

RIVER GETTING DANGEROUSLY LOW

River steamers Are Not Finding It an Easy Matter to Get Around at the Present Stage of Water.

ARE TAKING SOUNDINGS

Fishing in the Back-Water of the Sloughs is Good and Bank Full With the Anglers.

All river steamers between St. Louis and St. Paul are not running on schedule time now but are taking their own time lest they be hung up on a reef. The local packets, the Keokuk and Wenona have been late in arriving for several weeks now on account of the water which has fallen so low as to leave sand reefs, some of them half a mile wide, sticking up out of the water.

The Diamond Jo line steamers are having a hard time getting through on account of the low water although schedule time is being made by the big boats. It is even said that pilots are unable to explain how they get past Burlington on the up and down trip, there being a large reef in the river above that point, a sand bar sticking up several feet out of the water and making river travel dangerous, especially to the larger steamers on the river on account of their draught.

It is not an unusual sight or sound to see a man on the front of the steamers lately, taking soundings as the boat slowly proceeds. His song that he calls out to the darky on the hurricane deck is monotonous as he calls out hour after hour, "four and a half," "four feet," "three and a half" and as the boat gets into deeper water, "no bottom." The negro or whoever is stationed in front of the pilot house calls out the same thing that the man on the lower deck who takes the sounding calls and the man at the wheel call; out the song again, making three successive times the water stage is called. This is necessary for a channel at low water and on the Mississippi is treacherous.

Excursion steamers are finding it difficult to navigate as well as the packets and several cases of ground-logs have been reported recently.

There is hardly any water in the sloughs along the river and what has remained in makes an ideal place for fishing. The same or a probably worse condition promise to exist than last year, when the water was low.

CITY NEWS.

John M. French, on his western trip, reached Skagway, Alaska, on June 30. He sent a copy of the Daily Alaskan of that date to The Gate City, the paper announcing that the steamer St. Croix arrived in port that morning at 10:30 o'clock with 185 round trip tourists aboard. The paper contains the following personal item: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. French of Keokuk, Iowa, and Miss French of Seattle, and Mrs. C. T. Worrall of Reading, Pa., all round trip passengers on the St. Croix were pleasant callers at the Alaskan office this afternoon.

Engineer John Coulter of the Santa Fe and a long resident of Fort Madison was instantly killed Saturday morning between Gorin and Rutledge, Mo., by the locomotive turning over. It is reported that the accident which happened about 7:30 o'clock in the morning, was caused by the section men having a rail out while repairing the track, the engine, one of the big ones of the 1800 class, running into the opening and turning completely over. Engineer Coulter was caught under the engine. The train was what is called the meat express, No. 32. The fireman and head brakeman were reported scratched and bruised, but not seriously hurt.

Rev. J. C. McCaslin will preach at the Holiness Home Mission, No. 205 Main street, Keokuk, Iowa, tonight and everybody welcome. On account of the extreme hot weather we have decided to only have preaching services two nights each week, Thursday and Sunday evenings after tonight, until further notice. Mr. and Mrs. Dedman in charge.

Sometimes Tart. Many a man is forced to confess that the apple of his eye is not always sweet.

BENDER GOING TO ILLINOIS

The Former Iowa Publisher Will Conduct the Papers at Peoria and at Springfield.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Aug. 9.—Victor E. Bender, who recently sold the Daily Nonpareil to its present owners, announced yesterday he had associated himself with Charles H. May in the publication of the Herald-Transcript at Peoria, Ill., and the Evening News of Springfield, Ill. Mr. May purchased the Peoria paper about five years ago, and acquired a controlling interest in the News about a year ago. Both papers are republican in politics, the Herald-Transcript being the only morning newspaper in Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender have vacated their residence at 244 Fifth avenue and will take quarters at the Grand for a few days, after which Mrs. Bender and daughter, Victoria, will go to Galesburg to visit with Mrs. Bender's parents, and Mr. Bender will take up his duties in a new field. He has not yet decided whether he will make his home in Peoria or in Springfield.

Robert J. Bender, who has been reporting for the Nonpareil during the summer, left last night for Pull-in Bay, where he goes as a delegate to the national convention of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He will resume his studies at Knox college early in September.

Dysentery is a dangerous disease but can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been successfully used in nine epidemics of dysentery. It has never been known to fail. It is equally valuable for children and adults, and when reduced with water and sweetened, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Wilkinson & Co. Pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

UNLUCKY NUMBER WERE KILLED

Interurban and Freight Came Together and Caused Quite a Death List.

