

Council Bluffs

Minor Mention

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He put up a \$25 bond for his appearance. Judge Wheeler in the district court yesterday afternoon granted the application of Henry A. Van Brunt against the Pontiac Carriage company to remand the case to the district court. The suit was originally started in the district court and was taken to the federal court by the defendant, a non-resident corporation. The choir of the First Congregational church, to the number of about thirty-five, were delightfully entertained at the parlance by Dr. and Mrs. Smith Thursday evening after the rehearsal. Mrs. Smith had arranged an impromptu program of songs, readings, contests and good stories, which filled up an hour or more with jollity, and then the guests were served with tea and small cakes. The parlance door is always open to the jolly choir. Director Coker is more than pleased with his choir and the jollity with which they are rounding into unity of expression. To show Captain Telfer of No. 1 hose company that it is bad luck to have just \$2.25 in his pockets a sneak thief invaded the sleeping apartments of the men on Thursday morning while they were fighting the Rock Island freight house fire and stole \$2.25 in cash. The thief was a reminder that it is also unwise to leave money unguarded at this time of year. Captain Telfer has a cash in his trousers he wears when he is not fighting fires at night. The thief was very discriminating. He picked out Telfer's trousers and did not molest those left equally carelessly by the other men. There was money and cash in his pockets and some of them had considerably more than the captain. While trying to burn up the rubbish that had accumulated during the winter, fire started on the premises of Mike Bierth at 1713 Fourteenth avenue, crept into a shed and burned it and also a small barn adjoining before the firemen could reach the place. The building was located near the south side of the Milwaukee and Union Pacific yards, and blazing embers carried by the strong south wind, fell among the thousands of boxes and crates combined in trackage. Inspector Schonberg of the Milwaukee, extinguished fires that had been started in half a dozen places. The Union Pacific yard employees also had some business of the same nature to look after. About \$20 damage was done on the Bierth place, covered by \$20 insurance. The cast that will be in "Seven Days," when Messrs. Waggoner and Kemper present this comedy tonight at the Astor, is a New York where this piece is in the second year of its run. The comedy has a run in that it went through the summer, gaining for "Seven Days" the distinction of being the comedy that has ever remained all summer in New York. This shows that "Seven Days" has greater popularity than any other comedy has ever had. Speaking of "Seven Days," Van Norden's magazine said: "Every one is compelled to laugh for two hours and half into which that eventful week is condensed on the stage. A marvelous amount of fun is manufactured in seven days. But it would take seven days to make clear the fun of this farce in words. It must be seen to be appreciated." Rev. Daniel Poling, D. D., field secretary of the United Christian Endeavor society, will give an address at the First Christian church of this city this evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be preceded by a band concert in the basement of the church at 7 o'clock, to which all are invited. A musical and literary program has been arranged for in connection with the meeting at 8 o'clock and all those interested in the Christian Endeavor work are cordially invited. There will be no admission charged. Rev. Mr. Poling comes very well recommended, not only as an instructive speaker, but one that is able to stir the hearts of his hearers. He will not only speak in the interest of the international building in Boston, but will also talk along all lines of Christian Endeavor work. The meeting is open to the public and it is hoped that all will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Dr. Poling. Saturday Meat Specials. The big uptown store offers extra values for Saturday buyers. Leaf lard, 1 1/2 lbs., \$1.00. Salt pork, lb. up from 10c. Genuine sugar cured skinned hams, per lb., 15c. Prime rib beef roast, lb., 12 1/2c. Fresh side pork, lb., 10c. Oleanoscarine, per lb., 15c. Home-made sausage, lb., 13 1/2c. Also dressed chickens, lunch meats, home-made lard, oysters, fish, etc. We cut only No. 1 stock. N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night L-1702. Direct from a year's run at the Circle Theater in New York and a six-month run at the Olympic Theater in Chicago, Samuel E. Rork's sensational musical production, "The Queen of the Moulin Rouge," comes to the Duhan theater tomorrow night and promises to be the most important theatrical offering of the season. The piece, which is by Paul St. Polger, John T. Hall and Vincent Bryan, is described as a musical comedy drama, in two acts and ten scenes and is said to be a correct portrait of night-life in Paris exactly as it exists. An unusually large company and three cars of scenery, paraphernalia and effects are employed, making it one of the largest musical organizations ever seen here. The cast, including Harry Sher, Grace Turner and Sidney G. Grey, remains almost intact since the original performance. While the piece is swift, smart and saucy, unlike most productions dealing with any life in Paris, it is not vulgar and offensive and does not contain a risque or questionable feature. There has been a very heavy advance sale and the big company will be assured of a capacity house.

