

VIPER SURELY FINE LAUNCH

The New Speed Launch Which is to be Used on the Hennepin About Completed at First Lock.

WILL MAKE GOOD TIME

Scene Around the First and Second Locks These Days is Very Active One With Building.

Work on the new government launch, "Viper" which was started several months ago is almost completed and by the end of the present month the little speed boat will be ready for her trip to the Hennepin canal on which government ditch the craft will be used as inspection launch, the same as Major Meigs' launch, the Madge is used between the three locks here.

The hull of the boat is of sypress and the upper part of the launch is of seasoned oak. The boat is about twenty-eight feet over all and has a stern on her such as is seldom seen in these waters being built broad and flat and with the intention of making a good speed boat of her.

The boat will be steered from the bulkhead and will not have a canopy over it except a small one in the after part of the boat. A new Fox engine has been installed and is capable of generating from twelve to fifteen horse power. The boat will be capable of making fifteen miles an hour and over when put into service.

The government launch "Louise" arrived at the second lock this morning from Dubuque and will return to that city shortly with the new pile driver which has been built in the ship yards at the second. The Louise arrived from the north this morning at a little past nine o'clock.

The final work of fitting the boilers on the new action dredge Etna is being done and within less than two weeks the big government dredge will be ready for service and to be tried out in the canal. A brush artist was busy this morning putting the name and U. S. on the side of the new craft.

The little government steamer Lucia which has been lying at the first lock during the past week is being refitted with new boilers which recently arrived from St. Louis. The boat belongs in the lower district and works during the season with the coal bluff and fleet.

The new quarter boat for the Etna's crew has been completed and is a tidy and comfortable place for the river men who make their home on it.

Nasal Catarrh, an inflammation of the delicate membrane lining the air passages, is not cured by any mixtures taken into the stomach. Don't waste time on them. Take Ely's Cream Balm through the nostrils, so that the fevered, swollen tissues are reached at once. Never mind how long you have suffered nor how often been disappointed, we know Ely's Cream Balm is the remedy you should use. Price 50c.

If you prefer to use an atomizer, get for Liquid Cream Balm. It has all the good qualities of the solid form of this remedy and will rid you of catarrh or hay fever. No cocaine to breed a dreadful habit. No mercury to dry out the secretion. Price 75c., with spraying tube. All druggists, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.



The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church met this afternoon with Mrs. H. C. Hodge at her home, No. 1102 Fulton street.

Keokuk lodge, No. 106, B. P. O. Elks will entertain at Woodman hall, Friday evening, April 30, 1909. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock and music will be furnished by Agne's orchestra. The club rooms will be open for the guests. Invitations were received by Keokuk people today.

Word has been received in this city by relatives of the groom, of the marriage of Eugene Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conner of 527 Palau street, who was married recently to Miss Ora Wiley of Des Moines. The couple were married in Des Moines, where the groom has

A SQUARE DEAL and A SQUARE MEAL

Here's a square deal for the people who can't eat a square meal without after pain and distress.

Go to Wilkinson & Co. today and get a box of Mi-o-na tablets; the great prescription for indigestion and stomach troubles.

Take one, or if your suffering is intense, two tablets with or after meals and at the end of 10 days if you can't eat a square meal without distress go to Wilkinson & Co. and get your money back.

That's where the square deal comes in.

But Mi-o-na is really a stomach up-builder of great merit; every day the makers receive more than a dozen letters from grateful people which state that after they had lost all hope Mi-o-na cured.

The quick and positive action of Mi-o-na on the stomach in case of gas, waterbrash, sour stomach and heartburn is worth a lot of money to any sufferer.

Why not try Mi-o-na at Wilkinson & Co.'s risk. Fifty cents buys a large box.

E. D. Howe, Gardner, Mass., says: "I suffered from severe pains in my stomach. I tried different remedies without relief; after using two boxes of Mi-o-na I found myself completely cured."

Mi-o-na is sold by leading druggists everywhere.

Oh, what a difference in the morning when you take Booth's Laxative Pills. 25 cents at Wilkinson & Co.

a position. The bride is a Des Moines young lady.

One of the prettiest church weddings to take place in this city in some time was that of Miss Elizabeth M. Ewers, who was married this morning to Dr. N. J. Dieling of Dallas Center.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. George Glickinger, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, high mass being celebrated by him. The church was filled with the many friends and relatives of the couple and the wedding was a very pretty one. The church throughout was decorated in green and white, and potted ferns were used profusely. At the home of the bride, the decorations were also green and white, the parlors of the residence being prettily decorated.