PARIS, August 9.—Thirteen were killed and twenty-two injured, several fatally, in a collision of a freight train and interurban cars at Long Jumeau. The interurban was torn to pieces and scattered a hundred feet along the track. A confusion of signals was the cause.

If your liver is sluggish and out of tone, and you feel dull, bilious, constipated take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets tonight before retiring and you will feel all right in the morning. Sold by Wilkinson & Co. Pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

GREEK KILLED HIS UNCLE

Robbed His Victim of \$100 and Then Made His Escape After the Murder.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 9.—Patros Mamonis, a Greek section hand was murdered by his nephew Frank Gight who robbed his victim of one hundred dollars. The murderer escaped.

When the digestion is all right, the action of the bowels regular there is a natural craving and relish for food. When this is lacking you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They strengthen the digestive organs, improve the appetite and regulate the bowels. Sold by Wilkinson & Co. Pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

WILL BID FOR PRIZE FIGHT

Australian Coming With Big Roll of Money to Bid for the Mill.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—McIntosh, the Australian promoter, is coming Friday to offer fifty or seventy-five thousand for the Jeffries-Johnson match.

People with chronic bronchitis, asthma and lung trouble, will find great relief and comfort in Foley's Honey and Tar, and can avoid suffering by commencing to take it at once. Wilkinson & Co.

CHICAGO STRIKE WILL NOT COME

Street Car Officials and Employes are Arriving at a Most Amicable Agreement.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Street car officials and employes are conferring on the wage scale today preparatory to ending the strike. Union officials announced that the scale will probably be uniform with all companies presaging a long era of peace.

AGAIN READY FOR THE HUNT

Roosevelt and Kermit Sling Rifles Over their Backs and Start for the Jungles.

NAIVASHA, Aug. 9.—Roosevelt, Heller and Kermit started for Kenya today to resume the hunting. Major Mears and Prof. Loring will remain here for a few days preparing the

Smithsonian specimens, which will be shipped on August sixteenth.

STILL SEARCHING FOR THE SHIP

Nothing Has Been Heard From the Warath With Its 400 Passengers.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 9.—A search of the Southeastern African coast was ordered today in the hope of finding some survivors of the steamer Warath which has been missing for two weeks with four hundred passengers, half of them women and children, aboard. The Warath when caught in a storm, disappeared and it is believed certain that she was sunk.

Curea Hay Fever and Summer Cold. A. S. Nusbaum, Batesville, Ind., writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever and doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." Wilkinson & Co.

NO NEWSPAPERS IN STOCKHOLM

Printers Have Joined the Strike and Have all Gone Out to Catch Stockfish.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9.—There are no newspapers in Stockholm today, as the printers joined the general strike yesterday. It is believed that arbitration will result. There are many indications that the strike is near an end. A number of factories are resuming and some cars are running.

G. A. R. MEETING AT SALT LAKE

Forty-Third Annual Encampment May Elect Van Sant as the Commander.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 9.—The forty-third annual encampment of the Grand Army opened today. This morning the ex-prisoners of war held a session, and exchanged reminiscence. Former Governor Van Sant of Minnesota is a prominent candidate for commander-in-chief.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter left this afternoon for New York where they will visit.

B. F. Ketcham and wife of Farmington are in town today.

M. Carroll of Fort Madison visited in the city with friends on Saturday. Will Culbertson returned Saturday evening from a visit at Davenport.

Mrs. Hattie Rabe of St. Paul has arrived in the city on an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rabe and family.

Harold Bokley has returned from an extended visit at Oskaloosa, Muscatine, Des Moines and other cities of the state.

Miss Mildred Noelke of Burlington is visiting in the city with friends and relatives.

A. G. Hirst is home again after a short visit in Chicago.

Miss Grace Cushman left Saturday night for a visit with her aunt in Salina, Kansas.

E. T. Cushman of Fort Madison visited over Sunday with his brother, E. S. Cushman of this city.

Miss Margaret Schikan of Rock Island, Iowa, arrived yesterday on the Columbia to visit with her sister, Mrs. P. La Fevre.

How an Angry Woman Looked. The other day we saw an angry woman in a street car, and her face was anything but a pleasant picture. She was angry at the conductor, entirely without cause, and that made her look more terrible than if she had had a real grievance.—Nebraska Journal.