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COMPANY WILL TAKE \$500,000

Attorney George S. Wright Makes Announcement at Water Hearing. COMES DURING FIGHT AT HEARING. Prospect of Long Drawn Out and Expensive Hearing May Influence a Decision—More Testimony Concerning Construction Cost. A feeler was thrown out yesterday afternoon during one of the heated periods of controversy that have marked the proceedings of the waterworks condemnation court, amounting to a tentative proposition to accept \$500,000 for the Council Bluffs water plant as it stands today and thus end the pending expensive litigation. The air of the court room was charged with the emanations from disturbed and often angry minds, and the proposition, cautiously made by George S. Wright, who has always been the confidential legal adviser of the water company fell on unheeding ears. Not the least particle of attention was paid to it. The proposition came during the course of a long and wearisome wrangle over the admission of evidence of cost of the plant of an original note book kept by Engineer Harry Birkenbine, who drafted the plans for the water system and supervised their execution. The note book, which had been the same character as that which had been objected to by the city's legal advisers when the water company's lawyers attempted to show by Engineer Birkenbine the contents of the original contract between the water company and the American Construction company, the attorneys for the water company claiming that this contract had been lost. It was being strenuously objected to by Attorney Kimball and Tinsley for the city, when Attorney Wright made the potent remark. Made in Good Faith. Later asked if the proposition was made in good faith, Mr. Wright said: "Of course it was." "Have you any authority to make such an offer?" was asked. "I have authority to say that we will consider a proposition to take \$500,000 for the plant," replied Mr. Wright. The report that such an offer was made spread quickly about the town and called out many favorable expressions, indicating that it would be a wise thing to do. The condemnation court is costing about \$400 a day and the lowest estimate that the taxpayers will have to pay is \$100,000. Then months may elapse before the matter is definitely settled and the plant finally turned over to the city. In the meantime the same paying conditions will prevail and will grow worse daily. One business man, who refused permission to use his name, said it would be to the city's best interest to accept such a proposition and get action on the work of reconstruction of the plant at once. "My insurance is costing me \$100,000 more than it did five years ago," he said, "and I want to see this nightmare dispipated at once. I believe the acceptance of such an offer will save the city \$50,000." Birkenbine on Stand. Engineer Birkenbine was on the stand all day yesterday and during the afternoon was called upon to show by his private books and penciled data the original cost of the water plant up to the time he left its management which was practically 1893, and it was his duty that counsel for the city objected to. His penciled records, which he swore were made at the time the work was done, showed that the total cost of the plant up to 1893 was \$34,911.11. This included the expenditure of the money realized for the \$100,000 second mortgage bond issue made in 1888 that was actually expended upon the betterment of the plant, approximating about \$20,000 and included the third subsidiary reservoir at the Broadway pumping station and the intake pumping station on the river bank at the Third-seventh street. The record was very interesting for the purposes of comparison with the estimates of cost made by the city's experts at various times, including the last made by Engineer Burns and those made by the company's engineers for use in the present hearing. Mr. Birkenbine's record showed that the Broadway reservoir cost \$61,675.82. Mr. Burns' estimate for the city was \$73,732. Mr. Birkenbine's data showed that the cost of the Fairmount park reservoir was \$29,034.88. Mr. Burns placed its cost at \$28,018.28. Mr. Burns estimated the building at the Broadway pumping station at \$11,179.48 and Mr. Birkenbine's figures showed that it actually cost within \$100 of that amount. Mr. Birkenbine's data showed that the cost of the cast and wrought iron pipes was \$132,961.45. Mr. Burns' figures totaled \$117,251.95. Birkenbine's record showed the cost of the special castings to be \$5,258.44 and Mr. Burns figured them at \$4,308.30. Totals Not Far Apart. The figures, so far as they were divulged, indicated that the totals were very close to the estimates made by Mr. Burns and that the grand total would be about \$60,000 for the actual cost of the plant up to the close of 1888. The additions made to the plant since then must be added. Mr. Burns' total valuation of the plant, after all deductions and depreciations during thirty years of use, was \$13,000. The question of admitting this testimony was being argued when court adjourned yesterday afternoon. One feature of Mr. Birkenbine's testimony that finally got before the court, but which was objected to by counsel for the city, was that the American Construction company received for its full issue of \$50,000 first mortgage bonds and \$50,000 common stock. The testimony of Mr. Birkenbine brought out another very interesting fact, that the bonds were taken by the construction company at 60 cents on the dollar, and the block of stock was thrown in to make up the deficiency and give the building company \$50,000 for its work. No attempt was made to explain the apparent incongruity of pricing the first mortgage bonds at 60 cents and the common stock, with no security whatever, at par. It is also generally known that the bonds were marketed at their par value and were quoted on the bond market at par for many years.

