

COMMISSION PLAN CITIES' RECORDS

For First Time Nine Municipalities in Iowa With This System Live Within Their Income.

KEOKUK IS IN GROUP

Expenditures and Receipts Are Equal in Report Made by Examiner to State's Chief Executive.

For the first time the nine cities of Iowa operating under the commission form of government, in 1913, lived within their income, according to the report to Governor Clarke prepared by George Gallarno, chief clerk of the municipal accounting department of the state. Altogether the commission form cities made an excellent showing, says the Register and Leader.

Des Moines has the lowest tax levy of the nine cities having the Des Moines plan of government. Since 1910 Des Moines reduced its city levy from 37.1 mills to 32.1 mills. This was so astonishing to the state officials that they thought an error had been made in reporting the 1913 levy and asked that the figures be verified.

Others Show Reduction.

Cedar Rapids and Burlington also show a reduction in tax levy since 1910. The former dropped from 41.2 mills to 38.2 mills. The record of the other commission governed cities of Iowa since 1910 follows: Sioux City, increased from 33.3 to 40.3 mills; Ottumwa, increased from 45.5 to 48 mills; Fort Dodge, increased from 34 to 38.1 mills; Keokuk, increased from 36 to 40.2 mills; Marshalltown, increased from 34 to 38 mills; Mason City, increased from 36 to 37.5.

The report says: "Nine Iowa cities are now operated under the law providing for government by commission. This is an increase of one from the previous year's report, Mason City having adopted the new charter on June 22, 1913. The commission governed cities are: Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Ottumwa, Fort Dodge, Keokuk, Marshalltown and Mason City.

Total Population 267,000.

These cities have a total population of 267,498, as shown by the census of 1910. The total payments for these cities for the year amounted to \$1,453,002, or \$16.25 per capita. The total receipts amounted to \$1,795,044, or \$17.92 per capita. At the close of the year these cities had cash on hand amounting to \$896,189, or \$3.35 per capita. The cash held by the commission governed cities at the beginning of the year was \$554,147, or \$2.07 per capita.

The receipts and expenditures of these cities for the fiscal year 1913-14 follow:

	Receipts.	Payments.
Des Moines	\$1,471,163	\$1,338,829
Sioux City	888,928	883,928
Cedar Rapids	874,217	700,282
Burlington	483,836	484,669
Ottumwa	219,051	199,826
Fort Dodge	311,014	307,003
Keokuk	155,830	155,830
Marshalltown	110,550	117,609
Mason City	281,345	265,006
Totals	\$4,795,000	\$4,453,002

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Ackley and son Arthur H. and Mrs. Louis Sterne enjoyed a pleasant drive and a visit over in Illinois yesterday.

Will S. Haggert leaves tonight for Champaign, Ill., where he will finish his fourth year's work at the University of Illinois.

The Warsaw Gate City

Warsaw, Ill., Sept. 20, 1914.

Mrs. R. O. Marsh and children are expected home from Brockton, N. Y., this week, where they have been spending the summer.

Lieutenant Lemuel M. Stevens of the U. S. cruiser Raleigh, who has been with his vessel on the Pacific coast of Mexico, has obtained leave of absence and will join his family here this week.

The centennial boosters who went to Ft. Madison Thursday by auto in the interest of the coming celebration, returned about 11 o'clock that night and reported a most successful advertising trip, insuring a good crowd of visitors from that city. The boosters went to Carthage Friday to the opening of that city's fall celebration. Of course we are sure of a good crowd from that city.

Mayor Lamet has a rousing appeal to our citizens to "clean up" for the centennial celebration, and urges everyone to assist in making the celebration a grand success. His appeal is excellent and most timely and will no doubt gladly be heeded. Thursday the street gang was washing out Main street gutters and culverts, some of the latter having been choked up by the recent floods.

J. A. Calif has resigned as manager of the Lake View club house and has removed with his family to Carthage.

Wm. Koek's new house on Lafayette street will soon be ready for the roof.

Mr. J. B. Dodge is on the street again, but materially weakened by his recent illness.