For a Soft Corn. Procure an ivy leaf, soak it in vinegar for some hours and apply to the corn. Allow it to remain on the whole day. Repeat the application for several successive days and the corn will take its departure.

Giggling is Exempt. Now the chewing gum trust has reorganized to get a firmer grip on the jaws of our girls, wit, thank heaven, no concern has proved strong enough so far to control the country's rippling giggles.—Houston Post.

Genius Well Defined. Genius is talent set on fire by courage. Fidelity is simply daring to be true in small things as well as great. Courage is the standing army of the soul which keeps it from conquest, pillage and slavery.—Henry van Dyke.

Be Methodical. Method goes far to prevent trouble in business, for it makes the task easy, hinders confusion, saves abundance of time and instructs those that have business depending what to do and what to hope.

Praise. "Your glasses," she said, "have made a great difference in your appearance." "Do you think so?" he asked. "Yes. You look so intelligent with them on."

Janet's Generosity. "How nicely you have ironed these things, Jane," said the mistress admiringly to her maid. Then, glancing at the glossy linen, she continued in a tone of surprise: "Oh, but I see they are all your own."

"Yes," replied Jane, "and I'd do all yours just like that if I had time."—Central Methodist Advocate.

He Passed. A political aspirant was taking the examination to qualify as sixth auditor of the treasury. He was asked to state the distance of the moon from the earth. His written answer was: "Not near enough to affect the functions of a sixth auditor of the treasury." And he passed, too.

Society

The S. S. S. Club will meet this evening at the home of Miss Helen Noelke, No. 907 Concert street.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Westminster Presbyterian church was entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. W. Campfield, No. 502 South Second street.

The members of the Unity circle of the Unitarian church, enjoyed a picnic supper at the park Saturday evening.

Miss Zella Fisher held a slumber party at her home, No. 610 Fulton street Friday evening, the young ladies attending, arising early in the morning to see the incoming of the Buffalo Bill's circus.

CITY NEWS

The following jurors have been drawn for the August term of the district court: R. R. Johnston, Fred Lindsey, Charles Abell, John Wellman, D. Lavefer, C. H. Griffith, John P. Murphy, John McNamara, Theo. Nygren, John Conway, John P. Johnson, John Kriel, E. Billing, Terrance O'Neil, J. M. French, A. L. Cruze, O. W. Sandberg, Frank R. Kamuf, Fred Cowley, George Giggler, George Greaves, A. C. Schulz, Roy G. Whaley, John Yecklin, Walter Craig, Wm. Wirth, J. C. McCaslin, H. G. Weirather, Allen Phips, Ed. Kerr, Scott Hamilton, Fred Graber, Fred Heiser, Marion Wirsig, Henry Renard, John Dumineil Olvin Newberry, Frank Hedrick, Joseph Applebaum, James Cale.

FATAL HUNT FOR TREASURE

Natives Enter Old Tomb in Egypt Seeking Wealth and Perish by Suffocation.

A certain native discovered the entrance of a tomb in the floor of his stable, and at once proceeded to worm his way down the tunnel. This was the end of the man. His wife, finding that he had not returned two hours or so later, went down the newly found tunnel after him. That was the end of her, also. In turn, three other members of the family went down into the darkness; and that was the end of them. A native official was then called, and lighting his way with a candle, penetrated down the winding passage. The air was so foul that he was soon obliged to retreat, but he stated that he was just able to see in the distance ahead the bodies of the unfortunate peasants, all of whom had been overcome by what he quaintly described as "the evil lighting and bad climate." Various attempts at the rescue of the bodies having failed, we gave orders that this tomb should be regarded as their sepulcher and that its mouth should be sealed up. According to the natives, there was evidently a vast hoard of wealth stored at the bottom of this tomb, and the would-be robbers had met their death at the hands of the demon in charge of it, who had seized each man by the throat as he came down the tunnel and had strangled him.—A. E. P. Weigall, in Putnam's.

TOLD IT ALL IN FEW WORDS.

Picturesque and Virile Language of the Far West is Well Illustrated.

Are western people more picturesque in the use of language than those of other states? Are westerners able to say more in a few words than the people of any other part of the world? These questions, started at a club, brought out a number of arguments, pro and con. Some contended that the language of the westerner, though undoubtedly virile, did not convey all the different shades of meaning that a man with a full knowledge of English could do.

"That is nonsense," broke in a man, who has spent most of his life on the coast; "a western man can say more in a few words than any other man I know, and I have traveled about a bit in my life."

