

THOMAS DENIES THE CHARGES

Says He Did Not Collect Funds for Political Purposes.

GIVES REASONS FOR TRANSFER

Asserts that Carriers Are Changed Around for the Good of the Service—Tiltotson Given Better Hours.

Declaring that Carrier Tiltotson's charge that the postmaster collected money from government employees for political purposes is absolutely untrue and explaining that the securing carrier was transferred to another route to increase efficiency in the distribution of mail, B. F. Thomas made a statement to The Bee Saturday.

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The postmaster's statement in full is as follows:

"The charges filed by Carrier Tiltotson which appeared in the newspapers yesterday of date February 17, and which I presume will in due course reach the commission at Washington, seem to cover the following points:

"That Tiltotson was reduced in rank because he refused to support Senator Burket. The answer to this is that he was not imported by me or under my direction to support Senator Burket. Tiltotson was put in the \$1250 class when it was first established and has held this rank ever since and now holds it. Carriers of this rank obtain it and hold it on the basis of high efficiency. Tiltotson was transferred from one route to another and within the same period fourteen other carriers were shifted from one route to another. Tiltotson was changed from a five delivery route with eight hours between 6:00 a. m. to 3:15 p. m. to a ten delivery route with eight hours between 7:45 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. with no reduction in rank or pay.

"The route which Mr. Tiltotson now has is near his own residence and has been easily handled, including the same territory, by other carriers of a lower grade.

"The charge that the postmaster directly or indirectly collected money from the employees for political purposes is absolutely untrue.

"Various suggestions in regard to organizing political machines and dependence upon secret societies are not only untrue, but positively intended for newspaper use.

"The balance of the communication is an unfounded attack upon the postoffice department at Washington, which certainly cannot constitute a charge against me. I feel sure that the patrons of the postoffice appreciate the fact that something has taken place in the matter of discipline within the Omaha office and increased efficiency resulting thereby. Some spots will occur when promotions are refused, but the conduct of the postoffice is a big business concern and it can hardly be expected that a postmaster who is trying to put it on business basis will escape the bitterness of some of the disappointed ones."

Commercial Club Boosts for Medical College Building

Asks Douglas "Unity Delegation" to Work for the Bill at Lincoln.

In a meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club and the members of the legislature from this district a hearty endorsement was expressed by the club for the proposed appropriation for the improvement of the State Medical college in Omaha. The resolution passed was as follows:

Resolved, By the Commercial club of the city of Omaha that it heartily favors and that it will use its influence to secure the passage of the bill proposed by the report of the Board of Regents and chancellor of the University of Nebraska requesting an appropriation of \$100,000 for a medical building on the state campus at Omaha, and of \$25,000 for the expenses of the medical department at Omaha for the biennium, and that the Douglas county delegation in the legislature be requested to use their best efforts to promote the above purpose.

A Guarantee of Business Prosperity—The Persistent and Wise Patronage of The Bee Advertising Columns.

Council Must Find Money for Water Bill

Writs of Mandamus Have Been Served on the City Officials, Who Must Act.

Writs of mandamus were served on Mayor Dahlman, City Treasurer Furrer and the members of the city council Friday afternoon and Saturday morning which seek to compel them, as representatives of the city of Omaha, to pay judgments aggregating \$23,474.55 secured by the Omaha Water company in the supreme court of the United States.

The writs recite that demands have been made on the respondents to pay such judgments or to provide for the payment by means of a tax levy, and that the respondents have refused to act on the demands, though the judgments were in full force when the tax levy for the current year was made.

The writ also demands that the respondents at once pay or cause to be made a levy for the purpose of paying said judgment, together with interest and the costs of the writ.