Walter Dross is making some changes in his automobile business. He is fitting up an office in his warehouses on Main street and will remove his sales department and office from the old opera house, corner of Fifth and Lafayette streets, to the new quarters, retaining the garage at the opera house and will do all repair work, tank and tire filling there. This will make him more convenient to the public. He will also install a mammoth elevator in his new quarters.

The national colors, red, white and blue, will be the color scheme of the decorations for the centennial celebration, and nothing could be more appropriate. Everyone is urged to decorate both residences and business houses most lavishly. Flags, banners and festoons of bunting will make our city look gay.

Miss Eunice Worthen has gone to Fayette, Mo., where she will teach domestic science and household economy in the Howard Payne college.

J. W. Kirkpatrick and wife had as visitors last week his mother Mrs. Frank LeBron, Sr. of Keokuk, and her guest, Mrs. Kate M. Parrott of Keosauqua.

Geo. Risto had an interesting auto trip advertising the celebration in Adams, Brown, Schuyler and Hancock counties the past week.

Otis Goodenough, the photographer, will remove from Kahoka to Warsaw the coming week.

Will P. Green, Albert J. Buckert, Edgar Hamburger, Rev. Geo. Long and Fred Schildman went to Ft. Madison in the Schildman car Thursday afternoon, to advertise the centennial celebration. A large advertising banner covered the rear of the car.

The great European war and its probable influence on the worldwide missions will be discussed at the mission feast today, Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. The speaker, Rev. K. Brum of Sutter, Ill., is a former soldier of the Kaiser's army. The public is cordially invited to attend this and the other meetings at 10:30 a. m., and 2:30 p. m.

Characteristic of his warm-hearted and brotherly nature, Rev. George Long, priest in charge of St. Paul's church, has offered the use of the rectory and church lawns—which are all in one—as a place of rest during the three days of our centennial celebration. A banner will hang over Fourth street in front of the rectory, with the word "Rest" inscribed on it. This will be easily seen from Main street, only a block north. Plenty of chairs will be placed on the lawns, and visitors, if they wish, can go

there and eat their lunch as there is plenty of shade. In addition to this the parish room of the church will be thrown open as a rest room for ladies and their children, and will be provided with rockers, easy chairs, lounges, mirrors and table; two toilets will be accessible. The room will also be a sort of emergency hospital, where the temporarily sick may be attended by any physician. This is a most commendable move and will be highly appreciated by our visitors.

The new planing mill of J. A. White to be erected on the site of the old mill, corner of Seventh and Lafayette will be 56x60 feet, one story, and built of Hamilton hollow tile. Gus Plume is building the foundation walls.

The Stockish lunch wagon has been re-located on Fifth street in the rear of the Masonic hall, a good move. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Abers are home from California, where they have been all summer. They may return there in November.

At the annual meeting of the lot owners of Oakland cemetery held last week, Henry A. Brinkmann, president, and John M. Cherry, secretary and treasurer, were re-elected. Wm. F. Mayer and John Jotter were elected to fill two vacancies on the board of directors. Dr. Chas. A. Warner is the fifth director.

The fire department will have a meeting Monday evening to arrange for participation in the industrial parade.

The Swiss Bell Ringers played to a crowded house at Dreamland Friday night, and delighted everybody.

It has been suggested that the employers of our factories march in the parade, but nothing definite has been learned.

Mr. David Halbower is rapidly recovering from the serious fall he had two weeks ago when he dislocated a hip. This, too, in spite of his advanced age.

A cement flower urn overturning on Delmont Billes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Billes, caused the fracture of his left leg in several places. Delmont is an extraordinary active little fellow and this fact is mainly responsible for his injury.

The coming week will be a busy one inside and outside of the house for everyone from grandpa almost down to the baby, all preparing for "company." May the weather favor us.

Mrs. D. W. Loomis has returned from LaHarpe whither she was called by the illness of her mother Mrs. Mary Rich, who is now reported as improving.

John C. McMahan of Wythe, has been confined to his home by illness for the past week, but is now reported as a little better.