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ATHLETIC STUNT FOR BOYS

Young Men's Christian Association Plans Unique Feature for Fourteenth of April. The physical department of the local Young Men's Christian association for several weeks under the direction of Physical Director F. F. Pierson, has been working out a big spectacular gymnastic and athletic exhibition and has about decided to have it take place on the night of Friday April 14, in the local gymnasium. The title of the big event, in which nearly 100 well trained boys will take part, will be entitled, "A Festival of Gymnastics and Play." In which twelve different nations will be represented by the boys dressed in the costume of the nation they represent, each with a "yell" for his country. The program will open with a grand parade of all nations with a most artistic flag drill of the nations in which the entire number of participants will take part. Twenty boys will be attired in the costume of the "Mighty Arabs," and will put on a stunt worth seeing in a pyramid building and tumbling. Two other special numbers worth notice will be a burlesque Spanish bull fight with a bull and regulation number of dispatchers on horse-back and foot. Another humorous number will be the vaulting elephants in which thirty young athletes take a flying leap, or a series of leaps, over the row of elephants. Mr. Pierson is making an effort to have a picked squad of Bohemian Turners from Omaha in some local stunts on the apparatus. During the evening several athletic championship events will be run off, including a Japanese relay and basket ball relay, two new and interesting events.

Iowa

NEW WAY TO TAX CREDITS

Iowa Senate Passes Bill Providing for Novel System. FIVE MILLS PLACED ON MONEYS Twenty Per Cent Valuation on Bank Stock with Same Tax—Boiled Water Makes Trouble in Des Moines. (From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The bill for the taxation of moneys and credits on a basis entirely different from that of other forms of property was finished Friday in the state senate and late in the afternoon was passed by a vote of 42 to 5. The bill had received the consideration of a large committee and of bankers and others in the state and was re-written several times. It was not materially changed in the senate, but as passed provides for a 5-mill tax on all moneys and credits assessed at full value and on bank stock an assessment of 20 per cent of the value. One of the men voting against the bill filed a statement to the effect that he believes the bill to be unconstitutional. Insurance Bill Discussed. The house today spent some time on a bill to nullify the state anti-compact law with regard to insurance rates, but did not reach a conclusion. It was developed that the bill had the approval of the state auditor and was backed by a very large insurance lobby. The two houses have agreed to a recess over Monday in order that visiting committees may do some work and also to permit work by the retrenchment and reform committee. Boiled Water Injurious. Two legislators are suffering from drinking boiled water. Several Des Moines citizens are ill, and it is claimed that it is safer to drink the Des Moines water germ-free and all, than take a chance at "timetis," the new disease. Representative F. F. Felt, Jr., of Spencer has been suffering from the effects of boiled water for several days. Representative William Larrabee, whose illness was not so serious, suffered for nearly two days. Five Guardsmen from Iowa. General Logan of the Iowa National guards this morning received dispatches from the War department at Washington ordering not to exceed five Iowa militia officers to report on April 5 to the commander of the maneuver division on the Mexican border. Refuse to Regulate "Retreats." A bill to regulate "retreats" for the care of nervous and insane persons was taken up in the house today and discussed for an hour and a half with the result that it was defeated. The bill had for its purpose providing a way to have these places inspected by the State Board of Control and especially to require that where insane persons are kept at private hospitals they shall be segregated from sane persons. It was especially aimed at an institution in Des Moines. Court to Be Enlarged. The senate judiciary committee this afternoon completed the hearings on the bill to enlarge the state supreme court and the bill will be amended so that there will be appointments necessary and three judges now all to be appointed, the court would be radically changed in form, and it would be better to wait and permit the voters to file the court by election. A large number of the leading lawyers of the state were here to plead for the betterment of the court. Will Force Out Closing Bill. The bill to prepare all the saloons in the state to close at 6 p. m., which some time ago went over to the senate from the house, has been lying in a committee for some time without action. Senator McColl has asked for an order to require the committee to make a report on the bill and it will probably be brought out and placed upon the calendar. The bill has small chance of passage. Donegan to Be Named. J. F. Donegan of Davenport has been agreed upon as the new judge in the Seventh district and he will take his seat April 1 next. He was recommended by the bar association and backed by all the leading lawyers of the district. William Hamilton of Fort Madison will be appointed by the governor in the First district for the new place. Would Abolish the Lobby. Representative Dabney introduced a bill today to impose a fine of \$200 on anyone doing any lobbying among the legislators. It would forbid anyone to speak to a member of the legislature about a bill unless he has first filed a statement that he is engaged in lobbying. It would make it impossible for anyone to appear for a corporation unless an officer thereof and then be subject to cross-examination. Make Smoke a Nuisance. Representative Shankland introduced a bill today to make the issue of smoke in large quantities from a chimney a nuisance and imposing a fine on the owner of a building guilty. The house passed a bill to make Lutheran benevolent societies on a basis with other insurance associations. Commerce Counsel. The bill for a commerce counsel came to the senate today with a favorable recommendation and will be passed. It provides that the state shall have a lawyer to take care of all rate cases and be subject to the control of the railroad commission. The salary agreed upon by the senate committee is \$4,000 a year. Quarantine is Increased. An increase in the number of quarantine disease is proposed in a bill by Senator Balkema which would make it possible to put a quarantine on measles, chickenpox and infantile paralysis. During the epidemic of the last year it was found that there was no law for placing a quarantine on infantile paralysis. Senator Jewell introduced a bill in the senate today to provide that a full year must intervene between one petition of consent and another. At present the division is by calendar years. The senate committee on banks introduced a bill today to enlarge the powers of trust companies and to give them fiduciary capacity. Abolish Needless Offices. Senator Balkema has gone into the business of abolishing needless offices and proposes in a bill that the state oil inspectors shall all go out of office and the business of inspecting oil be turned over to the state food and dairy department. This would nullify the commissions of a formidable part of the state political machine. Senator Clarkson will take up the big bill for the complete revision of mining laws on Tuesday morning next. It was a special order in the senate for today, but gave way for the tax bill. The senate agreed to the house resolution for a recess on Monday by a vote