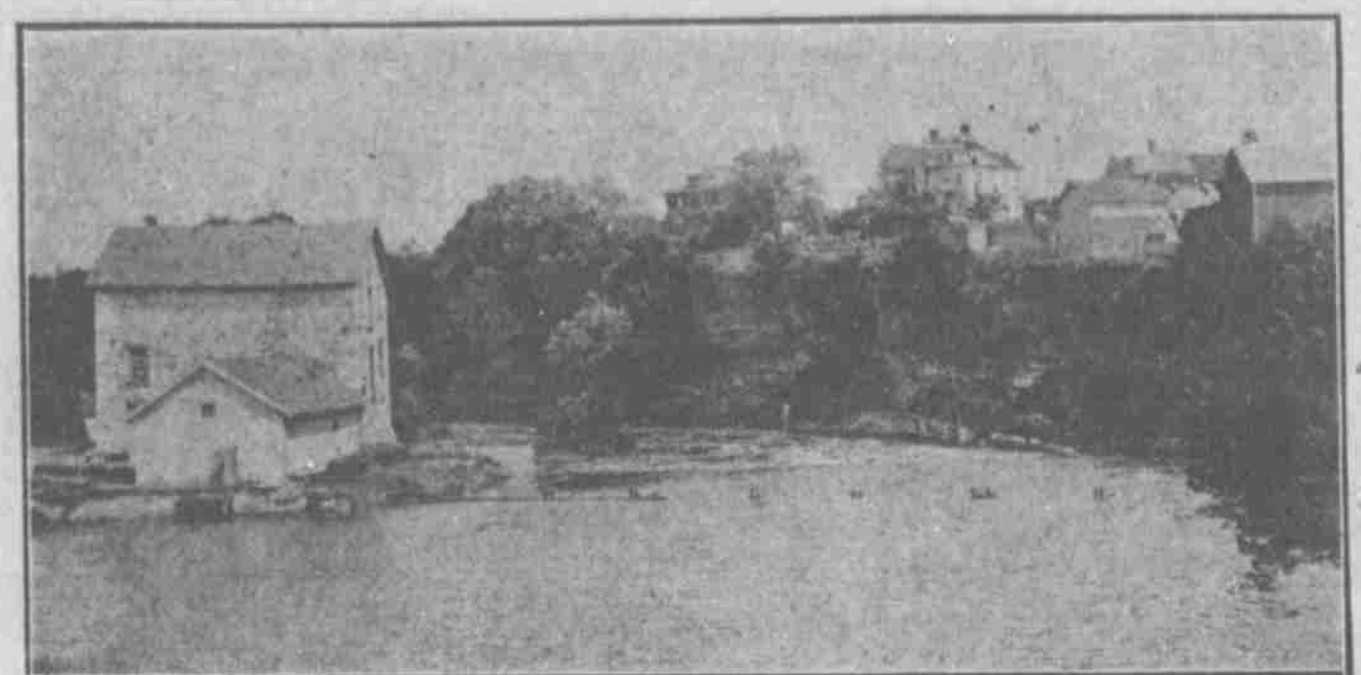
The writs have been referred to the city attorney for advice. What the mayor and city council will do will be decided on at the next meeting of the council Tuesday night, or probably it will be taken up at the meeting of the committee of the whole Monday afternoon.

The judgments were secured on four counts, one for \$23,554.41, another for \$21,000.00, another for \$25,000.00 and another for \$23,520.00.

Those who eat Grape-Nuts FOOD

"There's a Reason."

Old Mill Which is a Landmark for Iowa Farmers



IOWA FALLS, Ia., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—One of the few pioneer mills built in the first half of the century, is located here and is the old stone grist mill now operated by Harp & Roberts. This mill was built by Estes Stevens Larkin in 1857, eight years before the first railroad entered this place. The original machinery in this mill was taken here from Dubuque, a distance of 100 miles. It was operated as a burr mill until 1882. Many of the grists brought to this mill in an early day came a distance of 100 miles and many of these hauled by ox teams.

The farmers were often compelled to wait weeks for their flour, as there was no exchange then. Flour in those days sold from \$1 to \$1.50 a bushel but feed was practically worth nothing.