The bride was attired in white wash chiffon, with white hat, trimmed with white lilies and carried a pretty bouquet of white bride's roses. Tucking and inlaid insertion were used as trimming of the pretty dress of Miss Ewers. The groom was attired in the conventional black.

Messrs. Clem Ewers and Bernard Schneider performed in a pleasing manner the duty of ushers. On their exit from the church, the newly married couple was preceded by two altar boys.

Repeating to the bride's home, 1227 Bank street, a three course dinner was served at 11 o'clock, the affair being an elaborate one and many relatives and dear friends of the couple were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Agnes Ewers and has a large host of admirers and friends in this city, whom she has won through her charming personality. The groom is a young and practicing physician at Dallas Center, and is a gentleman of many admirable traits of character. The two have the best wishes of their many friends in this city for future happiness in married life.

A GREAT RECORD.

Dr. Leonhardt's Internal Pile Remedy Makes 98 Per Cent of Cures.

Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid has been tested in several thousand cases, and was successful in all but two per cent. Hem-Roid's wonderful record is due to the fact that it is an internal, and it is too much to expect to cure piles with ointments, suppositories or operations. Hem-Roid cures the internal cause.

Sold for \$1. under guarantee by Wilkinson & Co., Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., prop. Write for booklet.

CITY NEWS.

John Lambert, et al. have quit claimed to Mrs. Christie L. Sallor, lots 1, 2, and 3 in block 55 of Montrose.

Mrs. Keppel entered a plea of not guilty this afternoon in the superior court to disturbing the peace. Her hearing will be later.

W. B. Collins, who was denied a hearing at the council meeting the other night, filed a second petition with the city clerk today, protesting against the present city engineer being hired and asking permission to speak before the council on the matter.

COLONEL ROOT IS PROMOTED

Joseph L. Root, a Former Well Known Keokuk Citizen Goes to Pittsburg in Same Capacity.

IS WELL KNOWN HERE

He With His Family Left Keokuk Several Years Ago For Minneapolis, Residing There Since.

There are few Keokuk citizens who are not well acquainted with Colonel Joseph L. Root who with his family left this city several years ago for Minneapolis, where he had accepted a position as National Bank examiner.

Colonel Root was a long time resident of this city being in business here for a number of years and was also postmaster at one time. During his absence from the city, he with his family have been visitors here on a number of occasions, having a large acquaintance in Keokuk.

In a recent issue of the St. Cloud (Minn.) News, Colonel Root's latest promotion to Pittsburg is spoken of. His new territory will be much larger and the position a very lucrative one. He will be in easy reach of the capital and friends expect to hear more of him in future in his new position, and wish him continued success.

Speaking of Colonel Root's promotion, the St. Cloud News has the following to say:

The St. Cloud friends of J. L. Root Bank Examiner, will be sorry to learn that he is about to leave this territory, having been promoted to a larger field, with headquarters at Pittsburg, Pa. Col. Root is recognized by the bankers of Minnesota as one of the most painstaking and thorough examiners the department has ever had in this state—and coupled with this is a personality which has won friends for him wherever he has gone. Col. Root who has been making his home at the Hampshire Minneapolis leaves for his new field of labor April 15th. He will take with him the best wishes of his numerous Minnesota acquaintances for health and continued prosperity.

PATTEN COULDN'T STEM THE TIDE

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Just after noon sending may down to 123 1/2; July to 113 1/2; this is 5 1/2 cents below the crop record for May, 4 1/2 cents under for July.

During the next fifteen minutes Patten gave a desperate support to the market and held May in check, slightly recovering to \$1.24. July, however, slumped to 1.13; September to 1.05 3/8. Another fierce "drive" by bears sent May from 1.24 to 1.22 1/2. The market was then completely demoralized.

HOUSE CLEANING OFFICIALLY NOTICED

State Board of Health Urges the People to Clean Up this Spring.

The following admonition regarding the care of premises by householders has been issued by the Iowa state board of health, and observance of the means pointed out to lessen the danger of disease and illness is urged by the authorities quoted:

"Now that spring is here, a word of advice will be timely and well received. It is necessary that we be reminded of the importance of a thorough renovation of our dwelling houses and their environments. It is not enough to clean the house alone. All out-buildings and yards should be carefully cleaned as well. Fumigation should be thorough and general. Trees should be cut away if standing too close to our dwellings, and groves should be trimmed out if the trees are too thick to permit abundant circulation of air and a good distribution of sunlight throughout the grove.

