

Council Bluffs

TERMINAL TAX MEETS REBUFF

Lawmakers at Des Moines Do Not Like Its Looks.

HOUSE MIGHT PASS THE BILL

Senate Gives Advantages Chilly Reception—Possible that Chamber Might Enable It to Win in the End.

City Solicitor Kimball, Mayor Maloney, City Treasurer True and the other members of the strong delegation sent from Council Bluffs to labor with the legislature to secure the enactment of some measurably righteous terminal tax law, returned from Des Moines, yesterday morning, carrying varying degrees of doubt as to the success of their mission. They were joined in the fight for such a measure by all of the principal cities of the state, met encountered the opposition of a solid phalanx of railroad attorneys when they entered the ways and means committee room, where the joint conference on the bill prepared by Mr. Kimball is being held.

They asserted this opposition, but they did not expect to be tricked and have their mission partly defeated by the opposition, as was the case. Nevertheless, they returned with the assurance that the bill would be reported by the committee "with-out recommendation," and with the further assurance that if there were some radical amendments made to it it would be passed by the senate. It was ascertained that the bill as presented will be approved by the house, but will be objected to by the senate without the qualifying, or more properly, disqualifying amendments.

True Opens Hearing. At the beginning of the session of the joint committee Wednesday morning it was agreed that two hours should be given the friends and foes of the bill and that the Council Bluffs men should open the argument.

Mr. Kimball said yesterday that it was doubtful whether the bill as drawn could get past the senate. There, he said, a strong opposition among the senators, which was believed to be sufficient to kill the bill.

Testimony Given Shows Depreciation

Witness Shows what Condition Water Pipes Gets into "Dead Ends" of Service.

Proceedings in the waterworks condemnation case yesterday were not of an exciting nature, involving a slight mixing of the direct and cross-examinations of the city witnesses. Former Alderman J. Chris Jensen was subjected to an hour's vigorous questioning by the attorneys for the water company after he had given his evidence showing the depreciation of the company's buildings from the standpoint of an expert builder. He underwent the ordeal without trouble and seemed to have a visible shade the best of it all through.

Perhaps the strongest bit of evidence of depreciation so far introduced was when the city produced a section of four-inch water main, which had been carefully cut out near a "dead end" where service would not be interrupted. The piece was about two feet long and its interior could be easily examined. Huge "tubercles," or blisters filled with water, had risen from the surface of the iron, reducing the capacity of the pipe nearly one-third. It was shown that the eruptions did not in any degree injure the iron, and were so frail that they would give way before a sudden rush of water, and this might be eliminated by the "blow out," by which this disturbed would remain permanent obstructions to the flow of the water.

Engineer Burns was placed on the stand to continue his depreciation testimony. At 5 o'clock, however, it was necessary for him to withdraw to make some final computations. During the day the depreciation account was increased to the extent of nearly \$8,000. The end of this class of testimony was so nearly reached that Attorney Kimball was last evening enabled to state that the total approximate depreciation would be \$25,000, reducing the city's value of the plant to less than \$60,000.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following couples: Name and Residence. Age. Edgar Hunt, Stuart, Ia. 23. Ada Wright, Stuart, Ia. 23. Andrew L. Street, Holyoke, Colo. 22. Ethel L. Conner, Mitchell, S. D. 22. A. J. Moody, Havelock, Neb. 23. Helen M. Carlson, Havelock, Neb. 23. J. E. Ryan, Fremont, Neb. 23. Donald E. Meyer, Fremont, Neb. 23.

New Pilgrims Into Cellar. FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 24. (Special Telegram.)—A glunge down the cellar stairs when his head caught and he lost his balance, rendering Mammun Burchick, manager of the Lammson commission office in this city, unconscious with a skull fractured at the base of his brain, which makes physicians predict his death. Burchick is about 40 and came here from Chicago a year ago.

Hotel Clerk Druggs Dead. CRESTON, Ia., Feb. 24. (Special Telegram.)—George Druggan, night clerk at the Summit hotel here, dropped dead today while balancing his accounts for last night. He had been in poor health for some time from injuries received in a railroad wreck in Mississippi. The body will be taken to Pitt, Miss., where his mother lives.

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Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of The Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 61.

DAVIS, Druggs. Cortright, undertakers. Phones 18. FAUST BEEK AT ROGERS' BUFFET. Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 23. Lewis Culler, funeral director. Phone 9. PURE GOLD WEDDING RINGS—LEFFLER. Pure blackberry juice and Virginia Dare wine. J. J. Kleiss Co.

WANTED—Reliable girl for general housework. Write to Mrs. Campbell, 1501 S. 16th St. Omaha, Neb.

Wanted—Prescriptions accurately filled the same day at Leffler's Big Jewelry Store.

Attorney L. D. Shuttleworth of A. Oca was in town yesterday attending to legal business.