This mill was remodeled to the roller system in 1882 and to the Planifiler system in 1898. While this old land-mark has changed on the inside, there is apparently little change in the exterior. This mill is now 53 years old and is one of the few old mills still running in this part of Iowa. There is one at Alden and the one at Eldora was only recently abandoned. In an early day, water power was evidently much more appreciated than it is today, for there was then a dozen mills in operation within a distance of thirty-eight miles. The bed

logs of the old dam are the same ones that were placed there when the dam was first built, and are in perfect condition still. The upper logs have been exposed to the weather and have been changed many times. One of the old flour burrs is still in use as a feed and meal burr.

This burr is located in the west "L" of the old mill, this addition being originally used as a saw mill. The mill was operated for many years by Robert Wright, but has been under the present management for the past nineteen years. Mr. Roberts of the firm, has been identified with the mill for the past forty-two years.

New Fixtures in Edholm Jewelry Store

New Wall Cases of Mahogany Installed, Giving Interior Perfect Harmony and Beauty.

Installation of new fixtures at the jewelry store of Albert Edholm, Sixteenth and Harney streets, has been completed and the interior decorations of this business house are among the most beautiful of any similar store in the west. Special care was exercised in getting the various floor and wall cases to harmonize, and now the store fairly scintillates with the beauty of the rich mahogany and handsome cases of finest mahogany.

Before the improvements were made wall cases of walnut were in use. For these were substituted more elegant cases of mahogany, which match up with the other decorations and fixtures of the room.

The new wall cases reach from the floor to within a few feet of the ceiling and extend nearly the entire length of the main room. These cases are fitted with large plate glass doors. The many pieces of pretty silver, fine jewelry and various trinkets that are upon the spacious shelves are exhibited to the view of people standing before the counters. These new cases enable Mr. Edholm to display his large stock to more advantage and gives buyers a better chance to see the majority of the stock, making choice of an article much easier, than in stores where the cases are not large or where the doors of the cases obscure the view.

FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOES OUT ON A STRIKE

Failure of Fire Bonds Results in Declaration to Disband Volunteer Organization.

Angered because of the defeat of the bond election for more funds for fire protection last Thursday, fifteen of the twenty-eight members of the volunteer fire department of Florence met Friday night and, after fiery speeches, decided to disband. It was voted to turn all fire apparatus back to the city.

Absent members of the department will be given a chance to express themselves and final action will be taken next Tuesday night.

The feelings of the men, as expressed in speeches of unusual directness, were that so long as the people refused to give them paraphernalia properly to work with that they no longer would give their services to the city gratis.

TOURIST RATE IN EFFECT AGAIN

Harriman System Will Make Same Prices from Omaha to Denver This Year.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 18.—Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific, announced today in Denver that the Harriman system would this year give the same summer tourist rates from Kansas City and Omaha to Denver as were in effect last year.

Sioux Falls Commercial Club Starts a Campaign of Activity

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Feb. 18.—At a recent meeting of the directors and members of the Sioux Falls Commercial club the matter of engaging a paid secretary for the club, which has been organized at intervals of a year or more, again was brought up, and by the unanimous vote of the members, George Schlessner, a well-known resident of the city and veteran newspaper man of the state, was urged to accept the position of paid secretary at a salary to be agreed upon between himself and the board of directors. After having the matter under consideration, Mr. Schlessner today accepted the position, and in the future will devote his entire time to promoting the commercial interests of Sioux Falls.

Secretary Schlessner is one of the most energetic boosters in the state or northwest, and is fully qualified to perform the important duties which will devolve upon him as secretary of the commercial club. He has been a resident of the state for a period of twenty-seven years and during the last twenty-one years has been manager of the plant of the South Dakota Newspaper union in this city. Prior to coming to Sioux Falls he lived at Aberdeen, where he was editor and publisher of a newspaper. He is exceedingly popular with the newspaper men of South Dakota, and for many years has been actively identified with the South Dakota Press association. So far as can be remembered, he never missed a meeting of the association, winter or summer.

Sioux Falls is on the eve of the greatest expansion in its history and the services of Mr. Schlessner at this particular time will be of exceeding importance in the up-building of the city and in securing new industries.

WOULD BOOST MATERIAL RATE

Missouri Pacific Asks Permission from the Commission.