"All rubbish and garbage should be removed from around houses and barns. Cesspools should be removed and water closets made inaccessible to flies and absolutely removed from possible contamination of wells or water supplies. Manure and garbage should be hauled away from barns and out-buildings, and if there have been any infectious or contagious diseases among the stock on the farms, barns should be fumigated and yards plowed up and opened to the sunlight and air.

"Remember that sunlight and fresh air are the greatest germ killers known to mankind, and that houses, barns, out-buildings and living abodes should be screened early, and a general warfare should be declared on the common house fly and mosquito. Both may transmit disease, especially the fly, as its vacuum cupped feet are ideal germ carriers.

"Let the sunlight and fresh air into your house; remove all obstructions of those life-giving elements out of the way, and by observing the proper laws of nature you will have health and happiness."

FIRST LOG RAFT EXPECTED SOON

Taber's Mill Will Open May 2 if Present Plans Are Carried Out and First Log Raft Arrives in Time.

NORTH STAR ON JOURNEY

Word Has Been Received That Boat Left Le Claire Sunday Night For Northern Waters and Will Be Here Soon.

If present plans are carried out Taber's saw mill will open May 2, to run during the coming summer and a number of men of Keokuk will be given steady employment for several months.

According to word received here the North Star, which has brought rafts to Taber's for a number of years and is one of the few boats in the logging business at the present time, left Le Claire, Iowa, a small river town a few miles north of Davenport Sunday evening, and is now on its way to St. Paul, in which vicinity the raft will be launched. The departure of the boat from Le Claire followed the announcement that the ice had gone out in the northern waters and the river is now clear for the passage of boats as far north as the source of the stream. The raft is expected to arrive here before the first of the month and if it reaches here in time work will commence at the mill on May 2.

With activities at Taber's mill about one hundred more men are given employment than during the winter months and it will be good news to many out of employment to learn that the saw mill is soon to resume operations.

Decline of Logging.

Very few boats at the present time are engaged in logging, as the mills along the Mississippi are fewer now than for a number of years. The North Star is one of the boats whose owner believes in this run from logging points in the north and with the extensive field seems to be reaping a harvest.

In the south a number of lumber mills threaten to close down for an indefinite period in an effort to boost prices, which have been very low for some time.

Taber's expect to receive the average number of rafts during the coming summer and work will probably be steady during the summer period.

INDEPENDENCE FOR ISLANDS

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then qualified to administer orderly government of their own, they could never be fitted to that task."

Stone declared during this period of fifteen years there would not be any great increases in Philippine importation into the United States. The amendment proposed by Stone provides congress to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which the United States vacate the islands. In the meantime until further declared, the policy of the United States be to negotiate agreements of other powers for neutralizing the islands, and thus secure their safety.

EXPERTS REPORT IS RECEIVED

They Recommend that a Real Live City Treasurer be Appointed.

The report of Experts M. F. Cox and F. M. Abbott, from the office of the auditor of state, who examined the city books recently, has been received.

They make a number of criticisms and recommendations, including one that the city has no right to pay for junketing trips by the aldermen and that the practice of borrowing money miscellaneously on time warrants be discontinued.

They recommend that the factory account be discontinued and that the city attorney should instruct the officials as to some things.

They say that too much responsibility is placed upon the clerk and that a real live treasurer should be appointed at a salary which would permit him to do some actual work.

A suit has been filed in the district court by W. Frank Brown vs. John Payne and others, asking the foreclosure of a mortgage and judgment for \$954 on two notes.

Here is Relief For Women.

If you have pains in the back, urinary, bladder or kidney trouble and want a certain, pleasant relief from Women's Ills, try Mother Gray's "AUSTRALIAN LEAF." It is a safe, reliable regulator, and relieves all Female Weaknesses, including inflammation and ulceration of the bladder. Australian Leaf is sold by Druggists sent by mail for 50 cts. Sample sent FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

CHAIN LETTER IS INTERCEPTED

An Ancient Prayer, Contained in Prayer Chain Letter, Being Held up at Local Post Office.

CONTRARY TO RULES

Letter, Which Contains a Prayer, Likewise Contains a Threat, and U. S. Government Can Prosecute.

Have you received the prayer chain letter?

If you have, the best thing to do is to destroy it, for if you carry out the conditions therein, and send the letter to nine friends on nine successive days, commencing the day you receive the letter, you lay yourself open to prosecution by the United States government, for within that letter is a threat which is contrary to postal regulations.