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WEALTHY IOWAN WILL DIE AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Directed Work of Rescuers When Severely Injured and Gave Account of Accident.

WATERLOO, Ia., Feb. 24. (Special Telegram.)—Henry L. Austin, the victim of an automobile accident yesterday, is still living, but is not expected to survive the night. He sustained many broken bones, bruises and cuts. He is 68 years of age. His marvelous nerve and grit, when plucked between the front cars, enabled him to direct the work of rescuers. On the way to the hospital he described how the accident happened. Mr. Austin is a very wealthy man, owning 1,200 acres in Butler county, is president of the Great Northern Land company, has large interests in Canada and Missouri timber and hundreds of acres in the Dakotas.

Besides his wife he has three children, Walter, Clarence and Mrs. Alice Patterson, all of Austinville.

The Great Western switching crew has been arrested for obstructing the railroad crossing overpass, which was the cause of the accident.

A Guarantee of Business Prosperity—The Bee Advertising Column.

Iowa News Notes. IOWA CITY—March 16, 17 and 18 are the dates of a big manufacturers show at Iowa City. It has been termed the "Iowa Products show" and is given under the supervision of the local Commercial club.

IOWA CITY—The basket ball team of the University of Iowa leaves the latter part of this week for an invasion of the western part of the state. Two games will be played at Des Moines at the weekend and Grinnell on next Monday evening.

CHARLES CITY—Mrs. E. B. Hickox of Rockford has filed complaint with the county auditor against six of the seven trustees of the county who hold permits. The complaints are against four in this city, one at Rockford and one at Marble Rock. The evidence will be submitted to the grand jury.

CHARLES CITY—Attorneys will Friday begin to take evidence in the election contest brought by Murphy, democrat, against Congressman Haugen. The county auditor has been notified by the ballots cast at the election. Similar evidence is to be taken in each county of the district.

CRESTON—The Burlington shops were closed here yesterday, giving the employees a half holiday. The shops were closed also the court house offices were closed, also the postoffice, and the public schools for the first time in observance of Washington's birthday.

ALBION—Harry Walton, a tramp, is under arrest, charged with attempted train wrecking on the Burlington at Melrose and Russell a short time ago. Walton admitted he spiked the tracks and says he did it to "get even" with the company because he was put off of freight trains.

It is said the man is not believed innocent. He waived examination before the grand jury of Monday.

BUXTON—Buxton had a \$200,000 fire Wednesday, destroying the three-story department store belonging to the Monroe Mercantile company, which practically furnishes the food supply for the 6,000 inhabitants. Buxton is a coal mining town near Albion and besides the department store the office of the Consolidated Coal company and the Buxton bank were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown save that it started in the annex of the department store. Lack of water and fire fighting supplies handicapped the work of extinguishing the flames.

HARLAN—Alleging that his two sons and his daughter and the latter's husband have conspired together and with his wife to induce the latter to leave him, Eas H. Thomas, a leading farmer of near here, has filed suit in the district court for \$20,000 damages for alleged alienation of his wife's affections. The defendants are his sons, William and Ernest Thomas; his daughter, Mrs. Belle Atkin and her husband, Wayne Atkin. Mrs. Thomas recently brought suit for divorce from her husband and the latter's suit is the outgrowth of the wife's petition.

CRESTON—The Creston water works plant has been surrendered by the stockholders to the bondholders. The financial status of the plant had become such that bond companies would issue no more bonds and the Boston Trust company was about to foreclose on the plant. The stockholders, several of whom are Creston men, will lose quite heavily on the deal. J. E. Harsh, John Gibson and H. S. Clark, the two latter former bankers here, but now removed, owned a one-third interest in the plant. W. B. Millard of Omaha owned one-third and J. E. Markel of Chicago the other third. Several other Creston men were interested to a small extent. The stockholders had succeeded in putting the plant on a paying basis, but failed the funds to carry it on. It is thought no change will be made in the operation of the plant.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Another bloodless battle was fought on the floor of the house of representatives Thursday. It came during a somewhat heated debate on a bill for the leasing of coal lands in Alaska. The bill was passed, and as the short and ugly word rang out Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska made a rush for Representative Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, who was seated at a nearby desk.

The big Alaskan's right arm shot out twice in the direction of the gentleman from Wyoming, but members who surrounded the disputants at the time say that both gloves fell short.

The house was in an uproar in an instant. Several members hurled themselves on Mr. Wickersham. Others were struggling with Mr. Mondell, who had now regained his feet and was making for his assailant.

Representative Foster of Vermont had taken Mr. Wickersham by the throat. This added to the uncontrolled anger of the delegate and for a moment he directed his attack toward the peace-maker. Representative Simon of Mississippi was the first to reach Mr. Mondell, who was endeavoring to raise the chair in which he had been sitting to hurl it at his antagonist.

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