HEARING OF THE CASE IS SET

Read Alleges that It Hauls Stone and Sand from the Platte to City of Omaha at a Loss to Itself.

Notice to the traffic bureau of the Commercial club Saturday morning disclosed the fact that the Missouri Pacific railroad has made application to the State Railway commission for authority to increase the freight rate on stone carloads. A strong opposition is reported to be maintained against such a move, and the order from the commission refusing to grant permission for the increase and calling for a public hearing on the question in Lincoln, Tuesday, February 23, is expected to bring out a large delegation of building material dealers.

The railroad proposes to have the rate on stone carloads increased from 1 to 2 1/2 per cent on shipments from Wagon Water, Louisville and Nebraska to Omaha and South Omaha. The road alleges that the present rates are unreasonably low and unremunerative. The dealers in this city and South Omaha, on the other hand, declare that any increase placed upon the freight charges would make the traffic unprofitable to them. They point out that the road receives a profit of 15 to 20 per cent for hauls running from thirty to forty miles.

STRIP TICKET IS DISPLACED

Burlington Railway Adopts Book Form for Issues of Transportation.

The "tape line" railway ticket is a thing of the past, declares the Burlington, and instead little booklets are to be used. Putting its plan into effect the road has this week placed the book forms in all ticket offices in Omaha, Chicago, St. Louis and Denver.

Heretofore, for a complicated trip a man had as much as five and six yards of ticket to carry. By the new system the entire ticket is contained in a neatly covered booklet, tablet form, that can be carried in a coat pocket.

W. S. Parker, agent of the Burlington and Rock Island lines at Ottumwa, Ia., is the inventor of the ticket. It simplifies the whole ticket system of the road, one set of books taking the place of ten or twelve times the number of tickets of the old style. It will bring a corresponding decrease in the auditing department of the railroads.

Scalpers of tickets made the long ticket, with its many signatures, necessary. The Ticket Protective association has driven the scalpers out of business and the complicated systems will be needed no longer. H. H. Allen of 423 Farnam street and his son, Richard Allen, purchased the first tickets in Omaha, going to San Antonio, Texas.

SALOON IN FLORENCE CLOSES

Hans Peterson Stops Business Because He Doesn't Pay Expenses.

Lack of business is the reason given for the closing of the doors of a saloon in Florence conducted for the last five years by Hans Peterson. The usual work of chopping in front of the place was not done Friday morning and to all who asked Mr. Peterson said he closed the place because it did not pay expenses. His saloon license, which cost him \$200 and his occupation tax, costing \$25, were both good until about the middle of May.

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YOU CAN SHOP TO YOUR ADVANTAGE BY BRINGING YOUR "CONTEST CERTIFICATES" HERE

ONLY ONE CHECK OR DRAFT ACCEPTED ON ANY ONE PIANO.

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The Way is Open through the Neb. Savings & Loan Ass'n. to start a fund to buy a home; pays 8% per annum; 100 Farnam. Board of Trade Building.

Neglect and Carelessness cause the majority of losses by fire or burglar. Be prudent, rent a private safe in our Big Vault. Only \$3 per year. Omaha Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 1314 Farnam street.

Suit for Divorce—Nellie E. Pinault, Saturday filed a suit for divorce against her husband, Joseph A. Pinault.

Entertainment by Ladies of Concordia—An entertainment was given at the Deutscher Haus Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Ladies of Concordia Singing society.

Bertrman is Better—E. P. Bertrman, president of the Park board, is slowly recovering from the attack of paralysis that has confined him to his bed for the last five weeks. He was able to sit up in bed today for the first time.

Attaches Box Car—David L. Horn, Saturday filed a suit for \$619.49 against the Southern Pacific railroad and at the same time attached one of the road's box cars. He says he shipped furniture to Portland, Ore., and that it was destroyed in a wreck.

Railroad Compromises Suit—The \$15,000 damage suit brought against the Burlington by Matteo Battaglia has been compromised for \$1,500, and the case has been dismissed in United States circuit court, to which jurisdiction it was transferred from the Douglas county district court.