Iowa

UPPER IOWA EDITORS WANT DEADLOCK OVER

Resolutions Passed at Fort Dodge Asking Lawmakers to Elect Senator. FORT DODGE, Ia., March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The upper Des Moines editorial convention closed here today with the election of Charles Mitchell of Storm Lake president; S. D. Henry of Coon Rapids vice president; Al. M. Adams, secretary and treasurer, an office he has held many years. Sioux City almost secured the next convention, but finally the selection was left to the officers. Resolutions expressed the sentiment of the convention that legislators should end the senatorial deadlock. Romans Will Contest. DENISON, Ia., March 25.—(Special.)—There seems a spirited contest in view over the will of the late J. B. Romans of this city. His daughter, Dollie Romans Bradley, will contest the will which leaves her none of the estate. She has been estranged from the home for nearly ten years. Mr. Romans' second wife was Mrs. Catherine Snyder of Creston well known in W. R. C. circles. J. B. Romans, president of one of the national banks of Abertown, R. D., and Lewis Romans, brothers of the deceased are here to maintain the integrity of the will. Court meets March 27. Iowa News Notes. LOGAN—Miss Lella Fay Kenard of Nebraska City was married to Edward Raymond Reynolds of Plattsmouth, Neb., at the Methodist parsonage here yesterday. Rev. C. S. Taylor officiating. IOWA CITY—The Low Bible institute closed its annual session here last night with a spirited banquet. Henry Wallace of Des Moines, a member of the Home-vention conservation committee, being the principal speaker. LOGAN—Mr. Nebergall, the Omaha contractor, is here with his machinery and will start the new well near the site of the old one in the near future, according to the terms of the contract. As the cost of water in the old well has not been sufficient it is thought that a more desirable place might have been found for the location of the new well. MARSHALLTOWN—Articles of incorporation of the Marshall County Citizens' association, an organization incorporated here to prevent saloons from successfully circulating a petition of consent, were filed here today. The corporation is capitalized at \$20,000 and most of the stock has been subscribed by business men and manufacturers and jobbers of this city and well-to-do farmers of the county. IOWA CITY—"Uncle Jim" Robinson, a member of Iowa City and who but recently left for the home of his son at St. Anthony Falls, Idaho, has been lying for four days with a blood clot on his brain.

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