The dog poisoner is around again and as usual, it is the good and valuable dogs that get the bitter pill, and the worthless curs escape.

Mr. Simmons, a real estate dealer of Farmington, Iowa, was a Warsaw visitor Saturday, and expressed himself much pleased with our city.

There is great demand for Warsaw souvenir cards, especially the Ft. Edwards monument, the Hay school and other objects of interest.

The Lutheran school will be open for inspection of visitors during the celebration, and there is talk of opening the several lodge halls.

The U. S. government will soon expend \$20,000 in raising and repairing the levee for a distance of four miles, beginning a short distance below the Hulskamp shoe factory.

Warsaw has not lost faith in her railroad project from Burlington to St. Louis, believing work will be resumed just as soon as the warring European nations stop their slaughter.

The Saturday trading crowd was good and in spite of recent rains softening the roads there were many country autos.

Miss Helen Bardens and Wm. Bardens have returned to Knox college, Galesburg.

Truman Plantz, Sr., has returned from Rock Island where he has been attending to M. W. A. duties.

Mayor Louis A. Lamet has purchased a 1915 Overland auto.

HARDIN CHARGE HAS BEEN IGNORED

Grand Jury Will Not Bring Bill Against Montrose Man Accused of Assault.

Pursuant to the grand jury's ignoring his case, Robert Hardin, the Montrose man charged with assault upon the person of A. B. Wells, also of Montrose, has been discharged and his bond dissolved. The case was thought to have been the most prominent one to be considered at the last session of the grand jury at Fort Madison, whose final report was made Friday. The Hardin-Wells affair was said to be one of the eternal triangle controversies, ending in a mix-up in which Wells received a shot-gun load of shot in his neck and shoulder and was in a Keokuk hospital in a critical condition for some time thereafter.

Other cases ignored by the grand jury, as indicated by the discharge of the accused, are those of the state against A. E. McLaughlin, desertion, and the state versus Chas. (Snop) Al-

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CITY NEWS.

—Amans, shrunken flannels, new line at the Central.

—There is little change in the condition of Sabrett T. Marshal, who was operated on recently and is still confined in a local hospital.

—New blankets, wool or cotton, all sizes and grades, from 59c to 47c per pair, at the Central.

—Charles Doerr of Fort Madison has been fifty years a Mason and Friday night his Masonic friends at Fort Madison tendered him a reception commemorative of his long membership. Dr. E. H. Rudd, Charles Doerr and Dr. F. C. Roberts spoke at the reception.

—New curtain swisses, scrims, etamines, 10c to 35c yard; large line to select from, at the Central store.

—Appropos of the increase in cost of many articles especially those of foreign origin, we have received direct information from Sir Joseph Beecham (the proprietor of Beecham's Pills), that he has not increased his price to the trade and will not do so, and that there is no reason why any increase should be demanded by anyone.

—Keokuk lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting brothers invited to attend. Work in the second degree.

Camels in Queensland. Over 1,000 camels are used in Queensland as a means of transport across the arid districts, and the number is rapidly increasing.

CONTRIBUTORS TO RED CROSS FUND

The Red Cross society relief fund of which The Gate City is custodian, is slowly growing.

Another dollar was added to the list yesterday by Louis Geiger.

The list of contributors to the fund is now as follows:
Theodore J. Phillips \$1.00
John N. Collier 1.00
Louis Geiger 1.00
Who is going to be the next one?

Anna Buys a Bate.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—The National American Women's Suffrage association tonight officially joined the buy-a-bale movement. Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the association who is campaigning in North Dakota, wired Mrs. Stanley McCormick, the treasurer, to invest in fourteen bales of

cotton for the Anna Howard Shaw fund amounting to \$704. The fund will be divided among fourteen state associations, the president of each being authorized to buy a bale of cotton.

cents per week. —Read The Gate City want column.

About the First Public Library. Thebes, in the time of Rameses II., established and supported the first public library; and the records of the monuments show that its director was a high official named Amen-em-an. He appears also to have been a literary light, and corresponded with Pentateuch, who was the popular author of the "best sellers" of his time.

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