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Should the upper berth come down the lower must come up, if the equilibrium of the dividends is to be maintained.

Cold storage legislation will be all the more welcome if congressional advocates hang their speeches on the frost line.

The weather man held off just long enough to start the game and then trimmed the plates and adjacent scenery with frost.

The sun continues rising as usual just as if the baseball season had not begun, nor any such tremendous thing happened as the opening.

The American hog is not the only aviator in the bunch. The hide of the lowly American skunk has advanced 200 per cent in two years, and is still going some.

The British House of Commons has sent its compliments to the House of Lords, coupled with the assurance that it is a thing of beauty worthy of preservation for decorative purposes.

A medal was presented to Dr. Horace Howard Furness of Philadelphia, by the founders of the New Theater for his distinguished services in the cause of dramatic art in America, the first awarded.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, at a dinner in New York, interrupted with a witticism a chorus of voices praising the oratorical powers of the suffragettes. "How true it is," said Dr. Abbott, "that, as Keats said, a thing of beauty may be a law forever."

An expert assures an anxious world that the mummy, Ra Neper, is 3,000 years old, beating Old Ramses by 1,000 years. But Ramses was the most persistent advertiser of his day, and his name and fame echoed down through the ages while his competitors merely decorated museums.

Bishop Green of Ballarat, complains that there is too much praying for the king. "While Anglicans are loyal, we do not want to pray for his majesty five times in the course of one service," says he. It hardly seems loyal to imply that King Edward needs so much praying for.

Minnesota has a genius in prison whose story is almost incredible. He was kicked off a train one night and being nearly starved he robbed a station cash drawer of \$24, was caught and sent up for ten years. He is only twenty-four now but looks fifty and his poems are finding their way into the best magazines.

Captain Thomas Spight, who fought in Walther's brigade when he was a boy, but is now a congressman, has asked the country to notice that besides the two Mississippi senators five other senators, Bailey of Texas, Gore of Oklahoma, Clarke of Arkansas, Newlands of Nevada and Chamberlain of Oregon began life as Mississippi babies.

J. H. Van Rensselaer, a nephew of the late E. H. Harriman, left New York to tender his resignation as general agent of the Harriman lines in the southeastern states, which position he has held for the last eight years. Van Rensselaer's resignation becomes effective May 1, when he will assume the presidency of the Railway Service Equipment company.

The Comet. Cedar Rapids Gazette: No one should be alarmed lest the comet's tail, with its alleged poisonous gases, depopulate the earth. There is not a chance that the caudal appendage of the wanderer will harm anybody or anything. And if it wiped us all out of existence, it is a cheering thing to know that the problem of meeting the grocery bills and such would be wiped out also.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Published by Order of the City for the Benefit and Information of the Citizens.

FOR THE LAST MEETING

The Proceedings of the Last Session Are Herewith Given in Full Detail and Complete.

(Continued.) Whereas, The said plat and schedule show the several lots and parcels of land subject to special assessment for the payment of the cost of said improvement, with the names of the owners thereof, so far as possible, and the actual value of the same, and also the amount proposed to be assessed against each lot or portion thereof, and the owner thereof, for the payment of the cost of said improvement; and

Whereas, Due and legal service of notice as required by law was made that said plat and schedule have been filed with the clerk of the council and the time has expired within which any objections were to be made

Table with columns: Description, Block, Lot, Owner's Name, Actual Value, Amount, Total Assessment. Includes entries for Pat Conroy, John E. Craig, Mrs. C. Kaiser, etc.

I certify the above to be correct. Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1910.

And to the plat and schedule so reported reference is made, and said plat and schedule are made a part thereof; and the city council hereby orders that said assessments and levy of taxes, with a description of said lots and parcels of land, and the names of the owners thereof, on which said tax is hereby levied be duly copied and entered by the clerk of the council on the proper tax books of the city; and special taxes to the amount as shown by said assessment sheet and the said plat and schedule are hereby levied against the lots and parcels of land abutting on the above described improvement and against the owner or owners of said abutting property as shown by the said assessment sheet.