A number of letters containing the prayer have been received during the past few days at the Keokuk post office, some having been intercepted and will be sent to the dead letter office. They failed to pass through the local office because the envelope contained a one cent stamp instead of the two cent stamp, and it is hard to tell how many escaped detection that contained the regular two cent stamp, as local employes had no call or reason to intercept such letters.

The letters have been and are being sent by some person or persons in the city to residents and the practice should be immediately discontinued. In various parts of the country these chain letters have been sent from time to time and Keokuk has had them before. Here is the letter as it is going the rounds in the city:

"An Ancient Prayer."

"O Lord Jesus, I implore thee to bless all mankind, keep us from all evil by thy precious blood and take us to dwell in eternity. It is said in Jerusalem that he or she who will write this prayer nine times, for nine days, to nine friends, commencing the day received will experience some great joy on the ninth day or she will be delivered from all calamities. But he or she who does not, will meet with great misfortune. Make a wish while writing. Do not break the chain. Do not forget to write nine friends for nine days, one each day. April 19, 1909."

The above letter was written in ink.

CITY NEWS.

Huiskamp Bros. believe in the education of their employes and from time to time some little instruction is given them or they are given an offer to increase their knowledge. This week the employes of the wholesale house are making trips to Warsaw and going through the sub-factory there, the knowledge gained at that place being beneficial to the men, who are generally young. Today John Conrad and Guy Rose made the trip. Only a short time ago the firm brought several experienced representatives of a large rubber concern to the city and the manner of making a rubber boot and shoe proved very interesting and instructive.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Lee Hamill has gone for a visit with relatives in Binghamton, New York, and was accompanied as far as Chicago by her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Morris and son have gone to Brownsville, Texas, for a visit.

E. T. Bartruff is in Burlington today on business.

Walter Hull left this morning for Burlington on business.

Palmer Trimble is in Burlington today on legal business.

Mr. George Brumbach of Memphis, Mo., is visiting with his brother, Mr. J. S. Brumbach of 520 Palean street.

Mrs. J. S. Brumbach and daughters, Beulah and Fay leave tomorrow morning for Memphis, Mo., where they will visit for a couple of weeks.

Mr. O. E. King left on Monday night for Marion, Ia., to take part in the program Tuesday of Cedar Rapids Presbyterian meeting.

Gen. Noble Warwick has returned home after an extended visit to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Henry Becker of St. Louis is in the city, being called here by the burning of his ice houses on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. T. Morris and son Melvin have returned to Ottumwa after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nelson.

Rube Dollery has returned from a visit to Monmouth Ill.

Harry Coulson is in Chicago looking for Rev. George C. Williams left this afternoon at 3:10 for Ottumwa where he will attend a meeting of the Denmark Association.

WANT COLUMN

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Few weeks required. Best paying work within reach of poor man. Can have shop with small capital or position. Wages \$15 to \$20 weekly. Busy season soon. Start now. Catalogue free. Moler Barber College, St. Louis, Mo.

WANTED—One or two unfurnished rooms with bath room privileges, by gentleman, will be permanent. Address C this office.

WANTED—Highest price paid for old feather beds. Will stay a week in Keokuk. Address Simon Cohen, General delivery, will call.

WANTED—Couple men bring shovels corner Ninth and High street.

WANTED—Boys to learn shoemaking. Apply at Huiskamp Bros. Co. factory office.

WANTED—Good, sober industrious bookbinder. State wages wanted. Eiftmann & Niemler, Creston, Iowa.

FOR SALE—Household furniture 718 N. Thirteenth.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—One medium size touring car. Overhauled and in best condition. Price reasonable. Call Larson Erickson Garage 900 Johnson street.

FOR SALE—At 1601 Carroll street, Keokuk, Mica-Noid Ready Roofing. No tar. Call.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—New dwelling with furniture, electric lights, gas, bath, also farms. Address 727 Morgan.

FOR RENT—Large front room, nicely furnished, with all modern conveniences. Address "A. M." Gate City.

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUNG MEN FOR RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE—Examination May 15. Intending applicants should begin preparation at once. Sample questions and "How Government positions are secured" sent free. Inter State Schools, 142 College Pl., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Concerning Jesus.

