombay banker for a friendly act performed several years ago. Speaker Cannon scrutinized the letter carefully and laughed heartily. He passed it around his office and everybody agreed that the letter was the work of a crank. "It's all rubbish," said the speaker today. "Never let anybody say a Bombay man. In fact, I don't know any banker there. There's nothing to it so far as I can imagine."

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted:

Table with 4 columns: Name and Residence, Age, Name and Residence, Age. Rows include names like Frank Bruno, Frank Wagner, etc.

AD CLUB TO ELECT OFFICERS

Annual Meeting to Be Held Thursday Evening at the Rome.

CANDIDATES FOR ALL PLACES

Henry Gering Seems to Be in the Lead for the Office of President—Twenty-Five Directors to Be Chosen.

A new president of the Omaha Ad club will be chosen Thursday evening at a meeting of the club, following dinner at the Hotel Rome. The new president is likely to be Henry Gering.

H. G. Kelly and Edwin T. Swobe are other candidates for the post, from which Ralph E. Sunderland retired after two years faithful service. Friends of Kelly and Swobe are working zealously in their behalf, but Gering appears to be in the lead.

For vice president a campaign is being conducted in behalf of F. P. Podrea and George Perry. Victor White and F. L. Ellick, also nominated for this office, have formally withdrawn. President Sunderland and F. M. Blah, who were nominated with the other three for president, also have withdrawn their names. By the terms of the new constitution no man nominated for any office at the meeting of Wednesday last could then withdraw, but he might do so in writing later. This has been done by four of the men named for president and vice president.

Samuel Rees, Jr., and Lawrence Brinker are having a nip and tuck fight for treasurer, but the odds are slightly in favor of Mr. Rees.

A. I. Creigh is unopposed for recorder and A. L. Gale has no opposition for secretary. Mr. Gale nominated A. C. Thomas for the secretaryship, to run against the nominator, but Mr. Thomas withdrew.

Twenty-five directors are to be elected, who will choose six members of the executive committee. The chairmanship of the board of directors is likely to be an important office the coming year and after the directors are elected a large fight may be on for the chairmanship.

It is earnestly desired that a large attendance be present Thursday night that the vote for new officers may represent the club as a whole.

The entertainment committee of the club is endeavoring to secure a speaker for the evening, who will talk against the commission plan of city government. This is in line with the Ad club's plan to hear and to discuss both sides of the question.

First Human Remains From Battleship Maine

Coal Bunkers Brought to Surface by Dredge—May Prove Internal Explosion Caused Disaster.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—The first human remains from the wreck of the old battleship Maine were brought to the surface today by a dredge. They consisted of two ribs and some small bones, apparently of the hand. They were carefully placed in a special receptacle to await the recovery of other parts. The dredge also brought up some three inch shells, a quantity of coal and a portion of the coal bunkers, lying apart from the ship, which is considered as possibly confirmatory of the theory of an external explosion under the bunkers. This, however, cannot be verified without a further examination of the work on the hull is continuing without interruption, the men having expressed willingness to await the settlement of the question of overdue pay and other grievances.

DECEMBER WEATHER NORMAL

Late Cold Snap Came Too Late to Change the Records for Last Month.

The present cold weather came just late enough to let December out with a fair record. A summary of the temperatures and atmospheric pressures issued Wednesday morning by L. A. Welsh, the local forecaster, shows that with the exception of many days of cloudiness the month was one of normal weather. The highest temperature recorded was 48 degrees, which prevailed part of the day of December 26. The summary also shows that on that day occurred the greatest change of temperature, the thermometer recording a range in temperature of 25 degrees. Two days previous the lowest temperature, 4 degrees, was recorded. The total precipitation of snow for the month amounted to 5.8 inches. The prevailing direction of the wind during the month was from the north and the average velocity was 3.8 miles an hour. The maximum velocity of the wind was registered December 2, when it reached a speed of thirty miles an hour from the northwest.

Washington Affairs

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(Special Telegram)—Army officers: Major J. A. Stone, First Cavalry, and Major Richard M. Blackford, Eleventh Infantry, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for temporary duty.

Second Lieutenant Frank L. Beals, retired, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Northwestern Military academy, Highland Park, Ill.

First Lieutenant Townsend Whelan, Twenty-ninth Infantry, will proceed to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment at the Army and Navy hospital.

Captain Charles E. Kilbourne, coast artillery corps, is retired from duty as inspector of Philippine consular and will sail from Manila about April 15 for San Francisco, thence to Vancouver, B.C., Wash., for duty.

Captain Frederick B. Shaw, Thirtieth Infantry, is relieved from duty at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and will join his regiment.

The president has accepted the resignation of Second Lieutenant John De B. Gardner, Eleventh Cavalry.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward St. Grebe, general staff, is detailed as member of board of ordnance and fortifications, vice Brigadier General Montgomery M. Macomb, relieved.

Captain Lloyd Ler Krebs, medical corps, will report to Lieutenant Colonel James E. Gleason, medical director, San Francisco, for examination for promotion.

By direction of the president Captain Curtis G. Horrocks, coast artillery corps, is detailed for service in the quartermaster's department, vice Captain Ernest H. Tilden, quartermaster, relieved.

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