And the clerk of the council is hereby directed to issue special assessment certificates to the said Ette & Prasse in the form heretofore adopted by the council, same to be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the clerk of the council in payment of the cost and expenses of the above described improvement, as prescribed by the resolutions heretofore adopted in connection with said work, stating in said certificates, among other things, the particular lot or parcel of land to which it applies and the amount of the tax due thereon, the name of the owner for which he as well as the lot or parcel of land is liable on account of said improvement; which certificates shall transfer to the contractor and his assigns all the right and interest of said city and authorizes them to receive, sue for and collect said assessments as provided by law, and which certificates shall be received by said contractors for the amount of the special taxes specified in each certificate as unpaid; and be it further

Resolved, That if any owner of any lot or parcel of land subject to assessment and tax as herein provided shall, within thirty days from the date of this assessment and levy, promise and agree in writing endorsed on the back of the certificate above mentioned or in a separate agreement, that in consideration of having the privilege of paying his assessment in installments he will not make any objections of illegality or irregularity to the assessment or levy upon said property, and will pay said assessment, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid, then the tax levied against said lot or parcel of land shall be payable in separate, equal, annual installments, the first of which, with interest due on the whole amount, shall be due and payable on the first day of May, 1910, and the other installments shall be due and payable at intervals of one year, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the whole amount unpaid, and all

such installments, with interest, shall mature in six years from and after the first day of May, 1910, and each installment and all interest due and unpaid shall become delinquent on the first day of September in the year in which the same is due and payable; otherwise the whole assessment shall mature and be due and payable, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of its levy, at the time said assessment is entered upon the tax books of the city.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Annable, Butler, Christy, De Yong, Hickey, Johnson, Kiefer, Lindstrand, McCormick, Roberts, Tighe.—Total, 11. Nays—None. Absent—Swanson—1. CHARLES OFF, Mayor. H. T. MOORE, Clerk of the Council, City of Keokuk, Iowa. BY ALD. HICKEY: Moved that the lease of the Keokuk Motor Boat club be referred to the committee of the whole.

Adopted. BY ALD. TIGHE: Resolved, That a brick crossing be laid on the west side of Second street between Exchange and Bank streets. Adopted. The mayor made the following appointment: James B. Diver, for park commissioner. On motion of Alderman Hickey, the appointment was confirmed. There being no further business before the council, on motion of Alderman McCormick the council adjourned. H. T. MOORE, Clerk of Council.

to said proposed assessment, and no objections having been filed, we, the city council of the city of Keokuk, Iowa, upon examination and consideration, found said plat and schedule, with the names of the owners of the lots and parcels of land abutting upon said improvement, and the actual value of said lots and parcels of land, as set forth in said plat and schedule to be true and correct, and the proposed assessment on each of the several lots or portions thereof to be just, equitable and in proportion to the special benefits conferred by said improvement upon the said abutting lots and parcels of land, and not in excess of 25 per cent of the actual value of said lots and parcels of land as shown by the last preceding assessment roll; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the city council of the city of Keokuk, Iowa, hereby approves and confirms said plat and schedule, with their statement of the lots and parcels of land liable to tax assessment and levy, and the names of the owners thereof, so far as practicable, and the actual value of said lots and parcels of land, and the proposed assessment against the same and the owners thereof, for the payment of the cost of the improvement above mentioned and finds and determines that said proposed improvement and levy is in proportion to the special benefits conferred upon said abutting lots and parcels of land by said improvement, and not in excess of 25 per cent of the actual value of said abutting property; and the said city council does hereby assess and levy a special tax on said lots and parcels of land for the payment of the cost of said improvement, the same in amount, description of property, and the names of the owners thereof, as shown in said plat and schedule, which are as follows, to-wit:

SEWER ASSESSMENT.

On account of material furnished and labor done in constructing an eight-inch tile sanitary sewer, commencing at a connection with the sewer in the alley of block 187; thence westerly in the alley between Main and Blondeau streets to the eastern side of Fourteenth street.

Summary of Cost. Amount earned by contractor \$450.81. Notices, inspection and casting 96.51. Total \$547.32.

Jack's Unwelcome Visit. The unwelcome visit of Jack Frost, with a couple of light freezes, during the recent snow flurry, has put many people hereabouts in a state of uneasiness respecting the fruit crop, though there is now visible a prevailing hope that most of the apples and peaches are yet safe. But what we are most interested in knowing is the condition of a few very early fields of corn near here, that were, two weeks ago, reported to have grown to the height of about two inches above the ground. If those fields have escaped there need be little fear about anything else.