The world's greatest thinkers nearly all disagree with the church. You should know their beliefs. Three brief essays—one on Jesus, one on the Origin of the Gospels, and one on Christianity—will give you the net results of modern scholarship and inspiration. Price 12c. Send dime and stamp to The School of Truth, Lafayette, Ind.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Table with columns: WHEAT, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, Sept. and CORN, OATS.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Cattle, Receipts, 2,500; steady; beefs, \$4.75@7.00; stockers \$3.50@7.00.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 20.—Cattle, receipts, 11,000; slow; steers, \$4.00@6.70; stockers, \$4.00@5.55.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Dressed poultry, firm; live poultry, quiet.

Miss Opal Hornung left this morning for Los Angeles, Cal., for a three months visit with her uncle, Fred Robertson.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

John W. Young, Builder, Superintendent and Contractor for all kinds of construction. Also general repair work. Prominent and careful attention given to plans and estimates. Your patronage solicited. Office, 505 Bonneau, Iowa phone, office, 2143; residence 3342.

Woman Doctor Commits Suicide.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 29.—Dr. Rosa F. Mounich, who was sentenced to the federal prison yesterday for sending threatening and improper letters through the mails, drank prussic acid at her home in the afternoon and died within a few minutes.

Des Moines Cuts Size.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 20.—Des Moines bakers have cut the size of white bread loaves from sixteen to thirteen ounces. This is due to the rise in the price of flour.

FRATERNAL CARDS.

MASONIC Hall, corner Fourth and main Eagle lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Hardin Lodge, No. 29.—Holds its regular monthly meetings the second Monday evening of each month.

Gate City Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7.—Holds its regular meetings the second Friday in each month.

Damascus Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 6.—Regular convocations third Tuesday of each month.

Elmira Chapter, No. 49, Order of the Eastern Star, holds its regular meeting the second Tuesday evening of each month. Mrs. E. A. Eaton, W. M., Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, Secretary.

G. A. R. The Hawkes Hall.

Torrence relief No. 2, Department of Iowa. Regular meetings second Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. B. F. Crow, Post Commander; S. H. Johnston, Adjutant.

W. R. C.—The Hawkes Hall—Regular meetings of Torrence Relief Corps, No. 100, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2:30 o'clock p. m. sharp. Mrs. Chas. M. Cook, President; Mrs. Lena Van Fleet, secretary.

Boiknap Post G. A. R., No. 515—Schouten's Hall, Tenth and Main streets—Meets the first Wednesday of each month. L. A. Berryhill, Commander.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF OLD FELLOWS.

Hall Seventh and Main Streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. H. R. Miller, N. G., A. J. Hershey, Recording Secretary.

Puechetchuck Lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. E. S. Cushman, N. G.; Geo. W. Immeigart, Per. Sec.

Hershan Lodge, No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. C. Loeffler, N. G., Albert Kelter, Rec. Sec.

Colfax Rebekah, Lodge No. 4.—Meets regularly every second and fourth Tuesday of month at Odd Fellows' hall, corner Seventh and Main streets. Mrs. Emme Boler, N. G.; Nelle Hardesty, Financial Secretary; Nina Phillips, V. G.; Miss Minnie Brielstein, Recording Secretary.

Puechetchuck Encampment, N. 7.—Meets first and third Tuesday evening of each month. Otto Anschutz, Scribe.

Canton Leach, No. 4, P. M.; I. O. O. F.—Meets every second Tuesday of each month. Frank Wahlgren Captain; Geo. W. Hardin, Clerk.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Keokuk Camp No. 622—Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. A. C. Wustrow, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, A. C.

B. P. O. Elks.

Keokuk Lodge No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks' hall Gibbons opera block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Rice H. Bell, L. R.; William Reinbold, Secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 683—Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at Horn hall, corner Eighth and Main. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Leo Auschultz, W. President; A. Noaks, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Hall over Savings Bank. Keokuk Lodge, No. 644—Meets regularly on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. J. W. Steiger, Director; C. Loeffler, Reporter.

COURT OF HONOR.

A. O. U. W. hall, Eighth and Main. Meets the first and third Friday nights of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. W. J. Kessler, chap.

IOWA LEGION OF HONOR.

Hall over Savings Bank. Leo Lodge, No. 58—Meets the fourth Monday in each month. S. S. Lewis, President; Ira W. DeMoss, Recording Secretary.

A. O. U. W.

Keokuk Lodge, No. 256 Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. C. W. Trott, M. W., Ed. W. Moore, Recorder.

Morning Star Lodge No. 5.—Meets Fifth and Blendeau, K. of P. building, Tuesday at 8:00 p. m. W. E. Strimback, Chancellor Commander; Edward F. Carter, J. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.