"Give you an example? Most willingly. I was in the state of Nevada and was asking information about the different counties. My informant was an old mining man.

"Well," said I, "how about Lincoln county?"

"That is a fine county. None better nor richer. It is 180 miles from north to south and 90 miles from east to west, and not a bath tub in it."

"That was as much as I wanted to know. He told me plainly there was no water to be had there. Could anything be more picturesque or briefer than that?"—San Francisco Call.

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Joseph L. Root, who was formerly of this city has been given another promotion as national bank examiner being transferred from the Philadelphia district to the Duluth district in Minnesota.

The league baseball games will start at 3:30 hereafter.

Baseball at 3:30, Keokuk vs. Ottumwa, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and versus Waterloo Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ray Thompson, the horse trainer with the Wild West shows who was kicked in the head Saturday morning, is reported as improving today. He is resting quietly and will probably be able to leave the hospital before the week is over. A number of inquiries have been made from friends interested beyond the city and as Thompson was an Elk the local lodge is looking after him and has sent out a number of telegrams concerning his condition.

For the consideration of \$2,000 Emile F. Renaud has deeded to Camille P. Dadant lot 11 in block 49, the property being between Nineteenth and Twentieth on Pelee streets.

An information has been filed before the insolvency board of Lee county by Jacob Schneider against his wife Christiana Schneider. The defendant has employed John E. Craig as attorney and the case has been continued for some time, as Mr. Craig leaves the city this evening.

There will be a meeting of the fire committee this evening.

Letter Carrier Joe C. Thompson starts on a week's vacation tomorrow.

Oyler, who has been acting as utility man for the locals for some time has been temporarily suspended by Manager Belt.

The funeral of Clarence Davis, the 11 months, 28 days son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis was held from the Christian church of Sugar Creek Saturday at 10 a. m. Rev. McCaslin preaching. The pallbearers were Mollie Kleinfelder, George Collin, Ruth Taylor, Hazel Shafer. Burial at Yellow Bank cemetery.

The steamer Quincy arrived here this afternoon about 1:30 coming up the river, having on board about 250 passengers. The boat took on a big consignment of freight at this place.

The North Star is engaged in towing rafts, a big collection of logs being brought down the canal by her.

On Buffalo Bill day there came to Keokuk from the State of Illinois about 2800 people. 900 of these came on the Electric railway, 500 on the railroads and 1400 by the highway over the bridge.

Do Well the Thing at Hand. Don't waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of the hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours of ages that follow.—Emerson.

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Point Sometimes Overlooked. "De man dat squeezes a dollar too hard," said Uncle Eben, "is liable to figs his grip on de coin an' have sore fingers besides."

When your baby cries, when your child won't eat or play, investigate the condition of his bowels. If it is constipated or bilious give it Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Price 50 cents a bottle.

FRATERNAL CAUTIONS

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. 5—Regular convocations Tuesday of each month.

Elmira Chapter, No. 40, 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. Johnston, secretary.

G. A. R. The Hawkes Hall. Torrence Post 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 meeting of Torrence Relief Corps, No. 100, the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 o'clock p. m. sharp. Mrs. Chas. M. Cook, president; Mrs. Lena Van Fleet, secretary.

Belknap Post G. A. R., No. 615—Sons of the Hall, Turn and Main streets—Meets the first Wednesday of each month. L. A. Berryhill, Commander.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. Hall Seventh and Main Streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A. N. Matney, N. G. A. G. Hersey, Recording Secretary.

Puckechetuck Lodge, No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. W. E. Rokeby, N. G.; Geo. W. Immergut, Per. Sec.

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

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

Puckechetuck Encampment, No. 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; George W. Hardin, Clerk.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Gibbons Hall. Keokuk camp No. 622—Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. J. P. Johnson, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, Clerk.

B. P. O. ELKS. Keokuk Lodge No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks' hall Gibbons opera house block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brothers cordially invited. L. J. Wolf, E. R.; William Rembold, 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 Anschutz, W. President; A. Noaks, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR. Hall over Savings Bank. Keokuk Lodge, No. 544—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. Lee Lodge, No. 58—Meets the fourth Monday in each month. S. S. Lowitz, 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. Trot, M. W.; Ed. W. Moore, Recorder.

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

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL NO. 1039. Meets the first and third Monday of each month, at A. J. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. E. E. Hawkes, president; Dr. G. W. Rowe, Financial; M. M. Schenk, secretary.

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