Plan Beefsteak Dinner—Plans for the third annual beefsteak dinner of the Omaha Ad club are looming up for early consideration by the executive committee. It is expected the big feast will take place some time in March, on the stage of one of the local theaters.

Improve Appreciate Car Service—Resolutions of appreciation for improvement in street car service in the Field club district were passed at a recent meeting of the improvement club of that section, and forwarded to the street railway company. An eight-minute schedule has replaced the old schedule and more cars have been added for rush hours.

New Offices and Plans—Rolly E. Jackson of the Buffalo Paving Brick company is planning the erection of a row of stores and flats at Hamilton street and Military avenue. The row is to comprise four separate stores with a flat over each. Two laundry concerns are negotiating to occupy the stores. Work on the buildings will be undertaken at once.

Parrell Hearing Postponed—Ordery Parrell, the Kentuckian, who cut the throat of Link Dozier, in the Gospel Mission at Thirteenth and Douglas streets, Tuesday night, came up in police court for preliminary examination Saturday morning. As Dozier is still in the hospital and will not be able to leave before Wednesday of next week, the case was continued until that day.

Big Suit for a Fall—Georgia Watt's acquittal of a murder charge last week, has filed a suit for \$10,000 against Sam Jones, a property owner of South Omaha. She says in her petition that she was walking past a house belonging to Mr. Jones with her sister after dark on the night of December 27. Excavations had been made and for some reason she fell into a hole and sustained painful injuries.

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ORDERS FIREPROOF LATHING

Building Inspector Forbids Use of Wood Under Plaster.

ORDINANCE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Measure Governing Construction of Flat Structures and All Others Above Three Stories is Up for Passage.

Taking for granted that the ordinance now pending in the city council requiring that all apartment and flat buildings be of fireproof construction, C. H. Withnell, building inspector, issued orders enforcing it Saturday.

Mr. Withnell visited the architects and instructed them that hereafter wooden lathing is forbidden in the walls of all buildings more than three stories high, and in all flat buildings and apartment houses of any description. Instead of wooden lathing, plaster boards or metal mesh is to be used. The ordinance to the foregoing effect will reach its final hearing before the council Monday.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Leon J. Nelson, 3207 Woolworth, cement plastered dwelling, \$12,000, and garage, \$500; D. Cramer, 1228 South Twenty-first, frame dwelling, \$1,200; J. C. Edwards, 3111 Emmet avenue, repairs, \$500; Johanna Vanzano, 2044 South Eighteenth, addition, \$200; N. P. Bergers, 2551 S. Harney, frame house, \$2,500; J. A. C. Kennedy, 629 South Thirty-eighth, addition, \$500.

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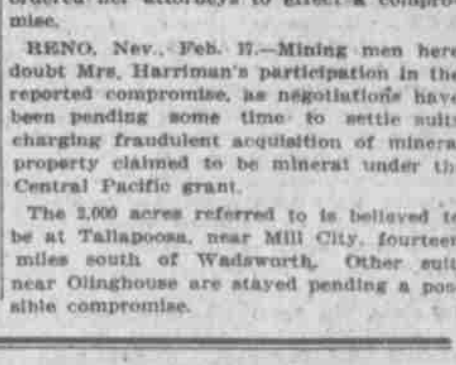
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Doylesburg, Pa., April 15, 1906.

Dear Sir: We have Pe-ru-na in the house all the time and when we think we need it, we take it. We are about 60 years old and have not called a doctor to our place for some years.

We go out in all kinds of weather and sometimes when we go on a trip we take Pe-ru-na along. A preventive is better than a cure. That has been our experience. I had poor health more years ago and, when I found your medicine I felt the right thing. We both thank you for your good medicine.

Sincerely yours, PHILIP KRATZ.

Mayor Witness to Signatures.

I, John Donnelly, Mayor of Doylesburg, Pa., have been acquainted with Mr. Philip Kratz for twenty-five years. I know him to be an honorable and useful citizen. He, in my presence, signed the above statements concerning Pe-ru-na, which I have every reason to believe are true in all particulars.

Signed, JOHN DONNELLY, Esq.