An Old One. Mr. Fairbrother, the noted curio man of Granger, has lately come into possession of a violin that bears the brand of "Hyronomus," and dates its manufacture to the year 1587. The instrument is one of rare sweetness of tone, and seems to vindicate the prevalent notion that the oldest fiddles are the best. This relic is a product of Italy.

Summitville. Miss Minnie Alvis of Keokuk, visited recently with Miss Daisy Hardy. Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Brown made a business trip to Keokuk Tuesday. Miss Nell Spearman was taken suddenly ill one day last week with stomach trouble, but she is better at this date. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beatty of Moor were in our village last week. Miss Hardy visited friends in Keokuk Friday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Keethler Sr. and Mrs. John and Fanny Mezinis attended the funeral of Miss Ida M. Peterson at Oak Grove Thursday.

A smiling fireman was seen Saturday evening trying to climb a wire fence to see his sweetheart but was unable to get over the high fence so was compelled to board his train and journey onward.

Charleston, Iowa. Rev. Norton of Pella held services at the Baptist church Sunday morning. He has been secured as pastor and will continue to hold services every two weeks morning and evening. Robt. Lamb is having his home repaired. Fred Bishop and Mr. Polk of Anthon Mo. were in town Saturday selling brooms. Geo. Lawson who was thought for some time to have met death while hunting and trapping in the Ozark mountains has returned home safe and well. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douney are the proud parents of a little son who came to their home the fifteenth. Miss Anna Findeiss left Monday for a visit with relatives in Keokuk. Harry Pezley is suffering from a violent attack of neuralgia and toothache. Miss Myrtle Applegate who had been visiting her grandma Mrs. Martha Hamilton left Wednesday for a

Belfast. We are sorry to report that all of the fruit is killed. Miss Effie Starr was calling on Mrs. Parsons one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. Molme were in Farmington doing some shopping, Saturday.

We were all surprised to see this big snow. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson and little son Harry were Farmington callers Friday and were all surprised to see Mrs. Nelson make such a trip so soon. We were all sorry to hear that Mrs.

Isaac Johnson had to go to the Graham hospital one day last week. Grandma Parsons is on the sick list.

GRANGER, MO. Wednesday, April 20, was marked by one of the happiest weddings that has ever occurred in the history of Granger. The groom, Mr. D. R. Therme, 24 years old, assistant cashier of the National State bank of Keosauqua, Iowa, is far above the ordinary in business qualifications, in mental calibre and culture, in general intelligence and native refinement, in all that goes to make the useful citizen and the model man. He comes of a noble French family, and his life has been entirely worthy of his descent.

The bride, Miss Mabel Farwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farwell, of Granger, is 24 years old, and is in both native and acquired ability, in both moral strength and personal accomplishments—a full match for her husband. She has hitherto been markedly distinguished as one of the best teachers in this quarter of north Missouri, and by an excellent mother has been well educated in all the duties, labors and arts of practical housewifery.

The knot was tied by the Rev. Glen Lewis, pastor of the Granger Methodist church, at the residence of the bride's parents, with very few attendants, except the members of the Farwell family, and the mother of the groom, a woman of queenly presence, who came over from Keosauqua, and after the nuptial ceremony, returned on the noon train. As Mr. Therme had driven across the country to be married, he and the new Mrs. Therme went, after dinner, back to Keosauqua in a buggy, carrying with them the heart-felt blessings of all the good people of this community. And surely such blessings were never more richly deserved.

The courtship that ended in this marriage was a term of more than four years. Therefore the tie that unites them ought to be ever-enduring, and we doubt not that when age has whitened their locks, they may sing, with the spirit and the understanding, the sweetest song of Burns, "John Anderson My Jo."

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FARINGTON. The Kensington club was pleasantly entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Cleave. Miss Mabel Trussler of Plattsmouth Neb., was an out-of-town guest. Mesdames John Jack and N. J. Reesman entertained a company of friends Friday afternoon at a thimble party at the home of Mrs. Jack, a two course luncheon was served, Mrs. S. D. Boler of Burlington was an out of town guest. Mrs. Paisley and daughter Mrs. Clara Overton of Syracuse, Kansas are visiting Dr. C. L. Paisley and family. Miss Mabel Trussler of Plattsmouth Neb., is the guest of Mrs. P. O. Peterson.

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